


**PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**March 27, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

	Stan Baker		David Henderson		Richard Rhynes
	Jackie Bzostek		Shannon Hilgart		Lydia Rosenbaum
	Tom Cassidy		Ray Moore		Steven Stellner
	Don Clyburn		Mike Parker		Ron Stinson
	Mistie Coovert		Randy Parsons		Charles Turner
	Stacey Davis		Francine Pratt		Judy Wenzel
	Hector Galvez-Lopez		Sylvia Rawlings		Mark Wilson
	Casey Garner				

**PLANNING COUNCIL STAFF**

	Gil Flores		Jamie Schield
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 = Present     
  = Excused Absence     
  = Unexcused Absence

**Guests Present:** Renee Castoreno (AA), Shawna Stewart (AOC), Jenny Finley (MHMR), Boonoe Taylor (AOC), Sarai Garcia (AA), Arantxa De Kernion (AA), John Corpus (AOC), Lisa Muttiah (AA), Bea Lampka (AOC), Jim Downey (AOC), Diane Turner (PMC), Nicole Harris (Sam House), Anthony Powell (AOC), Ronnie Wallace (ViiV), Margie Drake (AA), Ana Colin-Hernandez (AOC), Melody Cordell (PMC), Vera Parker (ViiV), Anne Freeman (UTSWMC), Ted Lovato (Sam House)

**I. Call to Order / Introductions – Randy Parsons, Chair**

- a. Randy called the meeting to order at 10:50 am and welcomed all the guests.

**II. Planning Council Minutes**

- a. The minutes were approved as presented by consensus.

**III. Program**

- a. SHARP (Statewide Healthcare Access Research Project) – Januari Leo, Legacy Community Health Services
  - i. Januari Leo presented on a plan for the state of Texas to address changes when the Affordable Healthcare Act takes full effect in 2014.

- ii. Januari discussed how Medicaid will expand to provide services for more people. Ryan White will become a net to catch those who do not qualify. In specific, this mostly will be undocumented individuals.
- iii. Januari mentioned that establishing Essential Health Benefits is important. Medicaid and other insurance carriers will be required to cover these. She mentioned it is a good idea to begin advocating for Essential Health Benefits needed for HIV+ individuals.
- iv. There was some good discussion with several people asking questions.

#### **IV. Report Q & A**

- a. There were no questions for the reports.

#### **V. Planning Council Staff Report**

- a. Jamie Schield discussed the questions for the Comprehensive Plan that were asked of various groups. Jamie said it has led to discussions about where community input is needed.
- b. Jamie also reported on meetings with the Texas Department of State Health Services about the new jurisdictional plan. The goal is to have one state plan for prevention and services. However, there is concern that the Part A grantees may not want to be involved. Jackie Bzostek added that everyone is waiting on the Supreme Court's decision on the Affordable Healthcare Act.
- c. Jamie then reported that with the last round of allocations, funds for Patient Navigator almost doubled. However, there were some special instructions added to the funds.
  - i. All Patient Navigators funded through the AA must have at least 50% of their job specific to PN activities.
  - ii. All PNs must attend the monthly Positive Voices Coalition meetings.
  - iii. All PNs must attend the Positive Voices consumer input group meetings in their area.
  - iv. Agencies should make attempts to hire HIV+ peers as PNs.

#### **VI. Hot Button Issues**

- a. There were no hot button issues.

#### **VII. Announcements**

- a. Due to the time, the Allocations and Evaluation Committees' meetings will be rescheduled. Chairs of those committees will notify their respective members.
- b. The next Planning Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, 2012 from 10:45 am – 11:45 am. The meeting will be held at Tarrant County Public Health, 1101 S Main St @ Rosedale in the Pasteur Room.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Submitted by

Gil Flores