

# Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of June 16, 2009

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### Meeting Attendance

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<b>Present<sup>1</sup></b>	K. Bellesky	T. James
	V. Burrell-Gibson	Re. Johnson
	R. Bradley	D. Kelson
	C. Brown	J. Keruly
	R. Disharoon	A. Leverette
	C. Edmonds	C. Massey
	A. Foyles	A. Middleton
	C. Gibson	G. Nelson
	R. Gore-Simmons	M. Reese
	M. Graves	W. Miller
	N. Guest (D. Henson proxy)	N. Robinson
	R. Haden	R. Rubino
	P. Hall	W. Samuel
	C. Harvey Sr.	D. Shamer
	T. Hawkins	L. Smith
	P. Henry (M. Becketts proxy)	J. Ungard (R. Matens proxy)
	<b>Absent</b>	V. Clark
R. Green		J. Keller
D. Hunter		B. Thomas-El
M. Hitch		J. Winslow
<b>Visitors</b>	D. Brewer	N. Mrisho
	A. Burke	S. Pelham
	S. Cherry	A. Ricks
	T. Davis	H. Roberts Jr.
	B. Fitzsimmons	S. Rogers
	C. Flynn	H. Smith
	S. Jenkins	E. Ward
	M. Moaney	C. Wilhite
K. Mobuary		
<b>BCHD</b>	R. Brisueno	S. Kazi
	R. David	L. Koontz
	A. Ferrari	C. Skipper
<b>Staff</b>	C. Lacanienta	E. Saber
	C. Lee	N. Slaughter
	D. Munro	R. Vaishnav Rhyne
<b>Handouts</b>	Meeting agenda (June 16, 2009).	
	Planning council packet (June 2009).	
	<i>Comprehensive Plan Progress Review</i> report (June 2009).	
	Data presentations packet (June 16, 2009).	
	FY 2010 Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) binders.	

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<sup>1</sup> Attendance is based on sign-in sheet.

**Executive summary**

The meeting convened with quorum at 6:40 p.m.<sup>2</sup>

The chair announced that data presentations would be taking place during the meeting instead of normal business. Only the grantee was asked to report.

The Part A grantee announced that effective on July 13, 2009, Bon Secours Baltimore Health System will no longer be serving Ryan White Part A clients. The grantee also noted that the Minority AIDS Initiative request-for-proposal period ended on June 8, 2009.

The planning council support office (PCSO) presented the electronic voting system that will be used during this year's priority setting and resource allocation event.

The PCSO also presented the electronic voting system for ranking categories that will be made available to all planning council members immediately after data presentations.

The following data presentations were made:

- HIV/AIDS Epidemiological Data (presentation by Colin Flynn, Chief, Center for Surveillance and Epidemiology, Maryland AIDS Administration).
- Mental Health Services (presentation by Glenn Treisman, Director, AIDS Psychiatry Service, Johns Hopkins Hospital).
- Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems, Inc. (bSAS) (presentation by Leroy Smith, Special Projects Coordinator, bSAS).
- Housing of People With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) (presentation by D'Andra Pollard, Program Administrator, HOPWA).

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Proceedings**

***Introductions/Review of Minutes***

The chair convened the meeting with introductions, role call and a review of last month's minutes.

<b>Motion</b>	To accept the May 19, 2009 minutes.
<b>Proposed by</b>	D. Kelson
<b>Seconded by</b>	M. Reese
<b>Action</b>	Passed, 0 abstention, 0 objections

***Chair's Report***

The chair thanked the planning council and visitors for attending the planning council meeting in preparation for the FY 2010 priority setting and resource allocation. The chair asked that committees not report during the meeting to ensure that presenters received as much time as possible. Only the grantee was asked to report.

<sup>2</sup> Quorum is defined as attendance of at least 51 percent of membership.

***Grantee's Report***

The Part A grantee reported that Bon Secours Baltimore Health System would no longer be providing services under Ryan White Part A.

The planning council asked about the transition plan for those clients currently being served at Bon Secours. The grantee said it was working with Bon Secours to transition clients to other programs and providing transportation to and from appointments. The grantee agreed to follow-up with further details involving the transition.

The grantee also noted that the Minority AIDS Initiative request-for-proposal period ended on June 8, 2009. The grantee received 27 applications for the following service categories: medical case management, mental health, substance-abuse treatment — outpatient and child care services.

***Part B and D Reports***

The planning council chair asked the Part B and D representatives to refrain from giving oral reports to allow time for data presentations; the Part B and D reports are located in the planning council packet.

***Committee Reports***

The planning council chair asked committees without pending motions or pressing concerns to refrain from giving oral reports to allow time for data presentations; all committee reports are located in the planning council packet.

***Data Presentations***

Data presentations were given as a preparation for PSRA 2010.

The following is a list of presentations that were given with a synopsis of the information provided:

- HIV/AIDS Epidemiological Data (presentation by Colin Flynn, Chief, Center for Surveillance and Epidemiology, Maryland AIDS Administration).
  - There were 17,134 living HIV/AIDS cases and 1,521 HIV diagnoses in 2007, with the highest prevalence rates existing in Baltimore City.
  - African Americans, males and persons 30-59 are disproportionately affected.
  - There is an increase of people living with HIV/AIDS between the ages of 20-29 and 40-59 and a decrease of people living with HIV/AIDS between the ages of 30-39.
  - The majority of new transmissions has shifted from injection drug users to sexual transmission (both heterosexual and men having sex with men (MSM)).
  - The current unmet need, based on the proportion of persons with HIV/AIDS who are not receiving regular CD4 or viral load testing, is 51 percent.
- Mental Health Services (presentation by Glenn Treisman, Director, AIDS Psychiatry Service, Johns Hopkins Hospital).

- Discussed co-morbid conditions of clients who are HIV positive, including mental illness.
- Substance abuse and various forms of depression are major factors for PLWH/As.
- Treatment for HIV/AIDS must contain behavioral coping strategies and intervention to prevent the spread of the disease and increase the ability to maintain PLWH/As in care.
- Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems, Inc. (presentation by Leroy Smith, Special Projects Coordinator, bSAS).
  - Baltimore Substance Abuse Services, Inc., receives approximately \$59 million in funding each year. This includes state and federal funding to serve a variety of clients in need of substance-abuse treatment.
  - Ryan White Part A funding to bSAS has increased in the past year.
- Housing of People With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) (presentation by D'Andra Pollard, Program Administrator, HOPWA).
  - HOPWA funds housing assistance, support services and short-term rent and mortgage and utility payments
  - HOPWA receives approximately \$8.7 million.
  - In FY 2008, 2,973 PLWH/As were served.
  - The current waiting list for housing in Baltimore City is 564 clients. The average wait time to be housed is between one and two years.
  - The current waiting list is closed.

***New Business***

IGS, the planning council support office (PCSO), announced the launch of the electronic voting system purchased by the grantee for use by the planning council. The system is a will be used by the planning council to complete voting during the FY 2010 priority setting and resource allocation.

The PCSO announced the process for setting priorities. Council members and proxies could rank Part A categories for FY 2010 following the viewing of the data presentations. Members could use the online ranking system for setting priorities, which the PCSO noted was now opened, or contact the PCSO to submit their votes. Ranking was set to close on June 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

All voting members received a personalized code to use when completing the online survey. Planning council members were asked to visit the survey web site or telephone their rankings to the PCSO by Friday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

<b>Motion</b>	To adjourn.
<b>Proposed by</b>	D. Kelson
<b>Seconded by</b>	M. Reese
<b>Action</b>	Passes, 0 abstention, 0 objections

I certify these minutes to be accurate and inclusive record of the planning council meeting as amended and approved by the Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council.

*Alice Middleton, JD*

*August 18, 2009*

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