

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, April 1, 2026 – 12:00-1:30 pm

CLC Committee Members		Planning Council Members	Community Attendees	Presenter(s)
1. Naimah O'Neal, Co-Chair	P	Billy Gayheart	Jeffrey Mazo	
2. Faith Ross, Co-Chair	P		T.E.	CCBH Staff
3. LeAnder Lovett	P		KBC	Lisa-Jean Sylvia
4. Talib Mahdi	P		K.C.	Brittanie Evans
5. Kimberlin Dennis	P		Brooke Willis	Anastassia Idov
6. Sahara Rivera	A		A.H.	
Total of 15 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 12:00 pm.			
Moment of Silence	In remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV/AIDS.			
Quorum Determination	5 of 6 CLC committee members present - quorum of 3 needed.			
Welcome, Introductions & Conflicts of Interest	All members, attendees, and guests welcomed and asked to state conflicts of interest in the chat. <i>Conflicted: Naimah O'Neal – The Centers; Faith Ross – Pegasus Transportation; Brooke Willis – UH; Talib Mahdi - NLURC</i>			
Approval of Agenda	CLC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for April 1, 2026. Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by Talib Mahdi In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none			
Approval of Minutes	CLC Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from March 4, 2026. Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by Billy Gayheart In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Talib Mahdi			
Deep Dive: Medical Transportation	What are the questions you think should be explored and/or answered during the deep dive? Conflicted in this service category: Naimah O'Neal, Faith Ross, Talib Mahdi, Brooke Willis - The QI committee is doing a deep dive where they learn more about the service category of Medical Transportation. A deep dive may also be used to recommend ways to improve delivery of the service or to recommend whether a service category should be funded. - S&F had a conversation about which services may be decreased if there was a decrease in funding. The recommendation was for the core medical services to be protected, and the support services would potentially be reduced if needed. Medical Transportation is a support service, but it is ranked very high. We have also heard that this is an area where there is a need that is unmet. - Naimah – Medicaid does offer some transportation service. - Lj – conflict of interest: Just because you're a person who uses the services, does not mean you are conflicted. If you work for an agency, volunteer for an agency, are a Board member or a contractor for an agency that receives Part A funding, you are conflicted. If you are			

	conflicted, you can not shape the decision about if the service category is funded or how much funding it gets. • Medical Transportation is non-emergency transportation services and other means to enable a client to access or be retained in core medical and supportive services. • There are 10 Part A funded service providers of MTS in the Cleveland TGA. Different providers have different ways of providing transportation. • Part B also provides funding for Medical Transportation, as well as Medicaid and some Medicare, private insurance, Provide A Ride, Part C and part D. Ryan White Part A is the payer of last resort. • In the 2025 survey, MTS was the number one top priority for support services. • Today, we want to brainstorm what are the questions that you think the Quality Improvement committee should be considering? ○ What are some of the ways that Providers restrict MT so that we are using it where it is most important? ○ What are the challenges impacting people who use MT? ○ What types of transportation are available through Ryan White in each of the counties? ○ Do you know what your insurance provides for transportation? ○ How do we know that clients are utilizing the other funders first? How do we show that they are doing that so that it doesn't overburden Ryan White funds? ○ Have you considered developing a volunteer pool in the areas where transportation is not meeting the need? What other Planning Councils have created volunteer pools? ○ Naimah – my patients feel that transportation is the biggest thing and sometimes it keeps them in care. ○ What other things can we do besides bus tickets, Uber, parking and gas cards that would help? ○ Can we increase virtual appointments and the use of MyChart to reduce the need for transportation? Certain insurance may cover the ability to have lab work done at the client's home. ○ How many miles does your insurance cover for a day's travel? ○ Look into what the parameters and restrictions are for the various insurance plans to better inform people. ○ How would we handle situations where people are left at appointments without a ride home because they have come up against a restriction? ○ What is MT defined as under Ryan White? We can review the Standard of Care to learn more. ○ How does Part A and Part B transportation work together? ○ Can we collect examples of situations when people are in need of MT services and do not get it? ○ Find out the information in the outlying counties and what is available.
April 29th Dinner & Game Night	• RSVP Now! Who will you invite? • Billy – in the past we've always done new member orientation in-person, but this year we moved it to online. We are holding an in-person event for fun and socializing, but also some training added in to learn more about Ryan White and the Planning Council. Make sure you get your RSVP in so that we can provide the food.

	T.E. – I have 2 guests that are coming. How do I register them? Lj – it should let you go on and enter their information or give me a call.
Co-Chairs Needed	- Faith’s term limit is in October of this year. Naimah’s term limit is in March 2027. - All of the committees need co-chairs. - To serve as a committee chair, you must be a fully appointed member of the Planning Council. The co-chair of the CLC must be someone who is willing to publicly disclose their status. - LJ – someone could also step in as an interim Chair. - You could be a co-chair for another committee without publicly disclosing your status. - We also need a new Consumer Executive co-Chair. There will be an election at the May Full PC meeting. If you are interested in running for this position, the deadline to let Lj know is April 15th.
Update: Survey	- Lj – thank you to everyone who helped with the survey. We had about 40 responses, but it was from the people we wanted to hear from. The goal was to get the survey to some people that we had not heard from. - One thing that I learned is that we need to do it at a different time of year, maybe December or January. This year we were working with some people at UH to try to get a MyChart message out, but their technology didn’t allow them to do so. - I’m going to the Medical Case Manager’s meeting in April
PRIDE Outreach	- Naimah – I don’t necessarily want to do Cleveland Pride because the area is saturated. Lj – we already voted not to do Cleveland, but to do the outlying areas. - Lj – Medina Pride is June 11th. - Naimah – Who is willing to work at the events? - Billy – the 3 counties we haven’t done are Medina, Lake, and Geauga. - Faith – I enjoyed Ashtabula’s Pride - Billy – we will need a lot of volunteers to do multiple Pride events. - Gauga Pride is June 21. KC – I can help with outreach. - T.E. – I don’t mind working an event. - Lorain Pride is June 27th. - Lake County Pride is August 15th. - LJ – I would like this committee to decide which 2 or 3 events to put forward to try to get volunteers for. - Talib – I can do Geauga in June. - A.H. – I could do Lake county in August. Motion to bring forward Lake County Pride, Geauga Pride, and Lorain Pride to Full Planning Council. Motion made by Billy Gayheart, seconded by T.E. In favor: all; Opposed: none
Announcements	None
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Naimah O’Neal at 1:17 pm.
Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Updates Next Meeting: May 6, 2026 12:00 to 1:30 PM Visit the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Homepage at: www.ccbh.net/ryan-white	