

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council
Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
Deairius Houston, Chair

HIV Prevention Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Prevention Committee Members		Planning Council Attendees	Community Members	Guest Speakers
Deairius Houston, Chair	P	Akeem Rollins	Dominique Ayres	Chelsea Horvath-Black
Cielle Brady*	A	Billy Gayheart	Jordian Foster	
Sahara Rivera	A	Lorsonja Moore	Stephanie Young	Recipient Staff
Tiffany Greene	A	James Stevenson	Nicholas Shaffer	Lisa-Jean Sylvia
Julie Patterson	P		Colleen Kishman	Brittanie Evans
Kimberlin Dennis	P		Brittany Freese	Anastassia Idov
Karla Ruiz	A		Kim Rodas	Melissa Kolenz
			Dr. Luther Walls	Danielle LeGallee
			Michelle Jackson Rollins	Elly Falter
				Erin Janowski
				Zachary Levar
Total of 25 in attendance.	P = Present A = Absent O (Other) = Virtual, Phone			
Call to Order	Chair, Deairius Houston, called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.			
Moment of Silence				
Quorum Determination	3 of 7 Prevention committee members present - quorum of 5 needed.			
Welcome, Introductions & Conflicts of Interest	All members, attendees, and guests welcomed and asked to state conflicts of interest in the chat. ----- <i>Conflicted: Brittany Freese – Signature Health; James Stevenson – NLURC; Kim Rodas – NLURC; Jordian Foster – AIDS Taskforce; Lorsonja Moore – DSAS; Deairius Houston - UH</i>			
Approval of Agenda	Prevention Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for December 3, 2025. Motion made by Julie Patterson, seconded by James Stevenson In favor: All; Opposed: 0			
Approval of Minutes	Prevention Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from September 3, 2025. Motion made by James Stevenson, Seconded by Julie Patterson In Favor: All; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Lorsonja Moore			
Planning Council Update	Lisa-Jean Sylvia: - The Full Planning Council just approved reallocation. The goal is to spend 100% of the grant money. - We are working on meeting membership goals. - Our next Full Planning Council meeting is in January.			

Prevention Community Highlight	Chelsea Black – Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH) • NEOCH works to eliminate the root causes of homelessness through education, organizing and advocacy, and street outreach • Why do people become homeless? Lack of affordable housing; Under-employment; low wages and income inequality; family or personal crisis; aging out of foster care or failed adoption; domestic violence; mental health and substance use disorders; trauma/PTSD; criminalization; systemic racism • Continuum of care and HUD believe homelessness should be brief, rare, and non-recurring. The continuum of care is a collection of providers serving those who are homeless in our county. • Street outreach program – NEOCH Outreach: supporting specific populations – LGBTQ+, young adults, veterans, encampments, areas with high concentration of unhoused people. • Also works with the Cleveland Outreach Collaborative
Agency Check-In	What are you celebrating and what did you learn in 2025? • Colleen – Family Planning Services of Lorain County – Harm reduction vending machine has distributed over 12,000 products since May. I was excited to go to the HIV Advanced Management Care Conference. • Kim Rodas – Nueva Luz - We hired a staff attorney. We're celebrating the fact that we are still here and we're such resilient folks. I appreciate all of the efforts that everyone put in. I'm also very happy that our HOPWA contracts are done. • Dr. Walls – Care Alliance – celebrating learning and the fact that we have re-entered the space. We were able to hire one of our CHWs. • Julie Patterson – AIDS Funding Collaborative – I've been learning a lot about advocacy this year. What's something in your prevention work that you're looking forward to in 2026? • Danielle – CCBH - one of the things we're looking forward to is that ODH has approved the purchase and use of HIV self-test kits. EHE is able to provide those in Cuyahoga County. With this approval, we will be able to provide those in the other counties. • Colleen – Family Planning Services of Lorain County – Thanks to Billy, we are talking about making Lorain a Fast Track City • Dr. Walls – Care Alliance – looking forward to expanding. • Julie Patterson – Helping to facilitate some meetings working on the State Integrated Plan.
Brainstorming	What topics and educational opportunities do you want for 2026? • Changes to Medicaid • Substance Use: Syringe Exchange (The Centers); B. Riley Sober House • PrEP Navigators • Changes to ACA: how will it impact access to PrEP • Renee Jones Empowerment Center – Trafficking • Neighborhood Family Practice re: HIV Campaign • Toolkit – Community Pharmacies as HIV Prevention

	• New injectable PrEP from Gilead • EHE Prevention • NxtGen Collective
Next Steps	
Announcements	Lj – if you have events or announcements, you can email them to me and I will include them in my e-blast. lisajeansylvia@gmail.com or lisajeane@upwardspiralconsulting.com
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Deairius Houston at 5:24 pm.

Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Updates

Next Meeting: March 4, 2026

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