

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



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 1, 2026 – 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Executive (Exec) Committee Planning Council Members		Planning Council Attendees	Recipient Staff	Presenter(s)
1. Kimberlin Dennis	P	Tony Elmore	Lisa-Jean Sylvia	
2. Christy Nicholls	P	Kenyetta Cloud*	Brittanie Evans	
3. Brian Kimball	P		Anastassia Idov	
4. Naimah O’Neal	P		Zach Levar	
5. Faith Ross	A			
6. Julie Patterson	P		Community Attendees	
7. Billy Gayheart	P		Dr. Luther Walls	
8. Deairius Houston	P		Andrea Oliver	
9. Lorsonja Moore	P			
10. Sahara Rivera	A			
Total of in attendance		P = Present A = Absent O (Other) = Phone		
Call to Order		Executive Co-Chair, Christy Nicholls , called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.		
Moment of Silence		In remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV/AIDS.		
Quorum Determination		8 of 10 Exec committee members present - quorum of 5 needed.		
Welcome, Intros, and Conflicts of Interest		All attendees were welcomed and asked to state conflicts of interest in the chat. <i>Conflicted: Naimah O’Neal – The Centers; Deairius Houston – UH; Lorsonja Moore – DSAS</i>		
Approval of Agenda		Exec Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for April 1, 2026. Motion made by Julie Patterson; seconded by Kimberlin Dennis In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none		
Approval of Minutes		Exec Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from March 5, 2026. Motion made by Billy Gayheart, seconded by Julie Patterson In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Brian Kimball, Tony Elmore, Kenyetta Cloud		
Committees		What are you celebrating or what support do you need for your committee work? - Julie – I’m celebrating great attendance at our S&F meeting. I need continued support to get through everything we need to vote on. - Billy – We got 2 new members, so I’m excited about that. I’m also excited about the event on April 29th. - Lorsonja – Looking forward to the Needs Assessment workgroup next week and our medical transportation deep dive, I appreciate the enthusiasm and how everything is coming together.		
Executive Committee Business		a. Vote on New Member Applications Kent Cicerchi – Through both education and work experience, Kent brings a breadth of knowledge and experience that will serve the Planning Council. He holds a bachelor’s degree in applied mathematics, with a minor in probability and statistics, as well as a Juris Doctorate degree. As demonstrated through his work as Chief Financial Officer of a federally chartered credit union, Kent has an ability to analyze and discuss complex		

	financial issues. Additionally, Kent has first-hand experience serving communities impacted by HIV, having worked at the UCC Coalition for LGBTQ+ Concerns. Interview panelists gave Kent the highest marks, noting his personal and professional alignment with the work of the Planning Council, his high ethical standards, and willingness to follow through with commitments. • Kenyetta Cloud – As someone with family members and close connections to people living with HIV, and an experienced volunteer in communities impacted heavily by HIV, Kenyetta Cloud is a young person with important perspective to share with the Planning Council. Kenyetta works with We Think 4 A Change, a community-based organization that provides services in Cleveland neighborhoods that are heavily impacted by HIV/AIDS. In this work, she passes out test kits, provides outreach and connects people living with HIV to key resources. She also delivers food to community members. Interview panelists appreciated Kenyetta’s enthusiasm, willingness to ask questions, and her vibrant personality. Motion to approve the slate of candidates for formal appointment to serve on Planning Council, by the Cuyahoga County Executive. Motion made by Billy Gayheart, seconded by Brian Kimball In favor: 7; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none b. Attendance Update • 3 members (Anthony, Sahara, and Faith) have low attendance for the beginning of 2026, so we need to make efforts to get them more involved. c. Term Limits & Co-chairs: Brainstorming • In October 2026, the following individuals will be at the end of their current term: Billy, Deairius, Faith, LeAnder, Julie, Anthony. Four of these individuals are co-chairs. • Next steps: we need to focus on identifying each of the following: S&F co-chair, MRM co-chair, CLC co-chair, Consumer Executive co-chair. • What could we possibly do if we don’t get a chair for MRM or CLC? We need to start thinking about this. d. 4/29 Dinner & Game Night • April 29th is the in-person dinner and game night. We will do some training through games. Please RSVP to reserve your spot. e. Corrective Action Plan update • The site visit from HRSA was last March and we had 5 findings. For finding #1 and #2, we have completed all required steps. • Finding #4 – Update Intergovernmental Agreement. This is out of our ability to change, so we have done everything else that we can. The Recipient is working with Brian to get that document updated. • Finding #5 – We got all of the appointment letters taken care of. We’ve recruited a Part C representative. We updated the application and related confidentiality procedures. We still have to recruit a mental health provider (2 people pending for that role). Increase membership by unaffiliated consumers. We created a recruitment dashboard. • Finding #6 – We have completed all steps.
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Approval of Planning Council Agenda	Executive committee reviewed and approved the agenda for Full Planning Council for April 15, 2026. Motion made by Naimah O’Neal; Seconded by Lorsonja Moore In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none
Announcements	Julie – the AFC community briefing will be on Tuesday, April 28 th . Zach – I just got an email from ODH about the Integrated Plan and the goals that came out of the affinity groups. I’ll forward the information to Lj. They are seeking feedback.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Christy Nicholls at 5:06 pm.
Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Updates Next Meeting: May 6, 2026 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Visit the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Homepage at: www.ccbh.net/ryan-white	