

**CONSUMER COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 31, 2013**

**MINUTES**

**Charge: Empowering consumers through education by providing the tools and knowledge to interact with those individuals and committees that affect categorical service delivery of the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act, including the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ben Martinez, Chair	Kendal Richardson	Helen Goldenberg, Vice Chair
Jose Raymundo	Linda Freeman	Jai Makokha
Lionel Hillard	Gregg Gunter	Anthony Bolden
Argette Watson	Rosa Carballo	

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ethene Jones	Michelle Anderson	Ricky Tyler
Daron Kirven	Charles Griffith	Auntjuan Wiley

**COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT**

Felton Stevens, Jr., RWPC Manager      Crystal Flores, RWPC Planner      Jennifer Kendrick, RWPC Coordinator

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT**

Karin Petties, Assistant Director of RW Grant Compliance      Aurelio Rodriguez, Grants Management Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Gary Benecke, RCD      Jaime Gayton      Robert Compton

**I. Call to Order:** Ben Martinez, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

**II. Certification of Quorum:** Quorum was established and certified by Chair, Ben Martinez

**III. Introductions/Announcements:**

- a. Ben announced that Helen Goldenberg was appointed CCC Vice Chair.
- b. Ben Martinez introduced the new CCC committee member, Judith Dillon
- c. Helen Goldenberg announced that a "Victims of Circumstance" play will take place on February 16, 2012 @ 7:00.m. at White Rock Community Church.
- d. Helen announced that the 2013 Grace Women's Conference will take place on May 17-19 through Legacy Counseling Center and applications can be found on line or by contacting Linda Freeman.
- e. Jai Makokha announced that Resource Center Dallas is attempting to bridge a gap between HIV Positive individuals and STD testing by requiring opt out STD testing for all clients at their renewal.
- f. Gregg Gunter announced that March 4, 2013 is Advocacy day and that he along with Michelle will be coordinating a trip to Austin to visit with the TX HIV/AIDS coalition and elected officials. He stated that he would have more information at the January meeting for persons interested in signing up for the trip.
- g. Gregg Gunter announced that Legacy Counseling center opened their Homebased for Housing program on Monday, January 28, 2013. The program aims to assist with finding housing resources.

**IV. Approval of the December 20, 2012 Minutes:** *Lionel Hillard moved to accept the minutes as written. Helen Goldenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**V. Committee Liaison Reports:**

- a. **Allocations Committee:** No meeting
- b. **Planning and Priorities Committee:** The Planning and Priorities Committee met on January 23, 2013 and also held an emergency meeting on January 30, 2013.
  - During the January 23, 2013 meeting, Quorum was established,

announcements were made and the minutes were approved. Felton then discussed the 2012 Comprehension Plan update. He stated that he had compiled a list of agencies and is still in the process of contacting and gathering information from them. Felton will report more information at the next meeting. The committee then reviewed and discussed the Care Coordination Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations. *Ben Martinez made the motion to accept the document. Joyce Tapley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* Next, the committee began to review and make edits to the 2013 Continuum of Care. (Edits can be found in the P&P 1.23.13 minutes). The committee decided to hold an Emergency Committee meeting for January 30, 2013 to discuss the remaining service categories from the Continuum of Care.

- At the Emergency P&P meeting held on January 30, 2013, quorum was established and the previous meeting's minutes were approved. The committee continued to review and edit the remainder of the Continuum of Care Document. *Brent Pimentel made a motion to approve the recommended changes referenced in the P&P 1.30.13 under the Mental Health Services Category. Demetria Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Brent Pimentel recommended the adoption of the 2013 Continuum of Care document minus the items that are contingent upon the outcome of the feasibility study being conducted by the AA in early fall. The meeting was adjourned.*

c. **Evaluation Committee:** The Evaluation committee met on January 29, 2013. Quorum was established, announcements were made and the previous month's minutes were approved. In the interest of time, *Steven Inrig made a motion to move the position of the 2012 Comprehension Plan Update after the 2013 Standards of Care agenda item. Lori Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* The next item agenda was the 2013 Standards of Care. The committee began to discuss and edit the 2013 Standards of Care. The edits to the Universal Standards of care include:

- Section 3.2 (a) – addition of “(including a nondiscrimination statement covering age, gender, race, color, religion, (or lack thereof), national origin , sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, political affiliation, and inability to pay),” to be used as an inclusive statement for each service category. It was noted that in the specific standards, any specific additions were notified by the use of (g).
- End of Section 3.2 (g)- addition of the definition of gender identity and expression (“Gender Identity and expression are a person’s gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not related to what is traditionally associated with the persons’ physical characteristics or sex assigned at birth. Gender related identity may be supported by medical history, care or treatment related to the identity, consistent assertion of the identity, or any other affirmation that the identity is sincerely held, part of a person’s core identity, and not being asserted for an improper purpose.”)
- The edit to the Congregate Housing Specific Standards of Care include:
  - Section 4.1 (g) – removal of this section with the rationale being that the content is already covered under the Universal standards of care and (g) is used for specific additions not currently covered
- The edits to the Home Delivered meals include:
  - Section 5.8 – replacing American Dietetic Association with Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
  - Section 6.8 – replacing American Dietetic Association with Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

- The edit to Legal Services include:
  - Recommending that the AA review standard 1.7 for accuracy regarding re-evaluation timelines
- The edit to Medical Case management includes:
  - Section 6.10 – replacing the current standard with “all agencies receiving case management funding through Ryan White Part A & Part B, MAI & State Services funds must comply with the training requirements in accordance with Chapter 19 of the DSHS HIV Case Management Standards (revised 6-1-2011); and”
- The edit to Medical Transportation includes:
  - Section 4.2 (e) – edited to read “shall allow significant others/caregivers (regardless of HIV status) to accompany HIV-infected persons, as necessary;”
- The edits to Mental Health Services include:
  - Remove “Activities must include”
  - Create standard “Section 1.5 - Licensure must meet the following criteria:
    1. Level I psychiatric services include individual psychiatric and medication treatment and monitoring of psychiatric disorders provided by a board certified or board eligible psychiatrist (D.O. or M.D.) or board certified Mid-level provider licensed and specializing in psychiatry (w/supervision as required by law). Services must be provided in an outpatient clinic setting; OR,
    2. Level II counseling services include intensive mental health therapy and counseling (individual, family, and/or group) provided solely by a state-licensed mental health professional. Direct service providers must possess postgraduate degrees in psychology, psychiatry, or counseling (Ph.D., Ed.D., DSW, D.O., M.D., M.S., M.A., MSW, M.Ed., or equivalent), and must be licensed by the State of Texas to provide such services; OR,
    3. Level III counseling services include general mental health therapy and counseling (individual, family, and/or group). Direct service providers must possess a postgraduate degree in the appropriate related field, be in the process of obtaining Level II licensure with the State of Texas and be appropriately supervised by a licensed clinical supervisor approved by the state licensing board. “
- The edit to Oral Health Care includes:
  - Section 5.10- edited to read “the agency shall practice current treatment methodologies as outlined in the most recent version of the Texas Dental Association (TDA) and American Dental Association (ADA) guidelines for persons living with HIV/AIDS. (contingent upon the COC recommendations)”
- The edit to Respite Care includes:
  - Recommending that the AA review standard 1.6 for accuracy regarding re-evaluation timelines for eligibility.

*The Chair polled the committee for a consensus of the acceptance of the document with the proposed changes. The committee came to a consensus and the document will be forwarded to the Administrative Agency for final approval.*

*The committee also tabled agenda Item V. 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update until the*

*next scheduled meeting.* The meeting adjourned.

**d. Care Coordination Ad Hoc Committee:** No report

**VI. Consumer Council Committee Forum Guidelines:** Ben Martinez updated the committee on the status of the first forum. The committee then began to discuss specific discussion topics to be covered at the forum. The committee decided that the four topics that the speakers will cover are:

1. What my partner needs to know about me living with HIV and Aging
2. Good to go
3. Aging with HIV (male perspective)
4. Aging with HIV (female perspective)

**VII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:10PM

*Submitted by:*

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Jennifer Kendrick, RWPC Coordinator

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Date

*Draft Certified by:*

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Felton Stevens, RWPC Manager

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Date

*Final Approval by:*

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**Ben Martinez, Vice Chairperson**

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**Date**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING  
 Thursday, February 28, 2013 12:00 p.m.  
 Hickman Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
 Dallas County Health and Human Services Building  
 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX