

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, April 15, 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	P	12. Xiomara Merced	P	Natalia Rodas	Lisa-Jean Sylvia	Michelle Krelko
2. Brian Kimball, Co-Chair	P	13. Lorsonja Moore	P	Chris Krueger*	Brittanie Evans	
3. Christy Nicholls, Co-Chair	P	14. Lisa Navracruz, M.D.	P	Alanna Hicks	Alisha Cassady	
4. Cielle Brady	P	15. Naimah O’Neal	P	Jen Jeffries	Anastassia Idov	
5. Tony Elmore	P	16. Julie Patterson	A	Michael Deighan	Elly Falter	
6. Billy Gayheart	P	17. Sahara Rivera	A	Kenyetta Cloud*	Vinothini Panakkal	
7. Tiffany Greene	P	18. Faith Ross	P	Kim Rodas		
8. Barbara Gripshover, M.D.	P	19. Karla Ruiz	P	Kent Cicerchi*		
9. Deairius Houston	A	20. James Stevenson*	P	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin		
10. LeAnder Lovett	P	21. Anthony Thomas	A	Brooke Willis		
11. Talib Mahdi	P	22. Stephanice Washington	A			
Total of 34 present		P = Present A = Absent O = (Other) – Phone *Committee Volunteer or Pending PC Member				
Call to Order		Co-chair, Christy Nicholls, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.				
Moment of Silence		A moment of silence done in remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV.				
Quorum Determination		17 of 22 PC committee members present - quorum of 11 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.				
		Conflicted: Barb Gripshover – UH; Lisa Navracruz – Neighborhood Family Practice; James Stevenson – NLURC; Talib Mahdi – NLURC; Lorsonja Moore – DSAS; Xiomara Merced – Metro; Naimah O’Neal – The Centers; Faith Ross – Pegasus Transportation; Chris Krueger – AIDS Taskforce; Natalia Rodas – NLURC; Jen Jeffries – NLURC; Cielle Brady – UH; Brooke Willis – UH; Kim Rodas – NLURC;				
Approval of Agenda		Full PC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for April 15, 2026. Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by Tony Elmore In favor: All; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none				
Approval of Minutes		Full PC Committee reviewed and approved minutes from March 18, 2026. Motion made by James Stevenson; seconded by Brian Kimball In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Cielle Brady, Karla Ruiz, Kent Cicerchi				

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Recipient Report

Anastassia Idov:

- Key highlights: The contracts are mostly fully executed. We had a very successful Medical Case Manager network meeting with a special topic of Planning Council. CQM committee met in person on March 18 and analyzed barriers and facilitators to retention in care.
- Current expenditure split: core – 81.68%; support – 18.33%

Priority	Category	Target	October	November	December	January	February	YTD	%	2/28/2026
		100%	66.67%	75%	83.33%	91.67%	100%			CAREWare
	CORE SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 3,453,501.00	\$ 316,258.41	\$ 259,733.37	\$ 215,749.58	\$ 230,134.95	\$ 193,122.47	\$ 3,308,749.79		
2	* OUTPATIENT/AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 1,190,747.00	\$ 103,079.11	\$ 89,314.04	\$ 98,903.24	\$ 91,665.67	\$ 68,317.84	\$ 1,140,217.60	95.76%	2276
1	* MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,149,059.00	\$ 119,305.14	\$ 88,464.51	\$ 45,927.58	\$ 49,907.55	\$ 62,800.09	\$ 1,122,040.75	97.65%	950
3	* ORAL HEALTH CARE	\$ 235,342.00	\$ 21,111.76	\$ 19,418.00	\$ 14,398.04	\$ 14,135.00	\$ 14,255.61	\$ 236,056.04	100.30%	297
7	* MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 361,267.00	\$ 30,471.13	\$ 26,567.37	\$ 25,287.90	\$ 38,573.53	\$ 21,452.55	\$ 342,603.90	94.83%	586
9	* MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY	\$ 72,876.00	\$ 7,559.24	\$ 5,607.66	\$ 4,827.68	\$ 5,261.59	\$ 560.35	\$ 60,537.39	83.07%	175
4	* EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES	\$ 373,374.00	\$ 28,038.38	\$ 23,739.19	\$ 23,656.59	\$ 30,507.45	\$ 25,736.03	\$ 336,458.11	90.11%	639
6	* HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$ 14,844.00	\$ 1,403.75	\$ 1,403.67	\$ 1,408.24	\$ 84.16	\$ -	\$ 14,844.00	100.00%	21
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	\$ 53,565.69	\$ 57,786.82	\$ 70,836.15	\$ 742,437.07		
8	* MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 91,293.00	\$ 9,521.22	\$ 4,897.17	\$ 8,454.09	\$ 7,435.06	\$ 3,549.28	\$ 74,178.75	81.25%	800
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	\$ 23,974.47	\$ 27,327.28	\$ 359,136.19	95.97%	1370
10	* PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT	\$ 64,781.00	\$ 4,366.58	\$ 4,579.11	\$ 3,111.46	\$ 7,262.74	\$ 7,198.50	\$ 67,956.75	104.90%	134
14	* FOOD BANK/HOME DELIVERED MEALS	\$ 83,331.00	\$ 5,235.79	\$ 5,399.77	\$ 7,049.03	\$ 6,840.88	\$ 18,258.45	\$ 88,267.85	105.92%	358
11	* OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 151,600.00	\$ 13,993.14	\$ 20,077.03	\$ 14,139.59	\$ 12,273.67	\$ 14,502.64	\$ 151,600.00	100.00%	122
	TOTAL	\$ 4,229,996.00	\$ 379,803.42	\$ 321,073.94	\$ 269,315.27	\$ 287,921.77	\$ 263,958.62	\$ 4,051,186.86	95.77%	3256

	Total Award	YTD Exp	% Exp	Award % Split	YTD Exp % Split
Core Services	\$ 3,453,501.00	\$ 3,308,749.79	95.81%	81.64%	81.67%
Support Services	\$ 776,495.00	\$ 742,437.07	95.61%	18.36%	18.33%
Total Award	\$ 4,229,996.00	\$ 4,051,186.86	95.77%		

- We will have some carryover amount.

Planning Council Business

a. State Integrated Plan – Michelle Krelko, Ohio Department of Health

- Four affinity groups were determined: HIV treatment and care; HIV prevention; Growing older with HIV; Syndemic response.
- The groups updated the SWOT analysis and created a SOAR analysis; created 3-5 goals that were then combined by Integrated Plan team at ODH
- Currently the plan is written and is going through the communication department
- Treat Goal: By December 31, 2031, Ohio will improve access to and quality of HIV treatment by increasing the proportion of people with diagnosed HIV who are retained in care and virally suppressed, through expanded availability of comprehensive HIV services, timely access to antiretroviral medications, and strengthened HIV provider capacity statewide.
- Prevent Goal: By December 31, 2031, Ohio will promote person-centered, status-neutral prevention strategies that integrate community engagement, expanded and standardized service delivery, increased biomedical interventions, and improved provider education to reduce HIV transmission
- Diagnose Goal: By December 31, 2031, Ohio will ensure timely and routine access to HIV and STI testing to support early diagnoses, rapid linkage to care, and reduced transmission.
- Respond Goal: By December 31, 2031, Ohio will identify geographic areas of potential rapid HIV transmission to implement enhanced HIV prevention interventions and rapid engagement in HIV-related treatment services.
- Next Steps: Once complete, ODH will send out the plan for review to Part As and Part Cs. ODH will ask for final feedback and edits within 4 weeks.

b. Epidemiological Profile & Part A Utilization – Alisha Cassady, CCBH

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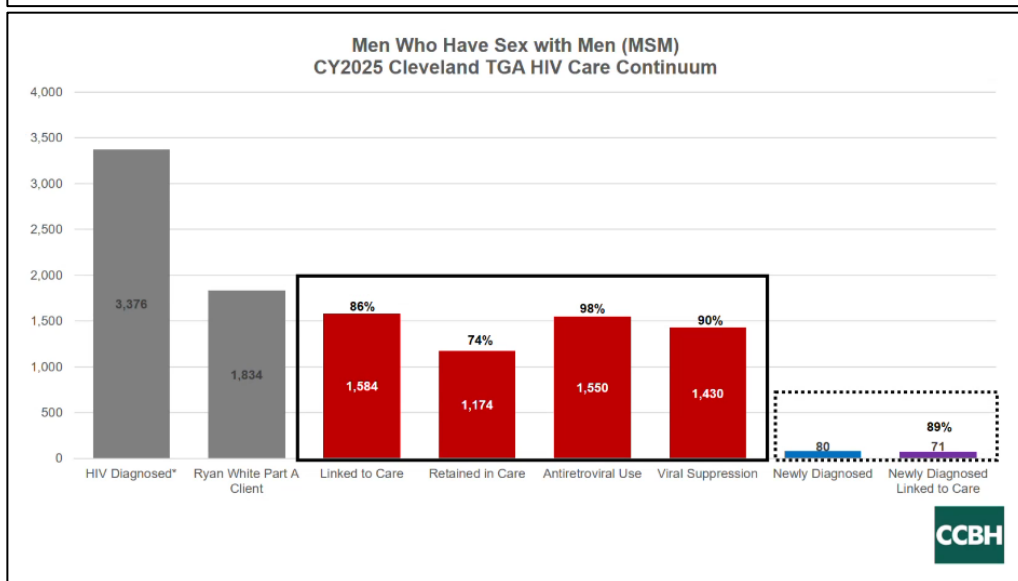
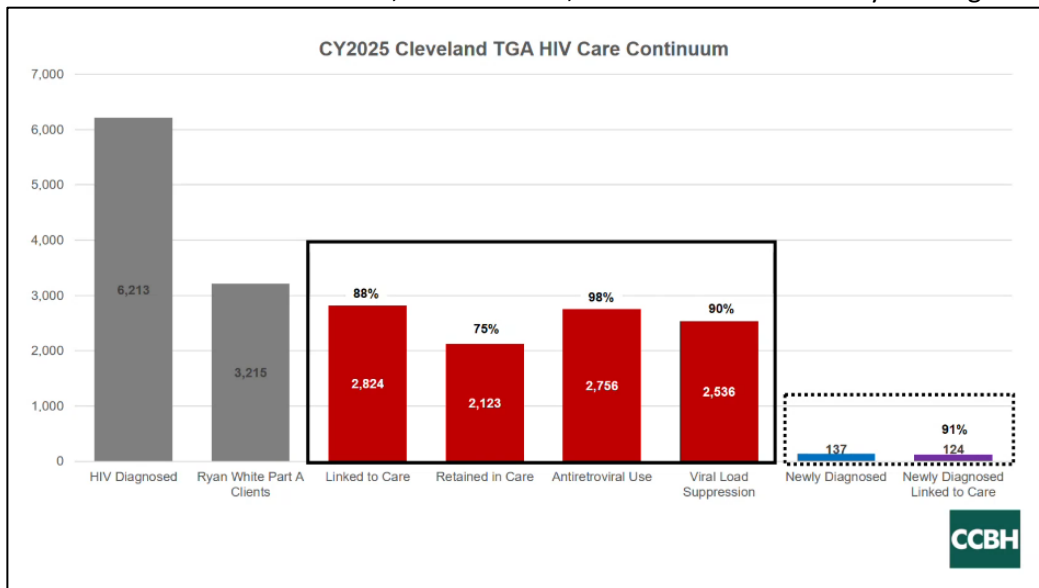


- 2025 TGA Incidence: 187 new HIV diagnoses in 2025; 6.25% increase from 2024
 - 81% male/ 19% female; 31% of case age 30 – 39 with the average age of 36 years old
 - Highest incidence zip code (residence at time of diagnosis) was 44102 with 15 cases, followed by 44109, 44125, 44128, 44108, 44105, 44077, 44035
- 2024 TGA Prevalence: 6,213 people living with HIV
 - 80% male/ 20% female; 53% of cases age 50+; 52% of cases Black/ African American
 - 2,814 (45%) have AIDS as current disease status
 - 68% Men who have sex with men, 5% Injection drug use
- 2025 Western Counties Incidence (Lorain and Medina Counties)
 - 29 new HIV diagnoses: 90% male/ 10% female; 28% of cases age 30 – 34; 45% Men who have sex with Men, 7% injection drug use
- 2024 Western Counties Prevalence (Lorain and Medina Counties)
 - 542 people living with HIV; 259 (48%) AIDS as current disease status
 - 77% male/ 23% female; 56% of cases age 50+; 51% of cases White; 68% Men who have sex with men, 5% injection drug use
- 2025 Eastern Counties Incidence (Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake)
 - 16 new HIV diagnoses: 81% male/ 19% female; 38% of cases age 35 – 44 with average age of 46; 31% men who have sex with men, 13% injection drug use
- 2024 Eastern Counties Prevalence
 - 411 people living with HIV: 82% male/ 18% female; 189 (46%) AIDS as current disease status; 55% of cases age 50+; 59% cases White; 66% men who have sex with men; 5% injection drug use
- 2025 Cuyahoga County Incidence
 - 142 new diagnoses in 2025: 80% male/ 20% female; 42% of cases age 20 – 29 with the average age of 34 years old; 33% men who have sex with men, 4% injection drug use
- 2024 Cuyahoga County Prevalence
 - 5,260 people living with HIV: 80% male/ 20% female; 53% of cases age 50+; 58% cases Black/ African American; 69% men who have sex with men, 5% injection drug use
 - 2,366 (45%) AIDS as current disease status
- Priority Population recommendations: MSM & MSM of Color; Youth ages 13 – 24; Injection Drug Use in outlying counties; White Males age 30+ in outlying counties
- Care Continuum
 - Linked to Care definition: Number of eligible clients that had at least one medical visit, viral load test, or CD4 test in the measurement year.
 - Retained in Care definition: Number of eligible clients who had two or more medical visits, viral loads, or CD4 tests performed at least 3 months apart during the measurement year

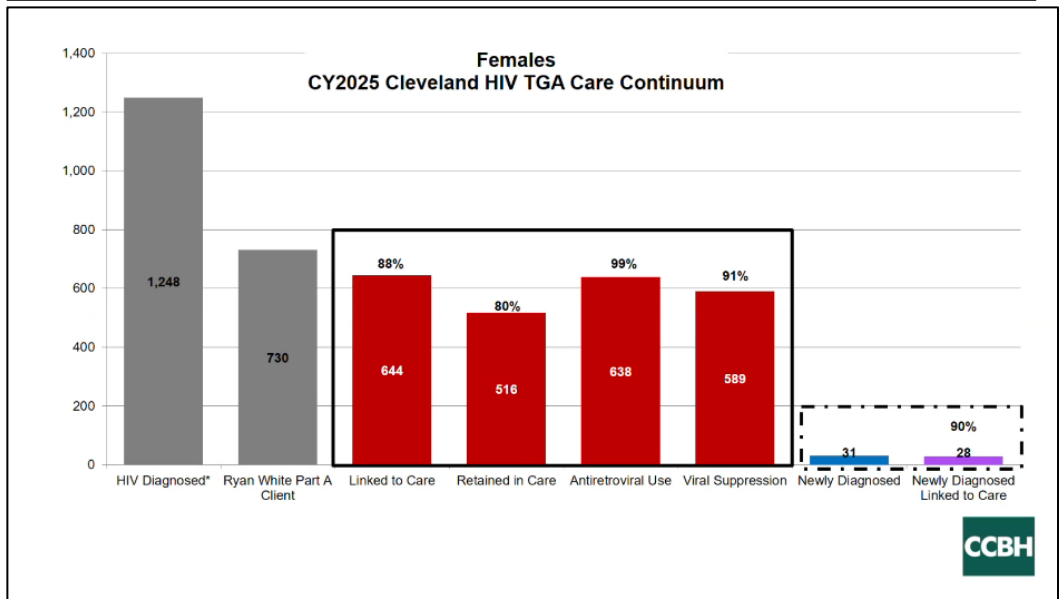
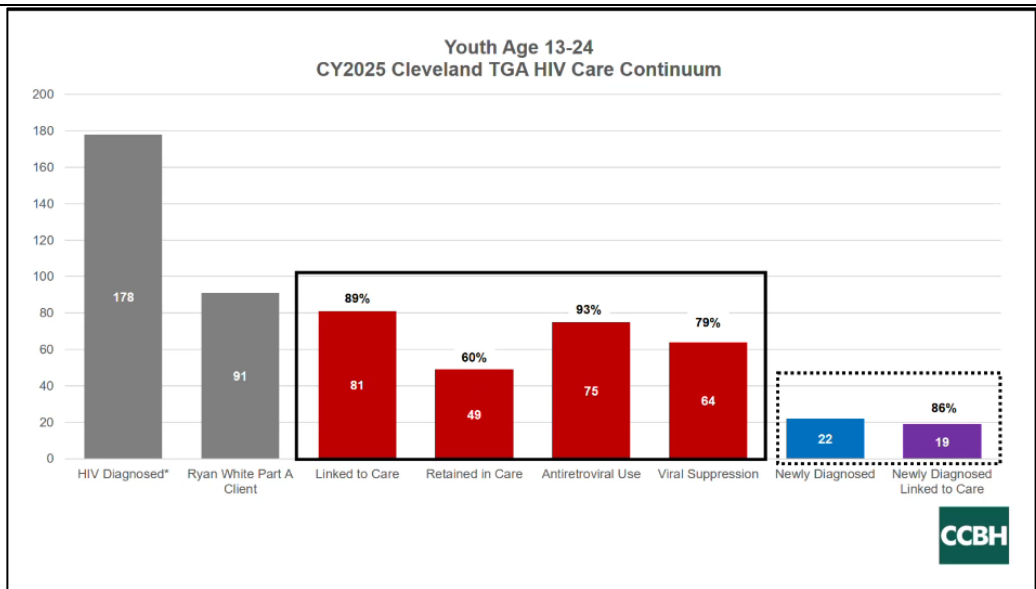
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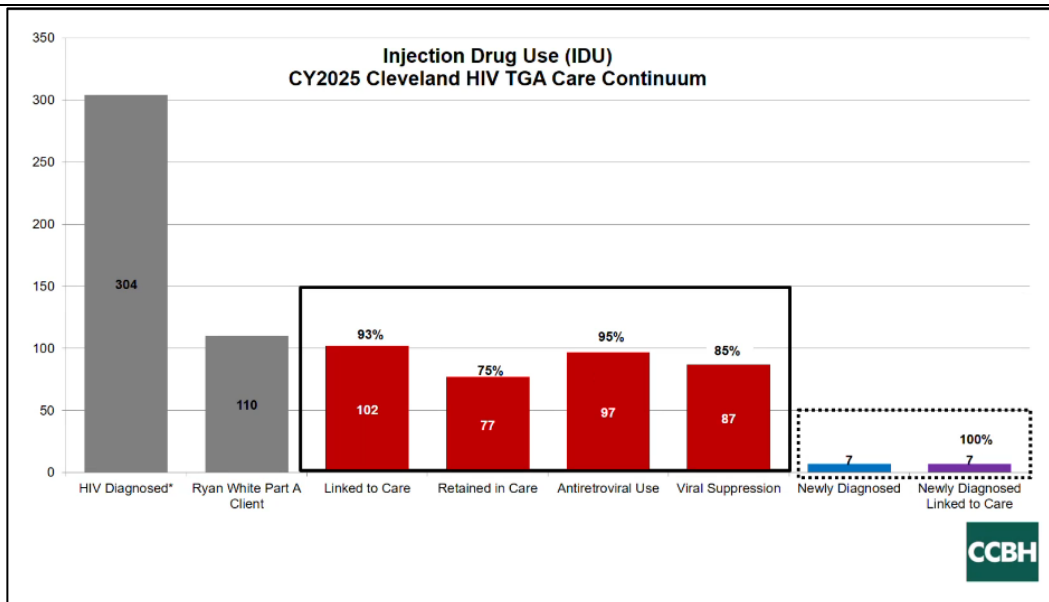


- Antiretroviral Use definition: Number of eligible clients receiving medical care who have a documented antiretroviral therapy prescription on record in the measurement year.
- Viral Suppression definition: Number of eligible clients receiving medical care whose most recent HIV viral load within the measurement year was less than 200 copies/mL.
- Newly Diagnosed – Linked to Care definition: Number of eligible clients receiving a diagnosis of HIV in the measurement year that had at least one medical visit, viral load test, or CD4 test within 90 days of diagnosis.



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- Service Category Utilization

2025 Service Category Utilization

3,231 eligible

Core Services	Utilization (%) by Eligibility
Early Intervention Services (EIS)	630 (19%)
Home and Community-Based Health Services	21 (<1%)
Home Health Care	21 (<1%)
Medical Case Management	951 (29%)
Medical Nutrition Therapy	151 (5%)
Mental Health Services	583 (18%)
Oral Health Care	297 (9%)
Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS)	2,249 (70%)

2025 Service Category Utilization

3,231 eligible

Support Services	Utilization (%) by Eligibility
Emergency Financial Assistance	3 (<1%)
Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals	358 (11%)
Medical Transportation	796 (25%)
Non-Medical Case Management Services	1,370 (42%)
Other Professional Services	122 (4%)
Psychosocial Support Services	134 (4%)



2021-2025 Service Category Utilization

Core Services	Utilization %				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Intervention Services (EIS)	18%	19%	13%	13%	19%
Home and Community-Based Health Services	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Home Health Care	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Medical Case Management	33%	34%	30%	30%	29%
Medical Nutritional Therapy	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Mental Health Services	16%	22%	23%	18%	18%
Oral Health Care	7%	8%	9%	9%	9%
Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS)	73%	69%	73%	72%	70%

2021-2025 Service Category Utilization

Support Services	Utilization %				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Emergency Financial Assistance	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals	11%	13%	13%	13%	11%
Medical Transportation	31%	39%	39%	39%	25%
Non-Medical Case Management Services	55%	46%	43%	43%	42%
Other Professional Services	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%
Psychosocial Support Services	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%

c. Vote on New Member Applications

- Kent Cicerchi – Through both education and work experience, Kent brings a breadth of knowledge & 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. MRM and Executive Committee voted to approve Kent's application.
- 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 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. MRM and Executive committee voted to approve Kenyetta's application.



Motion to approve Kent and Kenyetta for membership to Planning Council.

Motion made by Billy Gayheart, seconded by Xiomara Merced

In favor: 17; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0

d. Recruitment Dashboard

- The idea is to share this snapshot every month and keep everyone thinking about recruitment.



- Who will you invite?

e. In-Person Open House and Training April 29th

- RSVPs are maxed out. If you invited someone, remind them to come.

f. Co-Chairs Needed – Executive Co-Chair Election in May

- We are still in need of co-chairs for basically every committee. In an ideal world, every committee would have two co-chairs and one of them would be a person living with HIV.
- Executive co-chair election will be at the May meeting.

g. Annual Forms

- You will be getting a link to fill out the annual forms.

Motion to postpone the committee reports until next month.

Motion made by Naimah O’Neal, seconded by Lorsonja Moore.

In favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstained: none

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Public Comments	None
Announcements	Cielle – This Saturday at 1PM at Edgewater is a local AIDS Walk. Lj – The AIDS Funding Collaborative community briefing is on April 28 th . Lj – There are different events happening through the end of the month for Re-Entry Month.
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned by Christy Nicholls at 6:55 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, May 20, 2026 - 5:30-7:00 PM	