

## Austin HIV Website

### HIV Planning Council Page

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#### Bio:

#### Current:

The HIV Planning Council is a group of dedicated volunteers who help steer the local response to the HIV crisis. Council members prioritize services to help people living with and affected by HIV. The HIV Planning Council works to ensure the best care for the community.

#### Proposed update:

The Austin Area HIV Planning Council is a dedicated group of volunteers guiding the local response to HIV. Comprised of passionate individuals, the Council prioritizes essential services for those living with and impacted by HIV. Their core mission is to ensure the Austin community receives the highest quality of care.

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#### Body:

#### Current:

The Council's main goal is to plan and decide how to distribute the Ryan White grant funds in the community through various services. The goal is to efficiently fund services that meet the multiple care needs of HIV clients with limited resources.

Other projects the Planning Council works on:

- **Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan:** This is a guide, developed by the Planning Council, that outlines the goals and objectives they intend to achieve to improve quality and access to prevention and care services for PLWH in the Austin Area over a five-year period.
- **Austin Area HIV Needs Assessment:** Every three years the HIV Planning Council conducts needs assessment of the people living with HIV in the Austin Area to help determine how to prioritize the funds available for services.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the HIV Planning Council, fill out the Membership Application below and submit to the Office of Support. Once your application is received, the Office of Support will contact you to set up an interview.

Applicants who are members of, employees of, or who have a financial interest in, an organization seeking Ryan White funds **can** serve on the Council. However, they cannot vote on awarding funds when their particular agency's service category is involved.

**Proposed update:**

The Austin HIV Council plays a crucial role in ensuring people living with HIV have access to the care they need. We are a dedicated group of volunteers that acts as stewards for grant money, strategically allocating funds to support essential services. Our expertise goes beyond just distribution – we actively work to improve the overall landscape of HIV prevention and care in the Austin area, including Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson counties.

Here's a closer look at our impact:

- **Strategic Grant Distribution:** The Council meticulously plans how to distribute Ryan White grant funds. This ensures these resources reach organizations and programs that provide critical healthcare services, medication, and support programs for people living with HIV.
- **Improving Care Through Planning:** The Council doesn't stop at funding. They actively develop a comprehensive Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. This five-year roadmap outlines their goals and objectives for improving access to quality care in the community.
- **Staying Informed, Serving Better:** The Council understands that needs evolve. Every three years, they conduct a thorough Austin Area HIV Needs Assessment. This allows them to stay up-to-date on the specific challenges faced by people living with HIV and adjust their funding priorities accordingly.

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**Become a Part of the Solution:**

Are you passionate about making a difference in the fight against HIV? Consider joining the Austin HIV Planning Council! By lending your voice and expertise, you can help ensure the most vulnerable members of our community have access to the care and support they deserve. Just fill out a membership application – but remember, if your organization applies for grant funding, you won't be able to vote on those specific grants to avoid any conflict of interest.

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## Online New Member Training

- [Ryan White Part A Primer](#): HRSA guidance on HIV Planning Councils
- [Austin Transitional Grant Area \(TGA\) HIV Planning Council Bylaws - 2023](#)
- [Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Manual](#)
- [Target HIV Training Guide for RWHAP Part A Planning Councils/Planning Bodies: A Member's First Planning Cycle](#)

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## [Application for Membership on Austin Area HIV Planning Council](#)

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## Important Planning Council Documents

[2017-2021 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan](#). This is a guide developed by the Planning Council, Fast Track Cities, and Ending the HIV Epidemic that outlines the goals and objectives they intend to achieve to improve quality and access to prevention and care services for PLWH in the Austin TGA over a five-year period.

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[2017 Austin Area HIV Needs Assessment](#). Every three years, the HIV Planning Council conducts a needs assessment of the people living with HIV/AIDS in the Austin TGA to help determine how to prioritize the funds available for services.

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**For more information** about the HIV Planning Council, meeting announcements, or membership opportunities, visit the [City of Austin Boards & Commission website](#). To stay up to date with Austin Area HIV Planning Council activities, [sign up for our email distribution list](#).

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