



Louisiana Commission on HIV & Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council
Hybrid: 2601 Tulane Ave, Suite #400, New Orleans, LA
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99952328606>
9:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. Meeting called to order at: 9:05 AM
- II. Roll Call: Aisha McKenzie, Sr. Strategic Advisor SHHP, LDH
A. 18 Members present.
B. Quorum met.
- III. Old Business: Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. Minutes approval
1. Public Comment on Vote to Approve Minutes
a. No comment received.
2. Vote to Approve Minutes from 11/12/24, 10/8/24, 7/9/24, 5/13/24, 3/12/24, 4/20/22, 3/25/22, 10/8/21
a. Dr. Porter motioned to approve; Dr. Griffin seconded.
b. Vote by consensus: unanimous.
c. Minutes approved.
B. Membership Committee Presentation on Recommendations
1. Public Comment on Membership Committee Recommendations Vote
a. Dr. Griffin reminded Commission of the three candidates recommended for Commission nomination.
2. Vote on Membership Committee Recommendations for nominees to forward for appointment
a. Terry Estes – Susan Dupont motioned to approve; Dr. Griffin seconded. By consensus: unanimous approval.
b. Jenny Holl – Tamara Dioubate motioned to approve; Dr. Griffin seconded; By consensus: unanimous approval.
c. Lonnie Cheramie – Dr. Griffin motioned to approve; Dr. Burgess seconded; By consensus: unanimous approval.
C. 2025 Elections
1. Chair – Dr. Kindall relinquished meeting to Dr. Burgess for duration of election.
a. Nominations
i. Dr. Griffin nominated Dr. Kindall for chair; Susan Dupont seconded; Dr. Kindall accepted the nomination.
j. No other nominations.
b. Candidate Statements
i. Dr. Kindall introduced himself and stated his desire to continue as chair. Stated that Commission was able to successfully elevate the subject of HIV and Black Women last year and hopes to do so with HIV in Rural Communities in 2025.
c. Public Comment on Candidates
i. No public comment received.
d. Vote on 2025 Chair
i. Roll call vote (attached). 18 voted in favor of re-electing Dr. Kindall as Chair for 2025 (unanimous).
j. Dr. Kindall regained control of the meeting.
2. Vice Chair
a. Nominations
i. Dr. Griffin nominated Mitchell Handrich; Dr. Kleinpeter seconded. Mitchell Handrich declined the nomination.
ii. Mitchell Handrich nominated Dr. Nawas; Dr. Porter seconded. Dr. Nawas accepted the nomination.
iii. No further nominations.
b. Candidate Statements
i. Dr. Nawas expressed willingness to serve and work with Dr. Kindall and excitement to learn the role.
c. Public Comment on Candidates
i. No public comment.
d. Vote on 2025 Vice Chair

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- i. Roll call vote (attached). 18 voted in favor of electing Dr. Nawas as Vice-Chair for 2025 (unanimous).

IV. New Business

Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair

- A. 2025 Commission Capitol Day Discussion
 1. Tables in the rotunda reserved for June 2, 2025.
 2. Discussion deferred to March meeting.
- B. 2025 Legislative Session Planning
 1. Discussion deferred to March meeting.
- C. 2024 Annual Report
 1. Staff noted that no comments/feedback were received via email prior to the meeting.
 2. Discussion regarding requested/recommended edits by Ms. Cloyd with decisions as to outcomes on edits made real time.
 3. Dr. Kindall recommended that no action be taken at the meeting if Commissioners do not feel they have reviewed the document thoroughly enough to vote as planned. Senator Barrow asked when the Commission hopes to issue the report, and suggested approving today if ahead of session start. Ten of eighteen present Commissioners expressed desire to vote on the report at the present meeting. Dr. Kleinpeter suggested scheduling an additional meeting to discuss the report. Ms. Dupont suggests that the Commission discuss how the 2025 report process will work at the March meeting, noting that everyone was provided the opportunity to review ahead of time and suggesting that the Commission proceed with the vote to approve/not approve at this meeting.
 4. Dr. Griffin motioned to vote to approve the document with recommended changes; Dr. Burgess seconded; Consensus vote: 14 in favor of approving the report; 2 in opposition (Dr. Myra Kleinpeter and Ms. Meta Smith-Davis); 2 abstentions (Ms. Rebecca DeLaSalle and Ms. Aimee Cloyd). Motion to approve the 2024 report carries. Final draft will be issued to Commission before dissemination.

V. Other Business

Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair

- A. Announcements
 1. Julie Fitch shared that Dr. Gruber has received links for each region's Parish Health Unit's in response to last meeting's discussion about Rural Health access.
 2. Dr. Burgess: SHHP has updated their name to STI/HIV/Hepatitis Program (removing STD) based on reduction of stigmatizing language.
 3. Dr. Griffin as chair of the membership committee, said "thank you" for showing up so that we can get business done.
 4. Dr. Burgess: Act 711 rules will be posted for public comment on January 20 for 35 days.
- B. General Public Comment
 1. Shirley Lolis of Metro Health (Baton Rouge) thanked the Commission for their hard work and volunteered Metro Health for anything with which they can be of use.
 2. Dana Gray: funding came out for primary care HIV prevention and AETC is working with sites to help take advantage of that. Partner out of Texas provides training. She will send information about training for Commission to circulate.
 3. Vatsana Chanthala: launched 24/7 HIV hotline for clinicians. Hotline # 504-538-0945. Open to all clinicians in the state, connects to an ID clinician out of UMC.
 4. Dietz: LCCCH Speakers Bureau seeking folks to be nominated for a 10 week paid training program to train advocates about how the LA legislature works. For more information, email at coordinator@lacch.org.
 5. Jenny Holl: please join Get Loud Louisiana for our Quarterly Ending the Epidemic meeting on Friday, January 24, at 11 am. Email jenny@wwav-no.org for invite.
 6. Darlene Anderson (quality manager for SHHP): Thursday, January 16, statewide clinical quality improvement meeting from 9 AM – 11 AM. <https://zoom.us/j/814341890>.
- C. Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2025 (hybrid), 9:00 AM

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair

- A. Dr. Griffin motioned to adjourn; Dr. Burgess seconded.
- B. Meeting adjourned at: 10:43 AM

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Roll Call and Votes:

Name	Roll	Vote: Minutes (consensus)	Recommend Terry Estes (consensus)	Recommend Jenny Holl (consensus)	Recommend Lonnie Cheramie (consensus)	Vote: Chair Tavell Kindall	Vote: Vice-Chair George Nawas	Vote: Report Approval (consensus)
Marvin Anderson	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Meta Smith-Davis	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay
Tavell Kindall	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Tamara Dioubate	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Mitchell Handrich	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Samuel Burgess	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Norma Porter	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
DeAnn Gruber	Absent							
Shayla Polk	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Susan Dupont	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Randy Lavespere	Absent							
Rebecca DeLaSalle	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Abstain
Lauren Richey	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Paulette Pinargote-Cornejo	Absent							
David Mushatt	Absent							
H. Glenn Anderson, Jr.	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
George Nawas	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Phillip Griffin	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Myra Kleinpeter	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay
Aimee Cloyd	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Abstain
Regina Barrow	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Joy Walters	Present	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye