



Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council
Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
 Kimberlin Dennis, Brian Kimball, Christy Nicholls, Co-Chairs

Full Planning Council Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
5:30 – 7:00 PM

Full Planning Council Members		Full Planning Council Members		Community Attendees	Recipient Staff	Guest Speakers
1. Kimberlin Dennis, Co-Chair	A	13. Xiomara Merced	P	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	Lisa-Jean Sylvia	Prakash Ganesh, M.D.
2. Brian Kimball, Co-Chair	P	14. Lorsonja Moore	P	Jeannie CK	Brittanie Evans	
3. Christy Nicholls, Co-Chair	P	15. Lisa Navracruz, M.D.	P	Michael Deighan	Anastassia Idov	
4. Biffy Augiriano	A	16. Naimah O’Neal	P	Chris Krueger	Zachary Levar	
5. Cielle Brady	P	17. Julie Patterson	P	Kent Cicerchi*		
6. Tony Elmore	P	18. Sahara Rivera	A	Jacqueline Asare		
7. Billy Gayheart	P	19. Faith Ross	A	Brooke Willis		
8. Tiffany Greene	P	20. Karla Ruiz	P	Gil Kudrin		
9. Barbara Gripshover, M.D.	P	21. James Stevenson*	P	Michelle Jackson Rollins*		
10. Deairius Houston	P	22. Anthony Thomas	P	Kenyetta Cloud*		
11. LeAnder Lovett	P	23. Stephanice Washington	P			
12. Talib Mahdi	P					
Total of present		P = Present A = Absent O = (Other) – Phone *Non-member Volunteer or Pending PC Member				
Call to Order	Co-chair, Brian Kimball , called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.					
Moment of Silence	A moment of silence done in remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV.					
Quorum Determination	of 19 PC committee members present - quorum of 10 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: Chris Krueger – AIDS Taskforce; Barb Gripshover – UH; Lisa Navracruz – Neighborhood Family Practice; Deairius Houston – UH; James Stevenson – NLURC; Talib Mahdi – NLURC; Lorsonja Moore – DSAS; Xiomara Merced – Metro; Naimah O’Neal – The Centers</i>					
Approval of Agenda	Full PC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for February 18, 2026. Motion made by Julie Patterson, seconded by Talib Mahdi In favor: All; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none					
Approval of Minutes	Full PC Committee reviewed and approved minutes from January 21, 2026. Motion made by Christy Nicholls; seconded by Xiomara Merced					



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In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Naimah O'Neal, Stephanice Washington,

Recipient Report

Anastassia Idov:

- CCBH received the Notice of Award from HRSA for partial funding in the amount of \$1,337,661 for 2026 – 2027. The new program year begins on March 1, 2026.
- Work continues on the Statewide Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. The Part A team participates
- CCBH is currently conducting a training needs assessment to determine what topics will be offered for trainings in 2026.
- Next full CQM meeting is on 3/18.
- Current expenditures: 81.53% core and 18.47% support. We are required to spend at least 75% on core services and no more than 25% on support services.
- 82.43% expended for 10 months. Target is 83.33%.

Priority	Category	Target	October	November	December	January	February	YTD	%	2/17/2026
		100%	66.67%	75%	83.33%	91.67%	100%			CAREWare
	CORE SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 3,453,501.00	\$ 316,258.41	\$ 259,733.37	\$ 155,651.08	\$ 17,547.61	\$ -	\$ 2,842,941.49		
2	* OUTPATIENT/AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 1,190,747.00	\$ 103,079.11	\$ 89,314.04	\$ 70,764.19	\$ 11,395.70	\$ -	\$ 963,490.75	80.91%	2216
1	* MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,149,059.00	\$ 119,305.14	\$ 88,464.51	\$ 39,831.01	\$ 6,151.91	\$ -	\$ 1,009,388.45	87.84%	930
3	ORAL HEALTH CARE	\$ 235,342.00	\$ 21,111.76	\$ 19,418.00	\$ 3,033.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 196,300.43	83.41%	276
7	* MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 361,267.00	\$ 30,471.13	\$ 26,567.37	\$ 19,811.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 277,101.29	76.70%	554
9	* MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY	\$ 72,876.00	\$ 7,559.24	\$ 5,607.66	\$ 139.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,027.39	68.65%	149
4	* EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES	\$ 373,374.00	\$ 28,038.38	\$ 23,739.19	\$ 19,323.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,881.34	73.89%	542
6	* HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$ 14,844.00	\$ 1,403.75	\$ 1,403.67	\$ 1,408.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,759.84	99.43%	20
13	* HOME/COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH CARE	\$ 55,992.00	\$ 5,289.90	\$ 5,218.93	\$ 1,340.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,992.00	100.00%	21
	SUPPORT SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 776,495.00	\$ 63,545.01	\$ 61,340.57	\$ 53,491.51	\$ 30,193.71	\$ -	\$ 643,933.63		
8	MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 91,293.00	\$ 9,521.22	\$ 4,897.17	\$ 8,391.09	\$ 284.36	\$ -	\$ 63,415.77	69.46%	770
12	EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 11,266.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,297.53	11.52%	3
5	* NON-MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 374,224.00	\$ 30,428.28	\$ 26,387.49	\$ 20,491.20	\$ 15,887.96	\$ -	\$ 323,722.40	86.50%	1220
10	* PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT	\$ 64,781.00	\$ 4,366.58	\$ 4,579.11	\$ 3,111.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,495.51	82.58%	133
14	FOOD BANK/HOME DELIVERED MEALS	\$ 83,331.00	\$ 5,235.79	\$ 5,399.77	\$ 7,037.85	\$ 1,747.72	\$ -	\$ 64,905.06	77.89%	346
11	* OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 151,600.00	\$ 13,993.14	\$ 20,077.03	\$ 14,139.59	\$ 12,273.67	\$ -	\$ 137,097.36	90.43%	116
	TOTAL	\$ 4,229,996.00	\$ 379,803.42	\$ 321,073.94	\$ 209,142.59	\$ 47,741.32	\$ -	\$ 3,486,875.12	82.43%	3136

	Total Award	YTD Exp	% Exp	Award % Split	YTP Exp % Split
Core Services	\$ 3,453,501.00	\$ 2,842,941.49	82.32%	81.64%	81.53%
Support Services	\$ 776,495.00	\$ 643,933.63	82.93%	18.36%	18.47%
Total Award	\$ 4,229,996.00	\$ 3,486,875.12	82.43%		

OVERUTILIZED ON TARGET UNDERUTILIZED

- Xiomara – do we know why medical transportation is underutilized? Anastassia – at the end of the year, there is sometimes rapid reallocation of funds. Subrecipients are allowed to move some of the funds from one service category to cover another category, so some categories will appear to be underutilized.
- Talib – Are people not using medical transportation as much as we thought? Anastassia – the subrecipients have the option of looking at the overall programmatic need and prioritizing. So for example, is it in the best interest of the client to keep the case managers whole (salaries paid), or for example, do the clients have more access to transportation but then they do not have access to case managers. At the end of the program year, subrecipients will have to make decisions.

Medicaid Report

Christy Nicholls:

- If you get your renewal packet, please be sure to submit it.

Part B Update

Karla Ruiz:

- Part B and the Ryan White programs are payers of last resort. If we do not treat this program as a last resort, then costs go up. If a client has access to any of these other insurance options, they must be used first.



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- Ohio is in a really great position when it comes to the OHDAP program. We have heard the need for transparency with numbers, and that is currently being looked at so we can get permission to share this data.
- We have a couple of trainings coming up and will share that information with Lj.

HOPWA Update
 Tiffany Greene:

- As of February 2026, advocacy efforts have focused on maintaining funding increases passed in the Senate for HOPWA.



Planning Council Business

a. Planning Council Budget:

i. Budget Training

- The Planning Council and the Recipient must review, negotiate, and manage the Planning Council portion of the Administrative Budget. Following the 2025 Site Visit, we established a procedure to do this.
- The Planning Council budget can include funds for these allowable uses: hiring staff; developing and carrying out a needs assessment; estimating unmet need; conducting planning activities; holding meetings; assuring participation of people living with HIV

ii. Review and Vote on FY2027 Budget Request

	FY2026 Approved	FY 2027 Proposed Request
Staffing	\$107,300	\$107,300
Data	\$2,400 (5 data plans)	\$6,000 5 new chromebooks + 5 data plans
Needs Assessment	\$15,000	\$15,000
Misc.	\$2,500	\$4,000 (proposed 4 total in-person trainings)
Subtotal	\$127,200	\$132,300

Motion to accept the 2027 Proposed Planning Council Budget as presented.
 Motion made by Bard Gripshover, seconded by Xiomara Merced
 Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstained: 0

b. A Community-Based System Dynamics Approach to Eliminate HIV Transmission Disparities; Dr Prakash Ganesh

- I serve as the Medical Director at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and also work as a physician at Neighborhood Family Practice.
- The problem I'm trying to address is that we're still seeing HIV transmission persist in certain populations. My goal is to think of things as a system, rather than linear.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to engage stakeholders and understand from the experts, who are the people doing the work, like patients, providers, and policy makers. • I am looking for 20 – 25 people to help with this study over the next year. By participating in this study, you will: Contribute to a deeper understanding of HIV transmission disparities in our community; help identify interventions that address root causes rather than just symptoms; ensure that proposed solutions reflect community priorities and values; build connections with other stakeholders working to end HIV transmission; influence the direction of HIV prevention and care efforts in Cuyahoga County. • Email me at Prakash.ganesh@case.edu • You do not need to have any background in data or research. I’m interested in your lived experience. <p>c. Preparing for PSRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Setting and Resource Allocation • Priority Setting – all service categories must be ranked. This includes funded and non-funded categories. • Resource Allocation – this is the process of determining what percentage of funds will go to each service category. • Wednesday, June 17 Noon to 4 PM • The Resource Allocation work group will recommend several service categories for deeper discussion • PSRA Process: Data Presentations > Priority Ranking > Directives > Resource Allocation • June 10th from 6 to 8PM in-person PSRA training, location to be determined • Gil – I would like to see Planning Council make an effort to make ties with the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
Committee Reports	<p><u>Community Liaison Committee (CLC) - - Lj</u> Christy gave a presentation about the upcoming changes to Medicaid.</p>
	<p><u>Strategy & Finance (S&F) Committee – J. Patterson -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lj did PSRA overview
	<p><u>Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Gayheart –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are planning our in-person training on April 29. If anybody is interested in helping plan that out, please contact Lj.
	<p><u>Quality Improvement (QI) – Lorsonja Moore–</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We voted to approved our 2026 work plan and we voted on our deep dive topic for this year which will be medical transportation. We’re talking about a needs assessment and getting a draft together for that.
	<p><u>HIV Prevention (Prevention) - – March 4 at 4:00 PM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deairius – our next meeting is March 4th at 4PM, so if you have time, please come and support Sahara as she steps in and takes some leadership in the Prevention committee

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Public Comments	None
Announcements	None
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned by Brian Kimball at 7:07 pm.
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: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 - 5:30-7:00 PM	