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**March 28, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

	Stan Baker		Ted Lovato		Francine Pratt
	Jackie Bzostek		Paula McNeely		Sheryl Ross
	Tom Cassady		Mandy Mobley		Steven Stellner
	Don Clyburn		Ray Moore		Aaron Taylor
	Ana Colin Hernandez		Kellie Norcott		Charles Turner
	John Gonzales		Vera Parker		Judy Wenzel
	Rick Isaminger		Randy Parsons		Lonnetta Wilson

**PLANNING COUNCIL STAFF**

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

**Administrative Agency Staff Present:** Margie Drake, Lisa Muttiah, Renee Thomas, Deepti Joshi (intern)

**Guests Present:** Catherine Parra (Walgreens), Regina Waits (USDHHS), Michael Lummus, Sharon Herrera (LGBTQ Saves), Rebecca Rodriguez (AHS), Carol Creech (HELP), Gena Rrykhodko (MHMRTC), Paige Peihntel (MHMRTC), Carrie Teal (MHMRTC\_), Cheryl Shearman (MHMRTC), Adam Cruz (MHMRTC), Shawna Stewart (AOC), Peter Kowal ((SAM), Lathisa Soders (SAM), Helen DeMore (SAM), Justin McNeely (SAM), Janel Holt (TCCD), Patrick Moore, Kim Menke, RN (AHF), Mukam Jendayi (TXBWI)

**I. Call to Order – Stan Baker, Chair**

- a. Stan Baker called the meeting to order at 10:47 am.
- b. Stan asked people to introduce themselves and asked Planning Council members to denote their membership on the Planning Council and to which committee(s) they belong.
- c. Stan reminded asked people to read the conflict of interest statement at the bottom of the agenda.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- a. The February 28, 2017 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

**III. Reports**

- a. Committee Updates

- i. Allocations Committee – Ted Lovato announced that there is no meeting today. He shared that the committee did a good job at the last meeting.
    - ii. Comprehensive Planning Committee – Lonna Wilson shared that the committee did not meet this morning due to a lack of quorum. However, they are establishing Link to Care and Barriers to Care workgroups.
    - iii. Evaluation Committee – Shawna Stewart noted that the group is working on the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism.
    - iv. Positive Voices Coalition – Ana Colin-Hernandez mentioned that her committee did not meet due to spring break vacations.
  - b. Planning Council Staff
    - i. Jamie Schield reported that the area is waiting on its final Part A grant award. The Part B award was received.
    - ii. Jamie added that DSHS completed its site visit. Now, AA and Planning Staff are preparing for the HRSA site visit.
    - iii. Jamie commented that the Allocations Committee is applying for a Core Service Waiver to allow for more than 25% of Part A funds be applied to Support Services.
    - iv. Gil Flores boasted that Lonna Wilson will be an intern with the Planning Council beginning in the fall.
  - c. Administrative Agency
    - i. Intern Deepti Joshi gave an overview on her study on youth with HIV.
    - ii. She confessed that there were only 8 participants, but still provided some thoughts.
    - iii. There was some discussion on the topic.

#### **IV. Planning Council Program**

- a. LGBTQ Saves – Sharon Herrera
  - i. Sharon Herrera gave a brief history of her life and coming out story.
  - ii. Sharon explained her passion for creating LGBTQ Saves.
  - iii. The group reaches those ages 13-18 only.
  - iv. They meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. However, the goal is to have a drop in center open every day.
  - v. There was lots of discussion and questions from the group.

#### **V. Announcements**

- a. Carol Creech stated that she had new posters for those who wanted them. She apologized that there are more Latinas represented on the posters. This is an issue with the printer. Also, the posters are in English and Spanish.
- b. Carol also remarked that HELP is seeking a tester.
- c. Regina Waits, HIV/AIDS Regional Consultant for US Department of Health and Human Services, indicated that they have a small pot of funding for HIV projects. They cannot fund food, incentives, or t-shirts, but can help with various other things. She asked people to speak with her after the meeting if they had questions.
- d. Jamie Schield reminded people about the HRSA webinar at 1:00 pm today that is based on the review of Planning Councils done by Hila Berl who visited

the area for the study. At the request of Michael Lummus, Jamie will resend the email with the link to everyone.

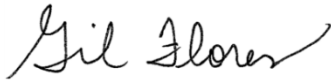
**VI. Next Meeting**

- a. The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 10:45 am – 11:45 am at Tarrant County Public Health.

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Submitted by



Gil Flores

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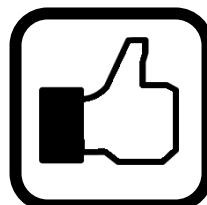
Stan Baker



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