

AUSTIN AREA HIV PLANNING COUNCIL

The mission of the HIV Planning Council is to develop and coordinate an effective and comprehensive community-wide response to HIV.

Planning Council: Office of Support Staff Report March 25, 2024 Business Committee Meeting



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AUSTIN AREA HIV PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

TOTAL 6 (1 Non-voting member)

1. Kelle' Martin, Chair
2. Zachery Garay
3. Ashley Garling
4. Rocky Lane, Non-Voting
5. Kristina McRae-Thompson
6. Gin Pham

Prospective Members

1. *Judith Hassan*
2. *Marquis Goodwin*
3. *Alicia Alston*
4. *Joe Anderson Jr.*

Summary

- The Austin Area HIV Planning Council (HIVPC) is at 6 members.
 - 4 members are pending approval from CEO (one member was resubmitted along with new applicants due to incomplete training).
 - Jonathan has resigned from his position effective March 15, 2024
 - New Requirement from BCIC: Pending members are waiting for City Council Approval
- Kelle' Martin will be joining the GMCS committee temporarily until new members are onboarded
- Two people are eligible to interview at the next GMCS Meeting
- The Needs Assessment Year 2 literature review topic selection is expected to take place during the April FASPNA meeting
- The CAB/Caucus Partnership rotation schedule is being planned.
- If the HIVPC would be interested in having bi-weekly office hours with the Office of Support Planners, please send a preferred time and date as to when you would like to have this resource available.
- The Office of Support has created an event requests form for the community to request the HIVPC to join. Council is invited to provide comments and edits to the Event form, as needed. This discussion can be followed up in the Governance/Membership and Care Strategies committee.

Event Requests Form

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HIVPCEvents>



HIV PLANNING COUNCIL COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Executive Committee needs nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary. Per the bylaws, nominations must be made during a Business meeting.
- Governance/Membership combined Care Strategies Committee (GMCS) committee chair is Zachery Garay
 - March meeting was canceled after BC liaison informed OoS that a member is ineligible due to lack of completed trainings. This member will be resubmitted to the CEO for approval.
 - During February, Planning Council received interest from two people. They will be eligible to interview at the next available GMCS meeting
 - Three interviews were conducted in February. They completed orientation on March 4 and will be sent to City Council for approval once CEO Watson has signed their approval letters.
 - Two members of the community are eligible to interview at this time
- Finance/Allocations combined Strategic Planning/Needs Assessment (FASPNA) Committee Chair of HIV Planning Council is Ashley Garling.
 - The Comprehensive Needs Assessment report was started in the off-season to compile the epidemiological profiles, system of care analysis, provider capacity and capabilities, and preliminary analysis of services needs and barriers for those in and out of care. Y2 Literature Review topics and proposal was sent out via email. The committee will continue their discussion in the April meeting due to the Planner II being out. Y3 Special Studies will start in April and expected to conclude before PSRA.
 - The Stigma Index Project requests for Planning Council sponsorship that were no cost were recommended for full Planning Council approval at the next Business meeting.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Ryan White Part A Grant Activities

- Monthly Project Officer Call
 - Our new Project Officer is Kristen Athey
 - The PO would like PC to look into an outside organization hosting the PLH CAB/Caucus due to concerns with staff workload
 - PO would like to know more about differences in data between Stigma Index and Needs Assessment
 - Planning Council members may join monthly calls to provide updates, comment, and/or ask questions
 - Project Officer meeting occurs the second Tuesday of every 1 month(s) effective 11/14/2023 until 7/9/2024 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
 - Save this link to join: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Needs Assessment

- Completed Activities include: 2021 Provider Capacity and Capabilities Survey, annual Epidemiological Profile, Year 1 Survey on Assessment of Service Needs and Barriers Preliminary Analysis, System of Care Analysis
- FASPNA is being asked to make recommendations for Year 2 Needs Assessment Activities (special studies and deeper dive activities)
 - Proposed Year 2 Needs Assessment Activities
 - Literature Review of studies related to oral health care, barriers to healthcare access related to the rising cost of housing, telemedicine access, impact of COVID-19 on HIV Services has been posed by the Planner. FASPNA will decide the topic to focus on with potential to decide on a target population to examine in their April meeting.
 - The Resource Guide will be a part of our Needs Assessment activities. OoS and FTC coordinator have been talking with PIO and IT on the best mechanism to use to share and create this resource for the community. We will have this resource included in our final Needs Assessment Report
- Needs Assessment 2021-2024 Report is being drafted currently to compile the current completed NA items. The Literature review is expected to follow in April, due to being tabled in February and March for later discussion. FY24 expects to conduct special studies via focus groups for year 3.

Integrated Plan

- Completed and submitted to HRSA and received feedback updates from HRSA. Discussed comments with HRSA in October with limited notice and were unable to invite PC members. These comments were discussed at the 1/29 Business Meeting.
- Planner II has made preliminary changes to the integrated plan and will wait until a new supervisor to share the potential changes with the council
- Planner II for HIV Planning Council will develop a Dashboard that will update HIV Planning Council on progress, implementation, challenges, and areas of improvement beginning this spring.

Outreach and Recruitment

HIV Caucus

The Office of Support has been able to find contacts for existing caucus/CABs with 6 out of 8 subrecipients. However, these existing caucuses/CABs are not a majority of PLWH who receive Ryan White services.

Therefore, with approval from the chair, Office of Support is leading the efforts to develop a caucus of people with lived HIV experience (including non-RWHA Part A consumers) to participate and provide feedback on Fast Track Cities, Ending the HIV Epidemic, and other stakeholder activities. Members will be compensated for participation and will be provided with opportunities to learn more about Ryan White Part A, Ending the HIV Epidemic, Fast Track Cities, and other topics of interest. The Office of Support has proposed a specific amount of HIVPC budget for compensation and will develop an ask for Ending the HIV Epidemic funds in the coming months.

Please send any events related to our MAI/priority populations to hivplanningcouncil@austintexas.gov.

The Planner has received invitations to participate from the following organizations. Please let Nathalia, Zaria, or hivplanningcouncil@austintexas.gov know if you would like for us to table on behalf of the HIVPC or with us at these upcoming events by April 1, 2024.

It's A Birthing Thang! On Saturday April 13, 11:30-3PM, Austin Public Health's Maternal Infant Outreach Program (MIOP) invites you to participate as we celebrate Black Maternal Health Week. Whether you're a parent-to-be, birth professional, or birth enthusiast, this event is for you. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/851986744287?aff=oddtcreator>

Texas Public Health Networking Fair at the University of Texas at Austin has asked Nathalia Delgadillo to speak about her experience with the HIV Planning Council on April 5th, from 6:00-7:30PM. Nathalia invites any interested HIVPC members to join her to detail their perspective as a member.

If you or anyone know is interested in joining the HIV Caucus, please share the link or QR code below:

<https://forms.office.com/g/RRgmjk8N4C>

HIV Caucus Interest Form



Technical Assistance and Training

- Each subcommittee will be asked to add training recommendations for the Planning Council and/or community audiences to the Training Calendar. Trainings available in the community are provided via Digest, conferences,

and email to members.

- If there are trainings that members feel are needed for 2024, please let Office of Support know.

Partnerships

Fast Track Cities

- The FTC Coordinator is Michelle Osorio, michelle.osorio@austintexas.gov.

CDC EHE's Coordinator is Aurelia Lopez, Aurelia.Lopez@austintexas.gov

TX HIV Syndicate

- Austin Area Regional Co-Chairs are Brandon Wollerson and Nathalia Delgadillo
- We are still accepting membership applications, so reach out to Nathalia for application details.

Other

- If you have recommendations for events for the next Staff Report, please submit them to the Office of Support @ HIVPlanningCouncil@austintexas.gov
- To HIV Planning Council members, when communicating with the Office of Support, be sure to cc or send direct to the hivplanningcouncil@austintexas.gov. So, that communication is received amongst all staff members.
- Please remain subscribed to our HIV Planning Council MailChimp as the Office of Support sends out important updates and announcements through that platform.
- The Office of Support Planners are looking to see if the HIVPC would be interested in having bi-weekly office hours. Please send a preferred time and date as to when you would like to have this resource available.