

**Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council  
Business Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Charge: Ensures the orderly and integrated and progression of work of the committees of the Ryan White Planning Council. Plans future activities.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jessica Pierce  
Glenn Crawford  
Justin Smith  
Emma Sinnott  
Nicole Evans  
Mark Erwin  
Aubrey Bragila  
Dale Thele  
Barry Waller

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

L.J. Smith  
Mar Padilla

**AACHPC STAFF PRESENT**

Crystal Flores, Program Manager      Laura Still, Planner      Dwight Scales, Program Coordinator

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT STAFF PRESENT**

Gregg Bolds      Manager, Quality Management HIV Resources Administration Unit  
Brenda Mendiola      Quality Management HIV Resources Administration Unit

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Whitney Bulna  
Leah Graham  
Cassandra DeLeon

**I. Call to Order:** AACHPC Chair, Justin Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

**II. Certification of Quorum:**

Quorum was established and certified by AACHPC Chair, Justin Smith.

**III. Introductions/Announcements:**

- a. Planning council member, Dale Thele made announcement about “Get the Facts Health Insurance & HIV event”. The event is a town hall meeting about health insurance options for people living with HIV. Saturday, June 10, 2017 1:00pm – 3:30pm @ Southeast Health & Wellness Center 2901 Montopolis drive, Austin Texas 78741.  
<http://redribbonguardians.org/events.html>
- Planning Council member, Aubrey Bragila gave information about the upcoming The HIV & Aging Conference, formerly the HIV/AIDS & Aging Symposium, was created to bring community leaders together to improve the lives of older adults living with HIV. For the past 7 years, the Conference has brought some of the top experts in the nation to Austin to educate and inspire Central Texas social workers, physicians, nurses, and care managers to:

- \*Promote awareness of aging and HIV and aging issues in our community;
- \*Bring community leaders together to improve the lives of older adults living with HIV; and
- \*Foster a culture of collaboration among regional service providers and organizations.

The annual one-day event is facilitated by the Central Texas HIV AIDS & Aging Coalition -- an all-volunteer, non-profit organization comprised of area health, human services, and community leaders. Together, we can make Central Texas better for older adults living with HIV, and improve future of our growing community.

- Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 8:00am to 4:00pm @ St. David's Episcopal Church Austin, Texas 301 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/403389886711947/>

b. Planner, Laura Still provided information on:

- The Aids Candlelight Memorial Service on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.  
 Organizers requested a representative of the Planning Council give a short presentation on the “state of the city” – epidemiological statistics and an overview of the epidemic in the area. Planning Council member, Nicole Evans responded to the announcement, nominating herself as the speaker. Additional information can be found here:  
<http://www.candlelightmemorial.org/list.html>

**IV. Approval of the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes:** *AACHPC Chair Justin Smith motioned the minutes to be approved as submitted with edits.*

#### **V. Review of the Administrative Agent Report**

**Part A:** Brenda Mendiola, Quality Management HIV Resources Administration Unit, informed the committee about the latest correspondence received from HRSA. See Attachment 1

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#### **Review of the Administrative Agent Report Part B**

Jessica Pierce discussed both expenditure reports for part B

The FY17 Part B expenditure summary is shown in Table 1 below. One hundred (100%) percent of the year has expired; however, ninety-four (94%) percent of funds have been through March 2017. For supplemental funding, one hundred (100%) percent of the year has expired; however, ninety-four (94%) percent of funds have been expended through March 2017.

See Attachment: 2

## **VI. Committee Reports:**

### **➤ Executive Committee:**

The Executive committee reviewed and discussed:

- Upcoming May events
- Planning Council Attendance

### **Membership Recommendation**

The Planning Council voted to approve the re-application and reinstate Glenn Crawford to the AACHPC for another 2 year term.

**Vote 8 to 0 Motion Carried**

### **➤ Comprehensive Planning Committee:**

Needs Assessment Updates:

Review of Austin TGA Comments on Service Standards of Care:

- Mental Health Services
- Psychosocial Support Services
- HIV in the Transgender Community Forum

**Allocations Committee:** The Planning Council voted to pass:

- **Austin TGA Core Medical Service Waiver**

**Vote 8 to 0 Motion Carried**

- **Proposed Allocation Plan for FY2017 Part A**

**Vote 7 to 0 (1) Sustained**

**See Attachment 3**

## **VII. HIV Planning Council Staff Report :**

Program Manager, Crystal Flores Reviewed, discussed and provided updates on:

- **Assessment of Administrative Mechanism Survey Update**  
The office of support is currently working on the draft report of results. This year we received 100% Part A funded provider participation! The draft report will be presented at the Allocations Committee meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> and the final report will be presented at Business Meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Reflectiveness Survey (HRSA/Member Affiliation Form)**  
The Ryan White Act requires that Planning Councils have individuals from a variety of organizations and communities that reflect the epidemic in the community. With the addition of new members on the council, we need to update our reports to show affiliations for the mandated seats as well as reflectiveness.
- **Texas Legislative Bill Updates**
  - **HB 227: Organ Donation:** Allows for the donation of HIV-positive organs, eyes and tissues to individuals living with HIV
    - Referred to Public Health
  - **HB 717: Opt Out:** Provides an automatic HIV test during an annual physical with the option to verbally refuse.

- Referred to Insurance
  - HB 942: STDs in Elderly: Calls for a study on STDs among elderly person in Texas.
    - Referred to Public Health
  - HB 226: Education Programs regarding HIV/AIDS infection
    - Referred to Public Health
  - HB 1547: Human Sexuality Education in Public Schools
    - Referred to Public Education
- Hill Country Ride for AIDS  
 The Hill Country Ride for AIDS (HCRA) is the largest fundraiser in central Texas for HIV/AIDS services. A family-friendly and festive bike ride through the beautiful hill country, the Ride raises funds that are given directly to ten local nonprofits who help those in our community affected by HIV/AIDS. In the past 17 years the Ride has raised over \$8 million. The Ride has been voted “Best Ride” in Austin for two consecutive years and is a beloved community event with an amazingly loyal and supportive following.

Saturday, April 29, 2017 @ Krause Springs  
 404 Krause Spring Rd.  
 Spicewood, TX 78669 USA  
<https://hillcountryride.greatfeats.com/>

**VIII. Adjourned at 8:02pm**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**City Hall**  
**301 W 2nd Street**  
**Austin, TX 78701 Room 1027**  
**Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 6:00 P.M.**

## Attachment 1