



## Baton Rouge TGA Ryan White Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022

**Location:** Video/Teleconference

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Chairperson:** Sharon Decuir

### **BRTGA Advisory Council members present:**

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| 1. Gjvar Payne         | 2. Alexis Powell | 3. Sonya Milliman     |
| 4. Charles Carlos Jean | 5. Sharon Decuir | 6. Chambolyn Terrance |
| 7. Carmen Williams     |                  |                       |

### **COMMUNITY Members:**

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| 1. Rochelle Cole                   | 7. Elizabeth Roberts |
| 2. Hattie Merrells                 | 8. Trina Wallace     |
| 3. Tyrenne Bridges                 | 9. Angie Brown       |
| 4. Ro-Montee Williams              | 10. Mitzi Ehrlich    |
| 5. Jasper Bridgewater              | 11. Linda Matthews   |
| 6. Stacy (no last name registered) |                      |

### **BRTGA Advisory Council Members absent:**

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| 1. Cletis Tucker | 3. Kelli Collins |
| 2. Sonya Jackson |                  |

**BRTGA Advisory Council Staff present:** Samantha Kemp

### **RW Part A Staff present:**

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

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Decuir at 3:06 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 declared.

#### **• Adoption of the March 2022 Agenda:**

Motion to adopt Agenda was made by Sonya Milliman and seconded by Gjvar Payne.

#### **• Adoption of the February 2022 Minutes:**

Motion to adopt Minutes was made by Gjvar Payne and seconded by Chambolyn Terrance.

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

### **A. Newly Diagnosed Needs Assessment Survey**

- The completion of surveys is moving pretty slow, but it is moving along.
- There are still some providers that need to pick up their gift cards.
- The survey is solely for newly diagnosed clients, who have received their diagnosis in the last 12 months.
- Looking to possibly get an ambassador to help push the surveys and see a better outcome in participation of getting them completed.
- It is very important that we get the needs assessment survey completed to start work on the EHE year three. If you know someone that needs to complete it or needs a way to complete it, please let the Recipient know.

### **B. RW Site Visit**

- Site visit will be April 25-29, 2022, virtually.
- Executive Committee members will be involved in the site visit. Communication will be sent to the supervisors of the Executive Committee members, asking for their full support in allowing those members to participate in the site visit.
- Upon receiving more dates and information, it will be passed along to the Council and Community members as well.

### **C. Provider Contract/Sub-Recipient Contract**

- Metro Council approved the Part A contract extension on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Providers can look for amendment on the website.

### **D. EBR Parish Prison**

- Healthcare Providers for EBR Parish Prison is Turnkey Healthcare.
- Working with Turnkey to get newly released persons linked back to care and ensure they have their medications.
- Persons have been going as long as three weeks without any meds or being seen by a provider. We hope that this will decrease the amount of time that clients are without medications, treatments, or care.

### **E. EHE Committee Review**

- Informing the EHE Committee that there is a lot to go over.
- Will be reviewing the recent site visit from March 2-3, 2022.
- Need feedback on what activities need to be funded for the upcoming grant year.

## **III. Update from Membership Committee**

Gjvar-held 3 application interviews for Rochelle Cole, Keneisha Keener & Tanya Brown, they were submitted to Mayor's for appointment. We are currently reviewing other applications along with those of current memberships to meet the requirements of 33 ½% PLWH on council and are working on strategy to have that amount seated at the table.

## **IV. Elections/Voting**

Danette- received communication from 2 community members regarding the transparency of the election. Danette apologized and stated that we will share the results & who was nominated. She asked that community members to share their concerns and/or questions & we will address them. Samantha- apologized also & shared the results:

Chair:	Sharon- 55.6%	Gjvar -44.4%
Co-Chair:	Gjvar- 66.7%	Sonya- 33.3%
Secretary:	Unopposed	Sonya-100%
Member At Large:	Unopposed	Alexis-100%

There were no public comments regarding the election.

**V. Ethics/Sexual Harassment Training**

Sharon-They were due today at 3pm and not sure on any extensions, please get certificates to Samantha ASAP.

**VI. Public Comments:**

Danette-OHCC sponsoring event on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in recognition of NWAGHAD.

Sonya-PEER sponsoring event at SU tonight at 5pm in recognition of NWAGHAD.

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- 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 at 3:33.**