

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, May 20, 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	A	Thomas Hayes	Lisa-Jean Sylvia	
2. Brian Kimball, Co-Chair	P	13. Lorsonja Moore	P	Brooke Willis	Brittanie Evans	
3. Christy Nicholls, Co-Chair	P	14. Lisa Navracruz, M.D.	P	Natalia Rodas	Elly Falter	
4. Cielle Brady	P	15. Naimah O’Neal	A	Alanna Hicks	Anastassia Idov	
5. Tony Elmore	P	16. Julie Patterson	P	Kenyetta Cloud*		
6. Billy Gayheart	P	17. Sahara Rivera	P	Jacqueline Asare		
7. Tiffany Greene	P	18. Faith Ross	P	Jen Jeffries		
8. Barbara Gripshover, M.D.	P	19. Karla Ruiz	A	Chris Krueger*		
9. Deairius Houston	A	20. James Stevenson*	P	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin		
10. LeAnder Lovett	P	21. Anthony Thomas	A	Kent Cicerchi*		
11. Talib Mahdi	P	22. Stephanice Washington	A			
Total of 31 present		P = Present A = Absent O = (Other) – Phone *Non-member Volunteer or Pending PC Member				
Call to Order		Co-chair, Brian Kimball, 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. <i>Conflicted: Barb Gripshover – UH; Lisa Navracruz – Neighborhood Family Practice; James Stevenson – NLURC; Talib Mahdi – NLURC; Lorsonja Moore – DSAS; Faith Ross – Pegasus Transportation; Chris Krueger – AIDS Taskforce; Natalia Rodas – NLURC; Sahara Rivera – Metro; Thomas Hayes – The Centers; Cielle Brady - UH</i>				
Approval of Agenda		Full PC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for May 20, 2026. Motion made by Cielle Brady, seconded by Talib Mahdi In favor: All; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none				
Approval of Minutes		Full PC Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from April 15, 2026. Motion made by Faith Ross; seconded by LeAnder Lovett In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Julie Patterson, Sahara Rivera				

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Recipient Report

Anastassia Idov:

Priority	Category	Target	March	April	May	June	July	August
	Target Spending Per Month	100.00%	8.33%	16.67%	25.00%	33.33%	41.67%	50.00%
	CORE SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 916,204.00	\$ 30,597.11	\$ 8,061.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5 *	OUTPATIENT/AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 315,635.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6 *	MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT	\$ 309,267.00	\$ 21,301.35	\$ 8,061.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1	ORAL HEALTH CARE	\$ 62,990.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11 *	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 94,258.00	\$ 1,707.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14 *	MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY	\$ 18,078.00	\$ 614.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8 *	EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES	\$ 100,967.00	\$ 6,974.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12 *	HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$ 3,184.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13 *	HOME/COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH CARE	\$ 11,825.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	SUPPORT SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 220,807.00	\$ 6,950.22	\$ 3,019.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 24,559.00	\$ 3,249.55	\$ 2,459.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15	EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 3,297.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7 *	NON-MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 100,967.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9 *	PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT	\$ 16,714.00	\$ 3,700.67	\$ 559.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16	FOOD BANK/HOME DELIVERED MEALS	\$ 22,399.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 *	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 52,871.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 1,137,011.00	\$ 37,547.33	\$ 11,080.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	Total Award	YTD Exp	% Exp	Award % Split	YTP Exp % Split
	Core Services \$ 916,204.00	\$ 38,658.91	4.22%	80.58%	79.50%
	Support Services \$ 220,807.00	\$ 9,969.32	4.51%	19.42%	20.50%
	Total Award	\$ 1,137,011.00	\$ 48,628.23	4.28%	

Our target for March is 8.33% expended of the total award. Our actual expenditures were at 4.28%, but this is nothing to be alarmed about. We just have received and processed a few invoices at the time of this report, because we are at the beginning of the program year.

Priority	Category	Target	YTD	%	UNDUP
	Target Spending Per Month	100.00%			5/20/2026
	CORE SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 916,204.00	\$ 38,658.91		
5 *	OUTPATIENT/AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 315,635.00	\$ -	0.00%	757
6 *	MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT	\$ 309,267.00	\$ 29,363.15	9.49%	455
1	ORAL HEALTH CARE	\$ 62,990.00	\$ -	0.00%	41
11 *	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 94,258.00	\$ 1,707.44	1.81%	50
14 *	MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY	\$ 18,078.00	\$ 614.01	3.40%	10
8 *	EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES	\$ 100,967.00	\$ 6,974.31	6.91%	129
12 *	HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$ 3,184.00	\$ -	0.00%	21
13 *	HOME/COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH CARE	\$ 11,825.00	\$ -	0.00%	20
	SUPPORT SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 220,807.00	\$ 9,969.32		
3	MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 24,559.00	\$ 5,709.53	23.25%	235
15	EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 3,297.00	\$ -	0.00%	0
7 *	NON-MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 100,967.00	\$ -	0.00%	329
9 *	PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT	\$ 16,714.00	\$ 4,259.79	25.49%	54
16	FOOD BANK/HOME DELIVERED MEALS	\$ 22,399.00	\$ -	0.00%	160
4 *	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 52,871.00	\$ -	0.00%	61
	TOTAL	\$ 1,137,011.00	\$ 48,628.23	4.28%	

YTP Exp % Split
79.50%
20.50%

We have not received invoices from all providers, so many service categories are at 0% expended as of this report. The current split is 79.50% core/ 20.50% support. At least 75% must be spent on core services and 25% or less must be spent on support services.

We are preparing for the FY26 monitoring season. The next Case Manager's meeting in July will be about Medicaid. We had a wonderful Dinner and Open House night for the Planning Council. The Clinical Quality Management committee is meeting regularly. EHE CAG meeting will be on

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	6/16 at Cleveland Public Library – South Branch from 2 – 4 pm. We have received our full award in the amount of \$4,772,755.
Medicaid Report	Christy Nicholls: We are fairly timely on our applications right now. We have a little more information from the Ohio Department of Medicaid on the upcoming changes and are awaiting more guidance.
Part B Update	None
HOPWA Update	Tiffany Greene: We received the NOA but not the official award letter from HUD. We are extending the MOU so contractors can continue through September 30. Ashtabula will now be served under Cleveland HOPWA.
Recruitment Dashboard	 Vacant Mandated Seats Mental Health Professional  % Unaligned Consumers 23% As of April 30, 2026  Upcoming Vacancies - Housing - Healthcare Provider  Recruitment Goal 5 or more Unaligned Consumers - We are non-compliant when it comes to % Unaligned Consumers. This number should be at least 33%. We have many people living with HIV on Planning Council that don't count toward this number because they are affiliated with a Ryan White Part A provider. - Recruitment goal = 5 or more unaligned consumers APRIL  Pending Applicants 3 Includes 1 New  Recruitment Conversations 6 Plus 1 Recruiting Event  New Contacts on Email List 4  First Time Participants 2 - Who will you invite?

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- a. **Consumer Feedback Presentation**
- b. Responses from outside of Cuyahoga County more than doubled as a share of the total
- c. Respondents: Female 26%, Male 69%, Transgender 2.8%
- d. Age: 60+ = 35.9%
- e. Majority of respondents are Black or African American, followed by White. 76.5% are non-Hispanic.
- f. Most of the respondents are long term survivors. The largest group has been diagnosed for more than 25 years (26.2%)
- g. Top challenges impacting your health and well-being: mental health remains the most frequently reported challenge, followed by medical issues and financial concerns. Medical transportation was brought up in the listening sessions.
- h. Most people did not report any gaps in services. Housing is the most significant unmet need, followed by mental health, dental, and primary medical.
- i. Top 3 services that help you stay healthy: Primary medical care, Medical case management, dental, mental health, medical transportation.
- j. In the 2026-only responses, mental health rose from 4th to 3rd in priority for core services and dental dropped from 3rd to 4th.
- k. Key signals for PSRA: Mental Health was the most frequently reported challenge; appears again in service gaps and aging-related concerns; in 2026-only core rankings, mental health moved ahead of dental. Financial concerns, Housing also persistent challenges.
- l. Julie – it would be interesting to ask younger people if they have specific challenges.
- m. **Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA): Data Driven Decisions**
 - Priority setting is the process of using data to determine what are the most important service categories for people living with HIV in the region.
 - Resource allocation is the process of using data to determine where dollars will be spent in the coming year.
 - PSRA process includes data presentations, Priority ranking, directives, and resource allocation. This full process takes place over several months leading up to the PSRA meeting in June.
 - Decisions during PSRA must be data-driven. Planning Council cannot make decisions based on personal experience, feelings, insight, etc. Priority setting uses data to make decisions about the ranking. The resource allocation workgroup looks at various data points to identify service categories for further discussion. Final decisions about the allocation of funds must be tied to data.
 - Planning Council cannot influence whether the overall grant is reduced. If there is a reduction, PC is responsible for determining how to responsibly allocate funds. If there is a decrease in funding, all categories will be decreased by the same percentage unless PC changes allocations.
 - Considerations for FY2027: There have been significant changes to both Medicaid and SNAP that will impact people who use Ryan White services. PC must determine how to meet the increased need or gaps in services created by these changes.
 - PSRA is on June 17th from 12 to 4 pm. There is an in-person help session on June 10th from 6 to 8 pm.

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	- Preparing for PSRA: Review and understand the data. Take time to ask questions. n. Annual Forms - Only 2 people still need to complete their forms. The link is in the chat. o. Consumer Executive Co-Chair Election - One of 3 executive chairs is represented by a consumer. It is time for Kimberlin's term to be up, so we need to bring on someone new. This position helps guide meetings, support committee work, and ensure that the voice of people living with HIV is reflected in Planning council decisions at all levels. After several months of recruitment, only one person emerged as a candidate for this role. - Talib Mahdi – Talib has been a fully appointed member of the planning Council since February of 2026. He first applied to join the Planning Council in March of 2024, but was asked to participate as a Committee Volunteer due to concerns about Reflectiveness. As a board member of Nueva Luz, Talib is conflicted. Since 2024, Talib has been an active member of both the Community Liaison and Strategy & Finance Committees. Talib maintains excellent attendance. He frequently attends other subcommittee and workgroups meetings in addition to his committee of record. In 2025, his attendance for the year was 157%. As of March, his attendance for this year was 150%. Talib has also participated in outreach for the Planning Council, tabling at the World AIDS Day event in 2025 and inviting new people to consider membership. Since becoming a fully appointed member, Talib helped with Open Nominations by interviewing applicants. Motion to elect Talib Mahdi as Executive Co-Chair beginning on June 18, 2026. Motion made by Billy Gayheart, seconded by Julie Patterson. Yes: all; No: 0; Abstained: 0
Committee Reports	<u>Community Liaison Committee (CLC) – Faith</u> We had a discussion about the Pride events this summer. Let us know if you would like to help table at the events.
	<u>Strategy & Finance (S&F) Committee – Julie</u> We met in early May and had a lot of folks join us for the second part of the prioritization of service categories. We incorporated the data and we will be sharing the prioritization with everyone in June.
	<u>Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Gayheart –</u> - We did a debrief of the dinner and game night, as well as an update on open nominations and a discussion on the mentorship program. If anybody would like to be a mentor, please contact Lj. - We are looking for volunteers to help conduct applicant interviews.
	<u>Quality Improvement (QI) – Lorsonja Moore–</u> We are working on the Needs Assessment. We want to clarify what is our goal, what it is that we want to share with Planning Council, and what do we want to learn from the Recipient about the process in trying to engage consultants?

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	<u>HIV Prevention (Prevention) -</u> – Next meeting in June
Public Comments	None
Announcements	Julie – Friday, June 5 th there is a candlelight vigil at Free Stamp at sunset. Billy – on the 30 th the LGBTQ center is doing a collaboration with Jerome's Home Talib – June 5 th is Long Term Survivor's Day
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned by Brian Kimball at 7:13 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: PSRA is June 17th from 12 to 4 pm No meeting in July	