

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
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 4:00 – 5:30 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	LeAnder Lovett	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		Michelle Jackson Rollins	
8. Deairius Houston		P			
9. Lorsonja Moore		P			
10. Sahara Rivera		P			
Total of 16 in attendance		P = Present A = Absent O (Other) = Phone			
Call to Order		Executive Co-Chair, Brian Kimball, called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.			
Moment of Silence		In remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV/AIDS.			
Quorum Determination		9 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 May 6, 2026. Motion made by Billy Gayheart; seconded by Julie Patterson In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none			
Approval of Minutes		Exec Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from April 1, 2026. Motion made by Kimberlin Dennis, seconded by Christy Nicholls In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Sahara Rivera, LeAnder Lovett			
Committees		What are you celebrating or what support do you need for your committee work? - Christy – I want to celebrate the game night event. Kudos to Billy and LJ and everyone else who helped make that a success. It was engaging and I think people learned things. - Billy – I also want to celebrate that it was a very good night. I appreciate everybody who showed up and participated and helped with the whole thing. For help, I would ask that anybody who is available to come to MRM to help navigate the mentorship discussion would be appreciated. - Julie – I’m celebrating that we got all of our prioritization done in 2 meetings. I could use some folks to come to the Resource Allocation workgroup meeting. - LJ – CLC had a really great conversation today. We looked over the consumer survey feedback. They also decided to select 3 Pride events to go to for outreach. - Lorsonja – for QI, we are dealing with both a deep dive for medical transportation but also the Needs Assessment. LJ - The committee voted to focus on the needs assessment first. We will still move forward the data requests for the deep dive.			

	• Naimah – I’m celebrating that CLC is growing and challenging ourselves in what we want to learn.
Executive Committee Business	A. Debriefing & Celebrating Game Night • <i>What worked well?</i> • The marketing of it and the registration using Eventbrite helped as well. There was a lot of word of mouth and personal invites. • There was a sense of companionship during the meeting. Creating a welcoming environment for new people. • The way that roles were assigned so that multiple people were involved. • The games themselves were great and created an atmosphere of engagement. People got into them and got competitive, which made it fun. • Good use of the promotional video. • Raffle tickets really helped. • <i>What can we improve?</i> • Invite people to sit near someone new – get a number at the door, switch seats in the middle • Order food allergy safe options • Do we want to make it bigger? • How can we engage people to apply? • Call to action – can we have several levels of action • Invite Board of Health staff to join in the games • Picnic type events that are for raising awareness and less of a training • Change the date to March • Other locations • Fix trivia questions so there is no gray area • Pair up new folks with a PC member during the event, with follow up afterwards B. Looking toward PSRA: How do we address the impact of changes to Medicaid and SNAP? • More than 2,000 individuals lost SNAP benefits in Cuyahoga County due to the changes. The changes for Medicaid will take effect in October and could mean that 5,000 – 8,000 people will lose coverage. What will this look like in counties other than Cuyahoga County? How will that potentially impact Part A? • Naimah – How can I best help my patients who may have had a change in address? Christy – Have them call the Medicaid hotline to report the change. And make sure they are reading their mail, because notices and important information will be sent out that will help them not lose their benefits. • Billy – Lorain County Job and Family Services is on strike. How is this affecting people? • Lj – Funding decisions for 2027 are next month. Where do we want to put the money in 2027? There are a lot of high priority items. • How do we define core services? Maybe we should take a closer look at that. In an ideal scenario, we are able to fund holistic services to support the whole person. The question becomes, what can we do with the pot of money that we have? What must be preserved? • Billy – as a person living with, this conversation is very difficult for me. We are being asked to cut services that can majorly impact our lives. No offense, but

	you're asking me to put my life on the line. How do you move forward and have that conversation? I have to make a decision to cut something that I will no longer have access to. I hope that people understand the position that those of us living with are being put into. • Christy – Thank you, that is an important perspective, Billy. Whether we make a decision or not, the changes happening around us are going to happen. We are trying to put the power where it should be, with the people who are living with to have a voice because we don't have a say in the other changes that are happening at the federal level. How can we protect people as best as we possibly can? • Julie – I think we should think through HIPSCA funding from Part A would involve, in case we decide we want to fund health insurance premiums if Part B drops the eligibility level or starts a wait list. • How could Part A pay for medications? Is it through EFA? Motion to move items C and D to the August meeting. Motion made by Billy Gayheart; seconded by Kimberlin Dennis Discussion: Moving the co-chairs discussion to August is really far away. Is there something we need to discuss today? LJ – there is no new content or specific information, it was a reminder. In favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstained: none C. What are our top priorities for the Planning Council for the 2nd part of the year? D. Term Limits & Co-Chairs: How do we move this forward?
Approval of Planning Council Agenda	Executive committee reviewed and approved the agenda for Full Planning Council for May 20, 2026. Motion made by Julie Patterson; Seconded by Christy Nicholls In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none
Parking Lot	
Announcements	Lorsonja – It's Nurse's week. Hug a nurse!
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Brian Kimball at 5:31 pm.
Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Updates Next Meeting: June 4, 2026 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Visit the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Homepage at: www.ccbh.net/ryan-white	