



Baton Rouge TGA Ryan White Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022

Location: Video/Teleconference

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Gjvar Payne

BRTGA Advisory Council members present:

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| 1. Gjvar Payne | 2. Cletis Tucker | 3. Sonya Milliman |
| 4. Chambolyn Terrance | 5. Sharon Decuir | 6. Keneisha Keener |

COMMUNITY Members:

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| 1. Eric Johnson | 4. Elizabeth Roberts |
| 2. Sarah Jackson | 5. Tasha Myles |
| 3. Hattie Merrells | |

BRTGA Advisory Council Members absent:

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| 1. Alexis Powell (<i>excused</i>) | 4. Rochelle Cole (<i>excused</i>) |
| 2. Carmen Williams (<i>unexcused</i>) | 5. Charles Jean (<i>unexcused</i>) |
| 3. Sonya Jackson (<i>unexcused</i>) | 6. Kelli Collins (<i>unexcused</i>) |
| 7. Tanya Brown (<i>excused</i>) | |

BRTGA Advisory Council Staff present: Samantha Kemp

RW Part A Staff present:

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| 1. Danette Brown | 3. Latoya Winfrey |
| 2. Lori Honore | 4. Anisha Winfrey |

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gjvar Payne at 3:05 p.m.

• Welcome/Mission Statement:

Gjvar Payne welcomed attendees and read the BRTGA RW Advisory Council's Mission Statement.

• Roll Call/Quorum Declaration:

Sonya Milliman conducted the roll call. Quorum not met.

• Adoption of the April/May 2022 Agenda:

Adoption of Agenda tabled until July meeting due to lack of quorum.

• Adoption of the March/April 2022 Minutes:

Adopt of Minutes tabled until July meeting due to lack of quorum.

II. Report from Ryan White Part A Recipient- presented by Danette Brown

A. CORE Medical Service Waiver

- The Grantee will apply for the CORE Medical Service Waiver.
- Began sending letters of support out, starting on June 9th, to State HIV/AIDS Director, Medicaid Director, ADAP, etc.
- As a reminder, 75% of funding goes to CORE services, such as outpatient ambulatory, early intervention, mental health, medical case management, etc..

- 25% is for support services, such as transportation, emergency financial services, housing, utilities, food vouchers, etc.

B. Second Parcel Received

- Second parcel of Part A funds was received around June 9th, 2022.
- There are still two more steps to be completed before the funds can be sent to the agencies.
 - Metro Council has to approve of the grant funds before it can be sent to the subrecipients (this takes place over 2 meetings).
 - Towards the end of June, Ms. Danette will introduce the funds to the Metro Council (first meeting).
 - The Metro Council meeting following the first one, will be the meeting where the Metro Council can approve the funds.

III. HRSA RW Site Visit

- This was discussed at the May AC meeting. We will not go over this again, due to lack of quorum.

IV. ByLaws Update

A. Term Limits

- This was discussed at the May AC meeting. We will not go over this again, due to lack of quorum.

B. Meeting Times

- This was discussed at the May AC meeting. We will not go over this again, due to lack of quorum.

C. Hybrid Meetings

- This was discussed at the May AC meeting. We will not go over this again, due to lack of quorum.

V. Committee Reports

- A. EHE Committee-** Out of Care Needs Assessment was received June 8th. It will be sent to the EHE and Strategic Planning Committee, to get feedback on the verbiage of the survey to ensure that it isn't stigmatizing.
- B. Membership-** Chairperson position is now open, since Gjvar has assumed the position as the AC Chairperson. There is one application that is pending. Membership committee will continue to make recommendations and strategize recruitment.
- C. Strategic Planning-** No updates at this time.
- D. Allocations-** Chair was absent, no update at this time.

VI. Public Comments:

- Sarah Jackson – Requests an application for membership. Will be sent via e-mail.
- Cletis Tucker – CareSouth is hosting HIV Testing Day on June 25th from 9A-1P. Additional information will be provided as it is received.
- PRIDE Month is in effect with various events taking place throughout the city.
 - PRIDE Fest is June 25th at the River Center
 - Colors of PRIDE has a website that has all events for PRIDE month listed. That website is www.colorsofpridebr.org.
- Keneisha Keener – OHCC – National Testing Day event – June 27th at Walgreens on Old Hammond and Airline. More information will be sent out as it is received.

Please Note:

- All advisory Council meetings are recorded for minute purposes. Please be mindful when stating personal information (**name or HIV status**) as anyone (**members of the media**) including can ask to listen to recordings as it will be public record due to the Open Meetings Act. If you would

like your health status known, but do not wish to state your name, you can simply say: **“I am a person living with HIV”**, before stating your opinion.

- If you are representing an organization, please give the name of the organization.
- If you work for an organization, but are representing yourself, please state that you are attending as an individual and not as a representative of your organization.
- Individuals can also submit written comments to the Advisory Council Coordinator who will read the comments on behalf of the individual at this point in the meeting.
- All information from the public must be provided in this portion of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.