

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FY2023 – FY2024
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
(RYAN WHITE PART A) MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 and Section 2602(b)(1) requires the Chief Elected Official of the jurisdiction identified to receive Ryan White funding (Eligible Metropolitan Area) to establish or designate an HIV health services planning council; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County is the jurisdiction that administers programs under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) on behalf of the Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County serves as the Chief Elected Official (CEO) for purposes of the RWHAP; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council was established in 1991 to serve as the required health services planning council in accordance with legislative requirements and programmatic expectations; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council has been established to perform planning activities for the Ryan White Part A Program, as well as the planning coordination of services as specified in the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need, while complying with the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program legislative and programmatic requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council meets the legislative and programmatic expectation that planning council membership reflect the demographics of the population of individuals with HIV in the EMA. Special consideration must be given to historically underserved populations and those experiencing significant disparities in access to services; and

WHEREAS, it is a legislative requirement and programmatic expectation that no less than 33 percent of members be people with HIV who receive RWHAP Part A services (in the case of minors, this would include their caregivers) and who are unaffiliated with subrecipient provider agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council shall cover the twenty county service area known as the Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA): Barrow, Bartow, Carroll; Cherokee; Clayton; Cobb; Coweta; DeKalb; Douglas; Fayette; Forsyth; Fulton; Gwinnett; Henry; Newton; Paulding; Pickens; Rockdale; and Spalding; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council shall include at least one member to separately represent each of the 15 designated membership categories outlined in Section 2602(b)(2) of the PHS Act; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Elected Official appoints the Planning Council Members through an Open Nominations process mandated through the Health Resources and Services Administration and codified within the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Council year runs commensurate with the Ryan White Part A grant year, commencing on March 1st of each year and ending the last day of February of the following year; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Robb Pitts, in his capacity as the Chief Elected Official of Fulton County, appoints the attached membership roster of the FY2023 – FY2024 Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council to actively represent and participate in the duties of the Planning Council within the Metropolitan Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA); and

WHEREAS, members were seated by Chairman Pitts on March 16, 2023 at a regularly scheduled Planning Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Pitts has named Bruce Garner as Chair, Daniel Driffin as 1st Vice-Chair, and Masonia Traylor as 2nd Vice-Chair for the FY2023-FY2024 Planning Council year, and other Committee, Task Force, Caucus, and Initiative Chairs shall be named by the Planning Council Chair; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council shall consist of 55 members who serve as voting members, the extended membership shall consist of unlimited at-large members who serve on the Planning Council's Committees; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council voting members for Grant Year 2023 are: Andrea Steward, Anthony Merritt, Barry Sermons, Brandon Pruitt, Bruce Garner, Carol Chateau, Cheryl Gannaway, Cody Henry, Corey Stallworth, Cortney Smith, Daniel D Driffin, Darie Wolfson, Darryl Branch, David Buckhalter, David Reznik, Deasia Gaston, Deb Bauer, Delitta "Chanel" Scott-Dixon, Don M. Green, Donnie Gillum, Eric D Thompson, Greg Smith, Harvinder Makkar, Jean Goffaux, Jeff Graham, Jenetter Richburg, Joey Helton, John Burnett, Jonathan Harris, Katherine Lovell, Katrina Barnes, Kevin English, Larry Lehman, Latoyna Withers, Leroy Braxton, Lomia Sharpe, Malcolm Reid, Masonia Traylor, Melanie Thompson, Michael Morris, Nakeisa Jackson, Nicole Roebuck, Reggie Dunbar, Roderick Omar Mayes, Sanjay Sharma, Spencer Burton -Webb, Steven McMillian, Tim Webb, Tim Young, Travis Walker, Tyrone Pollard III, Tyvion Roberts, Yasmine Hunter, Zina Age.

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council shall provide as needed reports to the Chief Elected Official regarding the impact and effectiveness of policies and recommendations implemented within the framework of the Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts this resolution establishing the federally mandated appointment of the FY2023 – FY2024 Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council by the Chief Elected Official of Fulton County; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective when adopted, and that all resolutions and provisions of the Code of Laws in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SO PASSED AND ADOPTED, THIS 12th day of July, 2023

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**



By: _____
Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Tonya R. Grier
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Clerk to Commission



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

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REGULAR MEETING

Planning Council/Planning Body Reflectiveness

(Use HIV/AIDS Prevalence data as reported in your FY 2023 Application)

Race/Ethnicity	HIV Prevalence in EMA/TGA		Total Members of the PC/PB		Unaffiliated RWHAP Part A Clients on PC/PB	
	Number	Percentage (include % with #)	Number	Percentage (include % with #)	Number	Percentage (include % with #)
White, not Hispanic	6643	15.49%	13	24.07%	3	16.67%
Black, not Hispanic	29668	69.16%	38	70.37%	15	83.33%
Hispanic	3547	8.27%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian/Pacific Islander	278	0.65%	1	1.85%	0	0.00%
American Indian/Alaska Native	19	0.04%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Multi-Race	2209	5.15%	1	1.85%	0	0.00%
Other/Not Specified	533	1.24%	1	1.85%	0	0.00%
Total	42897	100%	54	100%	18	100%
Gender	Number	Percentage (include % with #)	Number	Percentage (include % with #)	Number	Percentage (include % with #)
Male	33758	78.76%	36	66.67%	13	72.22%
Female	8394	19.58%	17	31.48%	4	22.22%
Transgender: male-to-female	653	1.52%	1	1.85%	1	5.56%
Transgender: female-to-male	26	0.06%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Additional gender identity	29	0.07%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	42860	100%	54	100%	18	100%
Age	Number	Percentage (include % with #)	Number	Percentage (include % with #)	Number	Percentage (include % with #)
13-19 years	165	0.38%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
20-29 years	4641	10.82%	4	7.41%	2	11.11%
30-39 years	10915	25.44%	10	18.52%	3	16.67%
40-49 years	8974	20.92%	15	27.78%	5	27.78%
50-59 years	10813	25.21%	13	24.07%	3	16.67%
60+ years	7389	17.22%	12	22.22%	5	27.78%
Total	42897	100%	54	100%	18	100%



Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Recipients:

This letter provides clarification on the Health Resources and Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau’s (HRSA HAB) expectations of a required community input process for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A awards. The Chief Elected Official, as the recipient of RWHAP Part A funds, is ultimately responsible for establishing the planning body to spearhead the development of a comprehensive HIV service system for the Eligible Metropolitan Area or Transitional Grant Area (EMA/TGA) through a planning council (PC) or planning body (PB).

Section 2602(b) of Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act outlines the roles and responsibilities of the PC. Section 2609(d)(1) outlines the requirement for TGAs to have a formal community input process to formulate the overall plan for priority setting and resource allocations in TGAs.

This program letter clarifies HRSA HAB requirements and expectations for the PC/PB. Unless otherwise noted, the requirements and expectations apply to both PCs and PBs.

Roles and Responsibilities- Priority Setting and Resource Allocation	Priority Setting and Resource Allocations (PSRA) is the single most important legislative responsibility of a PC/PB, and greatly influences the system of HIV care in the EMA/TGA. The PSRA process must prioritize all RWHAP HIV core medical and support services annually. [2602(b)(4)(C)] and 2602(d)(1)]
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PC Membership	The PC must include a representative from each of the 13 legislatively required membership categories. The PC must also include at least one member to separately represent each of the designated membership categories (unless no entity from that category exists in the EMA/TGA). Separate representation means each PC member can fill only one legislatively required membership category at any given time, even if qualified to fill more than one. There are only three situations that allow one person to represent two membership categories. PC members must reflect the demographics of the population of individuals with HIV in the jurisdiction. Additionally, no less than 33 percent of PC membership must be comprised of unaffiliated clients receiving RWHAP Part A services in the jurisdiction. [2602(b)(2)]
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PB Membership

At a minimum, the PB must include representatives of the various stakeholders in the TGA, and must reflect the demographics of the population of individuals with HIV in the jurisdiction. Additionally, no less than 33 percent of PB membership must be comprised of unaffiliated clients receiving RWHAP Part A services in the jurisdiction.

Term Limits

To ensure the PC/PB are reflective of the demographics of the population of individuals with HIV in the jurisdiction, HRSA HAB expects the PC/PB to establish term limits and membership rotations.

Separation of PC/PB and Recipient Roles

A separation of PC/PB and recipient roles is necessary to avoid conflicts of interest. The legislation prohibits PC public deliberations to be “chaired solely by an employee of the grantee.” [2602 (7)(A)]. A recipient representative, whose position is funded with RWHAP Part A funds, provides in-kind services, or has significant involvement in the RWHAP Part A grant, shall not occupy a seat in the PC/PB, nor have a vote in the deliberations of the PC/PB.

If you have any questions regarding the information outlined in this letter, please consult your project officer.

Sincerely,

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