Seattle TGA HIV Planning Council
Monday, April 9, 2018 4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
2100 Building: 2100 24th Avenue South
CALL IN: 206-263-8114, CONFERENCE ID: 459350#

AGENDA
Overall note: ensure consumer input throughout the meeting on each topic

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements 4:00

II. Agenda:
   ➢ Action: Review and approve

III. Minutes:
   ➢ Action: Review and approve

IV. Meeting Rules Reminder and Public Comment (Nicole and Jason)
   • See information on the back of this agenda

V. Icebreaker (Dorian) 4:10

VI. Recipient Report (Kate) 4:20

VII. Prioritization Data Series: Early Identification of HIV/AIDS (Susan Buskin) 4:30
   • Susan will present information about how the TGA is identifying new HIV cases. Also, who they believe is infected, but does not know it and efforts to find those people.

VIII. Break 5:15

IX. Committee Reports: 5:30
   • Executive/Membership Committee Report (Nicole and Jason)
     ➢ Action: Vote on Katie Hara for Council membership
   • PSRA Preview (Kevin and Jason)
   • SNAC (Brian)

X. Prioritization Data Series: What is Currently Funded by Part A (Kate Briddell) 5:45
   • This is an encore presentation previously given to the PSRA Committee, as the group felt all Council members would benefit from it!

XI. Adjourn 6:30

Attachments: March minutes

Barrier-free location
Reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities available upon advance request.
Questions? Call: 206-263-2030

Visitors: Please read the information on the back to make your visit easier!
About Council Meetings

Welcome to the Seattle TGA HIV Planning Council, we are so glad you came! Here are a few things to know about what you will see and hear this afternoon, and how you can participate!

Please have some food!
At full Council meetings, food is available for everyone, so please don’t be shy about taking some!

Where should visitors sit?
Visitors can sit at the table with the blue “Visitors” table tents, or at any of the chairs that are against the wall.

Introducing yourself at the beginning of the meeting:
At the start of the meeting, everyone (Council members, staff and visitors) are all asked to introduce themselves, and state any agency affiliations. “Affiliations” simply means that you either work for, or on the board of, an agency that receives Ryan White Part A funds. If you don’t work for an agency and are not on the board of one, just say, “I’m unaligned.” Here are some examples: “Hi, I’m Jane Blue and I work for Jane’s Food and Meals” “Hi, I’m Fred Green and I’m unaligned.”

What does “Unaligned Consumer” mean?
This is a term used to describe people whose only connection to funded agencies is that they use their services. This term comes from the Ryan White legislation and includes both People Living with HIV (PLWH) and the parents of minor children with HIV. It excludes those PLWH who do not use Part A services, and/or work for agencies. Unaligned Consumers play a key role in Part A funded areas.

What is a “TGA”?
The first part of the Ryan White legislation, Part A, is for metropolitan areas hardest hit by the HIV epidemic. These are grouped by size of the epidemic into EMAs (Eligible Metropolitan Areas) and TGAs (Transitional Grant Areas). The Seattle TGA is comprised of King, Snohomish and Island Counties.

Making a comment at the meeting:
Anyone who is visiting the Council can speak up at the beginning of the meeting when the Chairs call for Public Comment. This is the time to make a comment about something on the agenda, or bring up a topic you would like the Council to discuss in the future. You can talk for up to 2 minutes (which is much longer than it seems).

What are those laminated 4” X 8” cards all about?
The Council uses these to help move the process along. There are two that you may need to use:

The “C” Card: If you are affiliated with an agency, and you want to talk about a service category in which that agency receives money, then you need to hold this card up while you are speaking. Here is an example: You work for an agency that receives funding for Transportation. You feel that the way transportation is handled for People Living with HIV who live in East Snohomish County just isn’t working. The Council wants to hear from you, and wants you to tell them your thoughts, but just remember to hold up that “C” card the whole time you are speaking.

The “J” Card: In this case, “J” stands for “Jargon.” There are many terms and acronyms in the Council’s work, and it’s easy to get lost. WE DON’T WANT YOU (or anyone else) TO GET LOST! So, if someone uses terms or acronyms you are unfamiliar with, PLEASE, waive your “J” card. Many people will thank you!
Planning Council

Minutes  Monday, April 9, 2018
(Minutes not yet approved by the Planning Council)
4:00pm - 6:30pm
2100 Building – 2100 24th Ave. S., Seattle 98144

Council Members Present: Tyler Adamson, Richard Aleshire, Scott Bertani, Matt Golden, Jason Jacobs (by phone), Brian Knowles, Steve Milkis, Teresia Otieno, Kevin Patz, Nicole Price, Luis Fernando Ramirez, Germán Rodríguez, Kim von Henkle

Persons Nominated by the Council, but not appointed by the King County Executive Present: Katie Hara

Council Members Absent: Dorian Davenport, Matt Golden, Janet Jones, Mel LaBelle III, Kevin Patz, Jonah West

Planning Council Staff Present: Jesse Chipps, Lauren Mansur (minutes)

Public Health Staff Present: Kate Briddell, Susan Buskin

Visitors: Rekha Ravindran (Healthcare for the Homeless), Richard Prasad (Country Doctor), Dennis Torres (Gilead), Twaha Kabocho (WA DOH)

Italics denote Planning Council Membership.

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
- A round of introductions was done. Teresia noted that she just began at new position at the Center for Multicultural Health. Everyone congratulated Teresia, and it was noted that she is no longer an unaligned consumer for Council purposes.
- Nicole announced she would be out of town and traveling through May 1st, so she will be unavailable to attend meetings until then.
- Nicole also has a table at the YWCA 30th Annual Luncheon. If anyone is interested in joining her table, just let her know.
- There were some technical issues around the wifi in the 2100 building, resulting in Jason being unable to connect. These issues were resolved after about 15 minutes into the meeting, and Jason was able to successfully connect.

II. Meeting Agenda
✔ The agenda was approved as amended by acclamation.
III. March Meeting Minutes

Kate noted the addition of “Early” before “Identification of Individuals with HIV” on the first page.
On page 2, replaced the phrase “HAB is going to get the money” with “notice of award.”

☑ The March minutes were approved as amended by acclamation.

IV. Rule Reminder

- The group read the meeting rule reminder.

V. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

VI. Icebreaker

- In Dorian’s absence, Nicole led the group in an icebreaker about childhood memories.

VII. Recipient Report

- Kate reported that she had no recent developments to share since March’s Planning Council meeting. There is still no final notice of award yet, but it should arrive soon.

VIII. Prioritization Data Series: Early Identification of HIV/AIDS

See attached presentation: HIV Testing and Case Finding in the Seattle TGA

- Susan Buskin explained how the TGA is identifying new HIV cases. She also elaborated on efforts to reach people who are infected but do not know their status.
  - A slide from the annual epidemiology report depicted the prevalence of men who have sex with men (MSM) with HIV in the TGA, broken down by race and ethnicity. Tyler asked if there is a comparison of these groups in relation to the rest of the TGA population. There currently is not a specific enumerated breakdown. Amy Bennett’s presentation from previous meeting does include that breakdown.
  - Dennis asked if there is a difference in cases among men who have sex men (MSM) who are gay-identifying as opposed to MSM who are non-gay-identifying. This is not recorded as core surveillance, so it’s a bit difficult to distinguish from this data being presented. However, this information might be able to be discerned and analyzed through Medical Monitoring Project (MMP) data instead.
  - Another question arose about the location of where people were diagnosed — were they diagnosed in an emergency room at a hospital or during a routine exam with their provider? Susan will check in on that.
  - Teresia asked a question about new diagnoses among foreign-born individuals. She wanted to know how an individual who was tested and diagnosed at an earlier point in a different country would be classified in terms of data. Is that individual considered a new diagnosis only if they were tested and diagnosed here in the U.S.? Susan said the classification often depends on who is recording the data. However, in maintaining consistency with Washington Department of Health and CDC data, the date and location of diagnosis are considered less relevant, so that individual would be considered a new diagnosis.
  - Nicole noted that although women are considered a “low-risk” population, many women are still infected.
Jesse noted that these slides would be distributed and available following the meeting.

VI. Executive/Membership Committee Report

- Nicole reported that the committee had interviewed Katie Hara for the Ryan White Part C Recipient – Madison Clinic seat on the Council, which was formerly held by Jennifer Magnani. The Executive/Membership Committee is forwarding her application to the full Council for a vote. Katie spoke briefly about herself and her experience working with vulnerable populations at Madison Clinic and wanting to join the Council to do more work related to health disparities.

**MOTION:** Nicole moved to vote on Katie Hara as a new member of the Planning Council. Seconded by Brian.

**Discussion:** Tyler asked Katie why she believed she was more qualified than anyone from the populations she serves at the Madison Clinic. Katie acknowledged that while not being part of the populations she serves, her work doing direct service with these populations will allow her to bring more information to the Council. This led into a broader discussion Tyler raised around the Council’s current shortage of members who are reflective of the epidemic or representative of the populations being served by the Council’s work. According to Ryan White legislation, the Council must be reflective of the epidemic, with a specified number of voting Council positions reserved for specific populations. With the current shortage, the Council needs to act quickly to fill empty positions and satisfy the requirements. This is an ongoing issue, and it will be revisited at the Executive/Membership meeting on April 23, and the group agreed to discuss it at a later full Council meeting.

☑️ **The motion passed with the following vote:**
- In favor – Nicole, Teresia, Steve, Brian, Scott, Kim, German, Luis, Jason
- Opposed – 0
- Abstaining – 1 - Tyler

- Following the meeting, Brian and Jason will interview Richard Prasad from Country Doctor to fill the other Part C-Country Doctor Council seat.
- Nicole also reported that the committee voted for Jason to represent the Council at the Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment in Washington, D.C. in December 2018.

VII. PSRA Report

- Jason reported that there was no new information to report other than the fact that PSRA’s next meeting is Thursday, April 12.

VIII. SNAC Report

- Brian reported that SNAC’s last meeting was a review of the Medical Monitoring Project (MMP) questions. The committee provided feedback to members of the MMP team to add questions to produce even more useful data for the Council.

- Following up on the committee’s ongoing case manager assessment, the committee assigned individual members to conduct interviews with case managers to identify why their clients might not be engaged in care. The data collection process will run through most of April.
- SNAC is the only committee that allows non-Council members to become members of the committee. Brian reported that community advocate Tony Radovich expressed interest in joining SNAC, and the committee voted for Tony to join.

IX. Prioritization Data Series: What Is Currently Funded By Part A

See attached presentation: *Kate ‘Splains it all*

- Kate delivered an encore of the presentation she gave the PSRA, focusing on how Ryan White Part A funds fill gaps in other funding sources to provide services in the TGA.

- Slides from this presentation will be distributed digitally and available in print version upon request.

X. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 14, 4:00pm at the **2100 Building, 2100 24th Ave South, Seattle, WA 98144**