



Baton Rouge TGA Ryan White Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Sharon Decuir

Co-Chairperson: Gjvar Payne

Location: Video/Teleconference

BRTGA Advisory Council members present:

1. Chambolyn Terrance
2. Sonya Milliman
3. Gjvar Payne
4. Sharon Decuir

COMMUNITY Members:

1. Angie Brown
1. Jasper Bridgewater
2. Charles Jean
3. Jasper Bridgewater
5. Julie Cacioppo
6. Rochelle Cole
7. Tyrenne Bridges
8. Melissa Sheldon

BRTGA Advisory Council Members absent:

1. Kelli Collins (unexcused)
2. Cletis Tucker (unexcused)
3. Carmen Williams (unexcused)
4. Sonya Jackson (unexcused)
5. Alexis Powell (unexcused)

BRTGA Advisory Council Staff present: Samantha Kemp

RW Part A Staff present:

1. Danette Brown
2. Lori Honore
3. Krissi Crumpton
4. Latoya Winfrey
5. Anisha Winfrey

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Sharon Decuir at 3:05 p.m.

• Welcome/Mission Statement:

Sharon Decuir welcomed attendees and read the BRTGA RW Advisory Council's Mission Statement.

• Roll Call/Quorum Declaration:

Sonya Milliman conducted the roll call. Quorum was not met.

• Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda not adopted due to lack of quorum.

• Adoption of the Minutes:

Minutes not adopted due to lack of quorum.

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

- The EHE site visit with the Recipient will be rescheduled due to the Program Administrator being on leave. The Program Administrator will inform everyone when the site visit has been rescheduled.

- The Recipient Office is preparing to administer the Newly Diagnosed Needs Assessment Survey for people newly diagnosed with HIV over the last 12 to 18 months. Kendra Jackson, Rapid Start Coordinator with the State of Louisiana, is a collaborator with the City of Baton Rouge and will assist in editing the survey tool, providing feedback and distributing the surveys.

III. Legal Services under EHE Program – Chambolyn Terrance

- EHE Grant allows free legal services to be provided to persons without them being in case management.
- Requirements: must have documentation of status and the client must live in the Baton Rouge Transitional Grant Area.
- Legal Services can assist with Social Security, discrimination, Power of Attorney, etc.
- If you have any clients or know of anyone in need of legal services, please have them call 225-302-5968 to schedule an appointment.
- If you know of anyone outside of the BRTGA that needs services, they can be referred to a statewide provider of legal services.
- Question: Is there a referral that Chambolyn would like for the clients to use?
Answer: A self-referral can be submitted. Chambolyn will send it to Samantha to send to everyone.

IV. Committees

- Committees have been appointed by selections made by Council members on the voting poll. Those who did not complete the poll have been appointed by Sharon.
- Committees have been announced and follow up e-mail will be sent.
- Allocations Committee – Kelli Collins, Sonya Jackson
- Membership Committee – Carmen Williams, Gjvar Payne
- Strategic Planning – Chambolyn Terrance, Cletis Tucker
- EHE – Alexis Powell, Sonya Milliman, Meta Smith-Davis (community member)
- An offer is extended to community members to participate on a committee. Community members are asked to send an e-mail or reach out to Samantha if interested.

V. Elections

- Nominations are now being accepted for Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary and Member-at-Large.
- Nominations being accepted until February 3, 2022 at 10am.
- Elections will be held February 10, 2022 during the February Advisory Council Meeting.

VI. Trainings

- Mandatory Trainings to be completed by the March Advisory Council meeting.
- Ethics and Sexual Harassment training, required by the City of Baton Rouge for all members of the Advisory Council.
- Please send a copy of your certificates to Samantha at accsamantha.kemp@outlook.com.

VII. Public Comments:

- Gjvar- Seeking individuals with criminal justice involvement for a research project with incentives.
 - Survey/Covid test - \$50 gift card
 - One day follow up - \$20 gift card
 - Referral Fee - \$20 gift card, up to 6 referrals
 - Ends in a couple of weeks

- Charles Jean – Evening testing from 5-8pm, Wednesday Evenings at 3849 North Blvd. The target audience is age 18 – 45 years old, Latinx, African-American, straight. Testing for HIV, HEP C, Syphilis, and Chlamydia & Gonorrhea.

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