

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council
Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
Lorsonja Moore – Chair

Quality Improvement Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
2:30 – 3:30 PM

| QI Planning Council Members | | Planning Council Members | Community Attendees | Presenter(s) |
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| 1. Lorsonja Moore, Chair | P | Julie Patterson | | |
| 2. Barb Gripshover, M.D. | P | Talib Mahdi | | Recipient Staff |
| 3. Karla Ruiz | P | Cielle Brady | | Lisa-Jean Sylvia |
| 4. Stephanice Washington | P | | | Brittanie Evans |
| 5. Kimberlin Dennis | P | | | Melissa Hansen |
| 6. Billy Gayheart | P | | | Anastassia Idov |
| 7. LeAnder Lovett | A | | | Zach Levar |
| 8. Xiomara Merced | P | | | Alisha Cassady |
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| Total of 16 in attendance | P = Present A = Absent O(Other) = Phone * Non-member Volunteer or Pending PC Member | | | |
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| Call to Order | Lorsonja Moore called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm. | | | |
| Moment of Silence | | | | |
| Quorum Determination | 7 of 8 QI committee members present - quorum of 4 needed. | | | |
| Welcome, Introductions & Conflicts of Interest | All members, attendees, and guests welcomed, and asked to state names, affiliations, and conflicts of interest in the chat. <i>Conflicted: Lorsonja Moore, DSAS; Talib Mahdi, NLURC; Cielle Brady, UH; Xiomara Merced, MetroHealth; Dr. Barb Gripshover, UH</i> | | | |
| Approval of Agenda | QI Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for February 18, 2026. Motion made by Billy Gayheart, seconded by Kimberlin Dennis In favor: all; Opposed: 0 | | | |
| Approval of Minutes | QI Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from January 21, 2026. Motion made by Xiomara Merced, seconded by Karla Ruiz In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Julie Patterson, Talib Mahdi | | | |
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| Committee Business | <p>a. Vote to approve the 2026 work plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities include: Needs Assessment activities ongoing throughout the year; Deep dive from March through May; Recipient Presentation on Monitoring results in March; Presentation on the State Integrated Plan in May and September <p>Motion to approve the 2026 work plan for the QI Committee as shown today. Motion made by Cielle Brady, seconded by Xiomara Merced In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none</p> | | | |

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b. Deep dive

- Do we want to do a deep dive this year?
 - Lj – a deep dive is a chance to look in depth at one topic. Last year, we explored who are the people who have been diagnosed with HIV but are not receiving Ryan White services. The year before that, we did a deep dive on the topic of aging with HIV. In the past, the deep dives have been on service categories. It can be a chance to understand the demographics of who is using the service category, how the service category could look and the different ways it could be implemented, and then making recommendations or directives.
 - Billy – My suggestion is yes, I would like for us to look into transportation. Lorain County has been having difficulty. I would be curious to know if other counties have been as well.
 - Cielle – I think looking at transportation would be helpful, especially for counties like Ashtabula and Medina. If there could be a deep dive in the gaps in assuring transportation infrastructure could be improved, that would be cool. I wanted to propose seeing maybe who makes up being uninsured the most – who is the demographic of folks who aren't able to be insured? Also, maybe we could look into housing.
 - Billy – If we're going to approach housing, should we do a deep dive into Non-Medical Case Management?
 - Julie – We should look at the quality standard for medical transportation. Lj – yes, we should look at the standard of care for whichever category we choose.
 - Julie – It might be frustrating to do a deep dive into housing and not have an agreement with HOPWA to investigate housing with Ryan White, since the Part A funds are used for housing case managers.
 - Lj – We also have categories that are not funded.
 - Xiomara – I agree that we would need HOPWA's participation to do a deep dive into housing. There is a lack of resources.
 - Lj – remember that we also have a needs assessment.
 - Karla – There is a state transportation collaborative that has been working on overall medical transportation. I'll see if they are still active.
 - Julie – Questions for the deep dive: What is the standard of care? How does the service work in outlying counties? Are there gaps in accessing services? If subrecipients run out of their Medical Transportation funds before the end of the grant year, why does this happen and what are the nuances of preventing it, if possible?

Motion to make Medical Transportation the deep dive topic.
Motion made by Julie Patterson, seconded by Barb Gripshover
In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none

c. Needs Assessment



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is anyone willing to help create a draft Needs Assessment work plan for the TGA? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cielle – I’m happy to help in the evening. Billy – I would be willing to join the planning of the work plan. Talib – I am willing. Xiomara – I can help also. |
| Parking Lot Items | |
| Next Steps | |
| Announcements | <p>Cielle – Everybody is welcome to celebrate on Saturday, 2/28 from 1:00 – 3:30 at the Cleveland MLK Library for Black History Month. We will be doing Black History and HIV education.</p> <p>Kimberlin – I am doing a Black History event with NLURC this Friday from 4:00 – 6:00.</p> <p>Karla – There is a new House Bill that is being introduced that will impact individuals who are justice involved. House Bill 338. This group may be interested in this bill and what is happening.</p> |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned by Lorsonja Moore at 3:33 PM |
| <p>Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Minutes and Agendas Visit the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Homepage at: www.ccbh.net/ryan-white Next Meeting: March 18, 2026 2:30 to 3:30 pm</p> | |