

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council
Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
Naimah O’Neal, Faith Ross – Co-Chairs



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2025 – 12:00-1:30 pm

CLC Committee Members		Planning Council Members	Community Attendees	Presenter(s)
1. Naimah O’Neal, Co-Chair	P	Billy Gayheart	K. C.	
2. Faith Ross, Co-Chair	P		Brooke W.	CCBH Staff
3. LeAnder Lovett	A		Nicole	Zach Levar
4. Talib Mahdi*	P		T.E.	Lisa-Jean Sylvia
5. Kimberlin Dennis	P			Brittanie Evans
6. Sahara Rivera	A			Anastassia Idov
Total of 13 in attendance	P = Present A = Absent O (Other) = Phone *Non-member Volunteer or Pending PC Member			
Call to Order	Co-Chair, Naimah O’Neal, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.			
Moment of Silence	In remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV/AIDS.			
Quorum Determination	4 of 6 CLC committee members present - quorum of 4 needed.			
Welcome, Introductions & Conflicts of Interest	All members, attendees, and guests welcomed and asked to state conflicts of interest in the chat. <i>Conflicted: Talib Mahdi – NLURC; Naimah O’Neal – The Centers; Faith Ross - Pegasus</i>			
Approval of Agenda	CLC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for October 1, 2025. Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by In Favor: all; Opposed: 0			
Approval of Minutes	CLC Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from September 3, 2025. Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by Kimberlin Dennis In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Naimah O’Neal, Tony Elmore			
Getting Healthcare on the Marketplace	<p>Naimah O’Neal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Marketplace provides insurance for people who may not be eligible for Medicaid, or who can’t get insurance through their employer. The Health Insurance Marketplace is a service run by the federal government that helps people, families, and small businesses compare health insurance plans, find out about tax credits, and get answers to questions about health care insurance. Open enrollment is November 1 – January 15. Enroll by December 15 for coverage that starts January 1. Enroll by January 15 for coverage that starts February 1. This is important for OHDAP to have time to make the first payment. If you use OHDAP to pay your premiums, you should consider enrolling by November 15th to give ample time for payment to be made. You may qualify for a special enrollment period if you have certain life events including: losing health coverage, moving, getting married, having a baby, adopting a child, being 			

	<p>over income for Medicaid, delaying Medicare. You have 30 days from the life change to enroll; otherwise, you have to wait for open enrollment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All plans offered in the Marketplace cover essential health benefits which include: outpatient care, emergency services, hospitalization, pregnancy, maternity, and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, prescription drugs, rehabilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management, pediatric services • To start: You must update your information every year. Go to www.healthcare.gov to create or update your account. Remember your username and password. • Bring your current income to help predict the tax credit. Work with your social worker to select your new plan. • Part B will currently pay the following: Premium and co-pays for medication if you are below 500% of the federal poverty line; Working and not able to take your employer’s insurance because you are past the open enrollment period, or your HIV medication is not covered by your employer’s insurance. • After choosing a plan, the Explanation of Payment goes to OHDAP • OHDAP will only pay for Silver Plans to cut costs. • Does your plan provide dental services? Not all plans include dental coverage. • Understanding your deductible can help you make informed decisions about your plan. A deductible is the amount of money you must pay out-of-pocket for covered healthcare costs before your insurance starts to pay. Make sure that medication costs are applied to your deductible, in addition to office visits and other costs. • Future conversations could focus around the transition from Medicaid to Medicare. We could also create some fact sheets based on today’s conversation.
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<p>Review Planning Council Confidentiality Procedures</p>	<p>Lj:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of our site visit, we were asked to include an option for people living with HIV to have limited disclosure on our application, so that they would not publicly disclose their HIV status. • The reason we want to know HIV status is because 33% of members have to be people living with HIV who are using Ryan White services and who are unaffiliated (not working for an agency which receives Ryan White funds). • Any applicant that chooses the limited confidentiality option, when reviewing applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add “Confidential” to any applications that choose this option ○ Remind people of the confidentiality agreement ○ Update the application process so that applications are reviewed in closed meetings, with only PC members present ○ When discussing % unaffiliated, be mindful that speaking about this topic and small groups of applicants can unintentionally reveal HIV status. • Currently, applications are supposed to be reviewed in open meetings. This will be changed to closed meetings in order to limit disclosure. • Q: Can the confidentiality pledge be linked to a separate document, or does it have to be included in the application? Lj – It won’t be on the same document, but we can link to it. • Q: If you choose the limited disclosure option, do they get to define the scope of their limitation? Lj – if you choose the limited disclosure option, I will include it with certain paperwork for example, to HRSA. • Create an announcement at the beginning of the CLC:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “This meeting is for people living with HIV. We do our best to create a space that is welcoming and private. However, planning council subcommittee meetings are also subject to Open Meeting Laws. This means that the meeting is recorded, we keep attendance, and create minutes of the meeting. All of these documents can be requested through Public Record Requests.” ○ Additional language may include: “If you wish to remain anonymous during these meetings, you are welcome to keep your camera off and use initials or an alias for your screen name.” We need to confirm that this language is allowable. ● Maybe we should add a statement about if you are living with HIV and don’t want to disclose your status at all, we still want you to participate. ● Billy – everybody has a right to disclose or not. But there are certain rules and regulations by which Planning Council has to operate. We have to find a balance. The more people involved in this process, the better. Thank you for helping us navigate this.
Update on 2025 Listening Sessions	Moved to the next meeting.
What if Funding is Decreased?	Be sure to join the Strategy and Finance committee to participate in the decision about what happens if funds are decreased.
Parking Lot	
Announcements	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to table the rest of the items on the agenda until the next meeting and to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion made by Billy Gayheart, seconded by Kimberlin Dennis In favor: all; Opposed: 0 Meeting adjourned by Naimah O’Neal at 1:31 pm.</p>
<p>Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Updates Next Meeting: November 5, 2025 12:00 to 1:30 PM Visit the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Homepage at: www.ccbh.net/ryan-white</p>	