



# Ryan White Planning Council

New Haven & Fairfield Counties  
Robert Sideleau & Thomas Kidder, Co-Chairs

## Planning Council Meeting Summary FAST FACT PAGE

**Meeting Date:** Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Start Time:** 12:10 pm

**End Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** City Hall Annex, Bridgeport, CT

**Presiding Chair:** Tom Kidder

**Recorder:** Jeff Daniel, Collaborative Research Staff

### Summary of Council Business Votes

1. Minutes of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 PC meeting.
2. Council By-Laws

#### (1.0) Moment of Silence

Co-Chair Tom Kidder called the meeting to order at 12:10. He led the group in a moment of silence to remember and respect all individuals whose lives have been touched by HIV/AIDS.

#### (2.0) Welcome and Introductions

Tom reminded everyone that this is a business meeting and open to the public so members of press or others could attend so be judicious with personal public health information. Members of the Planning Council introduced themselves.

#### (3.0) Co-Chair Announcements

Tom Kidder announced:

- HRSA conference call scheduled with Latrece (Project Officer)
- Due to the region not having a notice of grant award for FY 2009 (starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009), all committee meetings for March will be the same and if necessary, a contingency plan will be developed for subsequent meetings
- Asked Council members to download meeting agendas and minutes from the Council's website: [www.ryanwhitecare.org](http://www.ryanwhitecare.org)

#### (4.0) Public Comment

none

#### (5.0) Approval of Meeting Summary

(5.1) Members reviewed the Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> minutes for accuracy.

(5.1) Bob Sideleau motioned to approve the minutes. Christine Romanik seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved.

*(Please see attached voting sheet detail for all Planning Council votes)*



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## (6.0) Planning Council Committee Reports

### (6.1) Membership Finance Committee

Ken Teel reported that the M/F committee met and discussed the following items:

- Contingency Planning based on FY 2009 award
  - Voted to convene an emergency M/F & SPA meeting of the FY 2009 award is <10% of FY 2008 award
- New Member orientation is TBD, tentatively scheduled for March

### (6.2) Quality Improvement Committee:

Ric Browne reported that the QI committee met and discussed the following items:

- The SuperPod met to wordsmith the EMA's Standards of Care
- The group got through all the standards of care
- The group also discussed CareWare data vs. actual chart audit data
- What would the committee's plan be based on the SuperPod's work
- Next meeting of the SuperPod is 2/20

### (6.3) Strategic Planning and Assessment Committee

Roberta Stewart reported that the SPA committee met and discussed the following items:

- PC feedback from the January meeting. The feedback is quite positive
- Council By-Laws. We will be bringing forward the Council's updated By-Laws. Roberta and Co-Chair Leif Mitchell noted that the By-Laws weren't just a product of SPA. The SPA Co-Chairs thanked Membership/Finance and all PC members for their hard work. "It was a lot of work and we want to thank all of you."
  - Krystle Moore gave a "shout out" to SPA for their hard work
- Roberta Stewart made a motion to move the Council By-Laws for review and discussion by the Planning Council. (The motion is coming out of committee and does not require a second).
  - Leif led the Council through the updated By-Laws
    - Friendly amendments were made throughout the By-Law review and included:
      - Changing "straw poll" to "ballot" in the Co-Chair Nomination section
      - Under Co-Chair Responsibilities, strike "are to" and insert "include"
      - Update the Council's physical mailing address
      - Strike "TGA" and replace with "EMA"
  - The By-Laws were approved by voice vote  
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### **(7.0) Ryan White Office Report (Grantee's Office)**

Tom Butcher reported the following items:

- New Haven is officially an EMA
  - No idea what this means
  - RFP review process will occur on 2/25
  - The Mayor (of New Haven) announced the city will layoff 241 full time employees due to budget cuts
  - The Grantee has received one (single fiduciary) application for each region
- Jerod Geter asked Tom Butcher if there was an updated on the Governor's budget and its impact to AIDS services within Connecticut. Tom Butcher referred the question to Old/New Business

### **(8.0) Old/New Business**

- Leif Mitchell said that in the Governor's budget, Ryan White funding had been removed
- On 2/20 there will be a Public Hearing at 3 p.m.
- Prior to the Public Hearing, the AIDS Life Campaign will host a Press Conference at the Capitol

### **(9.0) Public Comment**

None

### **(10.0) Announcements**

- Jerod Geter wanted to commend Norwalk Smiles on their excellent client care. "Clients love the service"
- Jerod Geter also commended Awilda Gonzalez on her 25 years of sobriety. Planning Council members also commended Awilda on her milestone.

### **(11.0) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



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## Planning Council Meeting Attendance Record<sup>1</sup>

	Council Member	12/12	1/16	2/13	3/5							
1.	Henry Bethea											
2.	Ric Browne			•								
3.	Charlotte Burch	•	•	•								
4.	Adaline DeMarrais		•	•								
5.	Jerod Geter	•	•	•								
6.	Jerome Harris	•	•	•								
7.	Africka Hinds-Ayala		•									
8.	Thomas Kidder	•	•	•								
9.	Jennifer Loschiavo	•	•									
10.	Leif Mitchell	•	•	•								
11.	Krystle Moore			•								
12.	Christine Romanik		•	•								
13.	Robert Sideleau	•	•	•								
14.	Tomi Simmons											
15.	Roberta Stewart	•	•	•								
16.	Ken Teel	•	•	•								
17.	Dennis Torres	•	•									
18.	John Van Keuren											
	Ryan White Office	•	•	•								
	Planning Council Staff	•	•	•								
	% of Council present:	63%	76%	67%								

Guests: Brian Datcher,

## Planning Council Meeting Voting Record

Council Member	January Minutes	Council By-Laws
Henry Bethea	NP	NP
Ric Browne	AB	Y
Charlotte Burch	Y	Y
Adaline DeMarrais	Y	Y
Jerod Geter	Y	Y
Jerome Harris	Y	Y
Africka Hinds-Ayala	NP	NP
Thomas Kidder	AB	AB
Jennifer Loschiavo	NP	NP
Leif Mitchell	Y	Y
Krystle Moore	AB	Y
Christine Romanik	Y	Y
Robert Sideleau	Y	Y
Tomi Simmons	NP	NP
Roberta Stewart	Y	Y
Ken Teel	Y	Y
Dennis Torres	NP	NP
John Van Keuren	NP	NP

Y= YES N=NO

AB=ABSTENTION

NP=NOT PRESENT

<sup>1</sup> Note: Council Members must not miss more than four Council meetings per year regardless of reason.