



## Baton Rouge TGA Ryan White Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, May 12, 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. Kelli Collins |                  |                   |

### **COMMUNITY Members:**

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| 1. Eric Johnson       | 8. Jimecia Williams |
| 2. Jasper Bridgewater | 9. Rochelle Cole    |
| 3. Hattie Merrells    | 10. Keneisha Keener |
| 4. Sarah Jackson      | 11. Melissa         |
| 5. Angie Brown        | 12. Mitzi Ehrlich   |
| 6. Jared Hymowitz     | 13. Julie Cacioppo  |
| 7. Milan Jackson      | 14. Trina Wallace   |

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

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| 1. Alexis Powell ( <i>unexcused</i> )   | 4. Sharon Decuir ( <i>excused</i> )      |
| 2. Carmen Williams ( <i>unexcused</i> ) | 5. Charles Jean ( <i>unexcused</i> )     |
| 3. Sonya Jackson ( <i>unexcused</i> )   | 6. Chambolyn Terrance ( <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. Krissi Crumpton | 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:**

Samantha Kemp conducted the roll call. Quorum was not declared.

### **• Adoption of the April/May 2022 Agenda:**

Adoption of Agenda tabled until June meeting.

### **• Adoption of the March/April 2022 Minutes:**

Adopt of Minutes tabled until June meeting.

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

### **A. HRSA Site Visit**

- The Ryan White Office has completed the HRSA Federal site visit and it went well.
- The full report will be available in June, and will be reviewed in its entirety with Advisory Council once it's available.

- One of the biggest pieces of feedback given was during the Community meeting. Unfortunately, there was negative feedback regarding the interactions with the case managers.
- The following is some of the feedback given during the community meeting;
  - Clients aren't receiving call backs from their case managers.
  - Not informed when their case manager may be out of the office for an extended period of time, thus resulting in the client having to wait an excessive period of time for status updates on their case.
  - They are told to jump through hoops and hurdles, required to provide more documentation and information than what the RW program requires for services.
  - If a client reports a concern or complaint, they are treated differently (in a negative way), by the staff.
- Recipient will be hosting listening sessions with case managers to understand and get down to the root of the problem.
- Another concern is that clients are going to bed hungry. We need to ensure that we are addressing all of the client's needs.
- More feedback from the site visit will be given as soon as we receive the full report.

#### **B. CORE Medical Service Waiver**

- Grantee will be requesting assistance from the Advisory Council as a CORE Medical service waiver is submitted.
  - The Waiver will allow the Grantee the flexibility to spend the funds in a way other than the prescribed 75% being spent on CORE Medical Services and 25% being spent on support services.
- Jared Hymowitz commented that he and his office would like to provide support with the Case Management listening sessions, in whatever way is needed.

### **III. Site Visit**

- We received feedback for the Advisory Council.
- One suggestion was that the Executive Committee request an audience with the Mayor and seek her assistance with getting the needed seats filled.

### **IV. ByLaws Update**

#### **A. Term Limits**

- It has been recommended that the term limits for serving on the Advisory Council be increased from 2 years to 3 years.
- This will give members time to accomplish more during their tenure.

#### **B. Meeting Times**

- It has been recommended that the Advisory Council meeting be moved to a more accessible time for members and community members alike.
- Last year, during the July meeting, this was brought to a vote and the members voted in favor of changing the meeting time.
- We did not complete the process of determining a suitable date and time to change it to. So this has been brought back to the table.

#### **C. Hybrid Meetings**

- In preparation of going back to in-person meetings, a link has been sent to the Executive Committee that is for a tool to assist with transitioning into hybrid meetings and in-person meetings.
- This tool can be vital in helping us get back to our normal operations of meetings monthly.

### **V. Committee Reports**

- A. **EHE Committee-** Meeting has been rescheduled until next week. Work has been done on the work plan and an update will be provided during the next Advisory Council meeting.
- B. **Membership-** Reviewing percentages of representation needed and roles needed based on positions needed to be filled.
- C. **Strategic Planning-** Chair was absent.
- D. **Allocations-** Chair was absent.

**VI. Presentation by Jared Hymowitz from Healthy BR**

**VII. Public Comments:**

- Gjvar Payne –
  - Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 12noon – 4pm
    - Pop-Up Shop/Health Fair at Out of the Box in Scotland
    - Seeking Vendors that would like to set up a table for their organization. Please contact Gjvar for details.

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- 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.
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**Meeting Adjourned.**