



Care Strategies Committee Meeting of the HIV Planning Council

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Care Strategies Committee Meeting to be held 08/04/2020 with Social Distancing Modifications

Public comment will be allowed via Microsoft Teams; no in-person input will be allowed. **All speakers must register in advance** (08/03/2020 by Noon). All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the August 4, 2020 HIV Planning Council Meeting, residents must:

- Call or email the board liaison at **(512) 972-5806** and **Jaseudia.Killion@austintexas.gov** no later than noon, (the day before the meeting). The information required is the speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, and a telephone number or email address.
- Once a request to speak has been called in or emailed to the board liaison, residents will receive either an email or phone call providing the telephone number to call on the day of the scheduled meeting.
- Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to meeting start in order to speak, late callers will not be accepted and will not be able to speak.
- Speakers will be placed in a queue until their time to speak.
- Handouts or other information may be emailed to **Jaseudia.Killion@austintexas.gov** by Noon the day before the scheduled meeting. This information will be provided to Board and Commission members in advance of the meeting.
- If this meeting is broadcast live, residents may watch the meeting here: **<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>**



**HIV PLANNING COUNCIL
CARE STRATEGIES MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
City Hall/ Remote**

CARE STRATEGIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Committee Chair Bart Whittington, Karson Jensen, and Michael Everett

Members Present: Bart and Michael

Members Absent: Karson Jensen

Office of Support Present: Hailey DeAnda-Interim Planning and Evaluation Unit Manager, Jaseudia Killion-Public Health Planner II

Administrative Agent Staff Present: Anthony Kitzmiller-Interim HRAU Program Manager

Others Present: Alex Abbott, Emma Sinnott

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair at 6:03 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Speakers who have registered one day prior to the meeting will have a three-minute allotment to address concerns regarding items on the agenda.

-No speakers registered for communication.

1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

- a. Chair certified the meeting by calling it into order. Quorum at during the Emergency Declaration is defined by whomever is present during the start of the meeting.

2. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Alex Abbott introduced herself as an employee of Communicare and provided her email for the Planning Council's distribution list.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 🚩

- a. The Committee members voted to approve the minutes as is for the most recent meeting, vote was unanimous

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSS STANDARDS OF CARE

- a. Review the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Updates
 - i. Standards of Care and Service Standards were used interchangeably throughout the meeting
 - ii. Michael requested that the Standards of Care be emailed to him.



- iii. The Office of Support provided the recommendation that Early Intervention Services (EIS) standard be the one rewritten to accommodate the introduction of peer navigators into the area.
- iv. Anthony recommended that standards not be updated specifically with COVID-19 in mind as events could change and there being funding specifically released to address Covid.

- a. Committee asked Anthony provided the recommendation that service standards have the Federal Poverty level and anything telehealth related be updated where applicable so that these would be more flexible for any Covid focused funding.

- b. Committee decided that service standards would be reviewed monthly and subject to updates a few at a time. Next month's review will include Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA), Medical Transportation, Mental Health Services, and Outpatient Ambulatory Care.

- c. Office of Support Staff will email the above service standards to committee and provide CHATT's notes on standards of care.

- b. Discussion of Peer Navigation

- i. This committee will work in collaboration with the Strategic Planning/Needs Assessment committee to explore peer navigators for the Austin area. Strategic Planning/Needs Assessment may develop a Directive, while this committee will update service standards to be conducive for peer navigators. Additionally, Planning Council member Tarik Daniels will assist as he has peer navigator experience.

- ii. Further and future committee considerations regarding this topic include:

- a. Defining peer navigators, measuring success, and identifying peers who are reflective of the population served.

- b. Obtaining support from Fast Track Cities regarding the need.

- c. Requesting data and measures of success from other Planning Councils

- iii. Office of Support will coordinate a meeting with other Planning Councils who have peer navigators –San Antonio EMA and Atlanta EMA.

5. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

- a. Introduction to the Comprehensive plan



- i. Office of Support explained the comprehensive plan and expressed the need for future planning in early 2021.
- b. Discuss Early Identification of Individuals of HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) population data
 - i. Reviewed EIIHA data from FY2021-22 PSRA Data binder

6. HIV PLANNING COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

- a. Discuss committee budget items
 - i. Committee would like to take trips to review other Planning Councils-Atlanta EMA and San Antonio EMA
 - ii. Committee would like a report from Administrative Agent in the future regarding COVID funds spending

ADJOURNMENT

⚠ Indicative of action items

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For More Information on the HIV Planning Council, please contact Hailey de Anda at (512) 972-5862.