



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

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
 New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council
 Hybrid: 2601 Tulane Ave, Suite #400, New Orleans, LA
 Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93511930418>
 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. 12 Members present	
B. Quorum not met	
III. Old Business:	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. Minutes approval	
1. Public Comment on Vote to Approve Minutes	
a. N/A	
2. Vote to Approve Minutes from 10/8/24, 7/9/24, 5/13/24, 3/12/24, 4/20/22, 3/25/22, 10/8/21	
a. Quorum not met. No vote.	
B. Membership Committee Presentation on Recommendations	
1. Recommendations not reviewed as quorum was not met to hold a vote.	
2. Public Comment on Membership Committee Recommendations Vote	
a. N/A	
3. Vote on Membership Committee Recommendations for nominees to forward for appointment	
a. Quorum not met. No vote.	
IV. New Business	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. 2025 Elections	
B. Quorum not met, no election held.	
C. Dr. Tavell Kindall willing to continue as acting Chair until elections can be held. Mitchell Handrich willing to continue as acting Vice Chair until elections can be held.	
D. DeAnn Gruber asked about what resources Tavell Kindall would like to see added to the Commission.	
E. Discussion: HIV in Rural Areas	
1. Commission conducted a general discussion regarding HIV treatment and prevention in rural areas of Louisiana.	
a. People in Louisiana traveling great distances to receive care, with patients citing unwillingness of providers to provide HIV services.	
b. Transportation from rural areas a chief obstacle in both treatment and prevention.	
c. AETC willing to focus on educating rural practices about HIV and PrEP services.	
2. Discussion about approaching provider state boards regarding including HIV treatment and prevention courses in the continuing education requirements.	
a. LSU created an HIV curriculum to be utilized in clinical training.	
F. Discussion: Commission Annual Report	
1. Discussion on resources available to produce such a report.	
2. Annual report would be disseminated to to LDH leadership, Governor's office, and Legislature to directly address legislative charge.	
3. Last annual Commission reports that went out were about 20 years ago.	
4. Sam Burgess says budget for printing and dissemination can be provided.	
V. Other Business	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. Announcements	
1. Dr. Griffin made comment that he was pleased by the organization and attendance of the Public Hearing in Baton Rouge.	

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<p>2. Austin Matthews thanked the Commission for the work they have done over the past years. He announced that he will be resigning from the Commission and thanked everyone for allowing him to serve.</p> <p>3. Dr. Kindall reminded Commissioners to not make statements that may be perceived as inflammatory or disrespectful in any way in terms of the educational differences between Nurse Practitioners and Medical Practitioners. Mindfulness about how all of our roles are different and still incredibly valuable towards the effort to end the HIV epidemic in our state.</p> <p>4. Aisha McKenzie announced that anyone looking to change committee assignments should contact her. Likewise, Commissioners should keep an eye out for legislation of interest starting in January.</p>	
B. General Public Comment	
1. No public comment.	
C. Next Meeting Date: January 14, 2025 (hybrid), 9:00 AM	
VI. Adjournment	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. DeAnn Gruber Motioned to adjourn; Dr. Phillip Griffin seconded.	
B. Meeting adjourned at: 9:55 AM.	

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