



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

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting (Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85673831740>)
9:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 9:10 AM	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.	
II. Roll Call:	Aisha McKenzie, Sr. Strategic Coordinator, SHHP, LDH
A. 14 Commissioners present	
B. Quorum not met	
III. Old Business:	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. Vote to Approve Minutes from November 14, 2023	
1. Quorum not met, cannot approve minutes	
B. Travel support	
1. Reimbursement up to 99 miles, possible reimbursement for hotel, rental car, etc.	
2. Will send a document with further information with minutes.	
3. You must follow state travel guidelines (must be discussed prior to the travel).	
C. Commission membership cards	
1. Discussion about whether Commission feels a membership card is necessary (no)	
D. Legislative monitoring sub-committee powers/procedures	
1. Item deferred to the Legislative committee to establish and bring back to the Commission as a whole for approval.	
E. Vote to accept Commission seal	
1. Cannot vote without quorum. No objections. Sending to graphic team at SHHP for cleaning up.	
IV. New Business	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. Committee Assignments	
1. Screen share of committee assignments (attached).	
B. March Commission Capitol Day and Reception	
1. Time/Date -	
2. Format	
3. Invites to legislature	
4. Educational packets	
a. Senator Barrow says she'll have to check about timing/scheduling (Aisha to talk to Dr. Conrad).	
b. March meeting time/date still TBD (based on scheduling a Capitol Day).	
C. Commission seat vacancies	
1. Person living with (or having been cured of) Hepatitis C with a dual diagnosis of HIV	
a. Still looking for a community member with dual diagnosis to put forward for this seat.	
b. Dr. Hebert-Magee suggested social media advertising through provider profiles.	
2. Representative of the faith-based community (application received)	
a. Reverend Lonnie Cheramie's application shared with the Commission.	
3. Vote on application from faith-based community	

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a. Cannot vote without quorum.	
D. Video Presentation: Robert's Rules of Order	
a. Robert's Rules Training video shared: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwCeE9_xaR4	
b. Chair asked Commissioners to share any resources they have.	
E. Discussion: Interaction with Legislators	
a. Senator Barrow suggested Commissioners start off building relationships with those who serve on the Health and Welfare Committee as well as researching legislation of interest as soon as possible.	
b. Tamachia Davenport mentioned legislation of interest might end up in the Education Committee as well, and that showing up for Committee discussions is a good way to interact with legislators.	
c. Senator Barrow suggested each Commissioner call or email their representative and senator before Mardi Gras (or at least before session begins).	
d. Aisha to draft an email to assist Commissioners in contact their representatives and senators.	
F. Focus on Women of Color Living with HIV in Louisiana	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
1. Chair mentioned a report in 2022 showing Black women as second for new HIV transmissions in Louisiana and asked the Commission for a general conversation about this and how the Commission could work to support efforts to prevent new HIV incidence among Black women.	
2. Programs focusing on Black women and HIV and/or resources discussed:	
a. Black women and PrEP (https://www.louisianahealthhub.org/black-women-and-prep/) – refer those who would like to be part of the project to tamchia@msn.com .	
b. Bounce to Zero campaign in New Orleans (https://bouncetozero.com/).	
c. Office of Public Health telehealth program (https://www.louisianahealthhub.org/teleprep/) can provide PrEP services at no cost for anyone in Louisiana, regardless of insurance status, as well as PEP and DoxyPEP.	
d. Get Loud Louisiana (https://getloudlouisiana.org)	
e. LSU School of Public Health's training programs through AETC (https://sph.lsuhsu.edu/service/south-central-aetc/)	
f. The Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education at Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy (https://www.louisianacan.org/)	
3. Discussion about stigma and resulting PrEP avoidance, the idea of employing Community Health Workers to fight stigma and usher people to providers, the critical nature of street outreach with such intersections with houselessness, domestic violence, and substance use disorder, and education of every student population possible.	
V. Other Business	Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
A. Announcements	
1. USCHA will be in New Orleans this September – they're looking for volunteers.	
2. Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health statewide coordinator updated on HR 130 Task Force, reminds people of HIV is Not a Crime Day (February 28, 2024), and suggests LCCH partners with the Commission on a Capitol Day.	
3. Samuel Burgess gave an update on federal funding for states for HIV-related work. Will keep Commission posted on requirement changes. He also announced that the HOPWA funding application had been submitted.	
B. Public Comment	
1. No public comment.	
C. Next Meeting Date: TBD	
D. Adjournment:	
Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair	
1. Mitch Handrich motioned to adjourn	
2. George Nawas seconded.	
3. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.	

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Roll Call:

First Name	MI	Last Name	2/6/2024
H. Glenn		Anderson, Jr.	Present
Regina		Ashford Barrow	Present
Anthony	G.	Basco	Absent
Tamara	T.	Dioubate	Absent
Marvin		Anderson	Absent
Angelee	J.	Brown	Absent
Tanya	C.	Brown	Absent
Samuel	H.	Burgess	Present
Aimee		Cloyd	Absent
Paulette		Pinargote Cornejo	Absent
George		Nawas	Present
Crystal		Lewis	Present
Phillip	T.	Griffin	Absent
De Ann	Marie	Gruber	Present
Mitchell	C.	Handrich	Present
Tavell	L.	Kindall	Present
Randy	L.	Lavespere	Absent
Austin	L.	Matthews	Present
Tamachia	J.	Davenport	Present
Dustin		Miller	Absent
David	M.	Mushatt	Present
Christopher		Guillory	Present
Norma	S.	Porter	Present
Lauren	E.	Richey	Present
Meta	R.	Smith-Davis	Absent

2024 Committee AssignmentsBylaws Committee

1. Tamara Dioubate
2. Austin Matthews
3. Angelee Brown
4. Elizabeth Duncan

Membership Committee

1. Randy Lavespere
2. Vatsana Chanthala (pending appointment)
3. Mitch Handrich
4. Phillip Griffin

Legislative Committee

1. George Nawas
2. Shantel Hebert-Magee (pending appointment)
3. DeAnn Gruber
4. Lauren Richey
5. Marvin Anderson
6. Samuel Burgess
7. Monica Johnson (pending appointment)
8. Tamachia Davenport
9. Crystal Lewis

HCV Committee

1. Aimee Cloyd
2. Tavell Kindall
3. David Mushatt
4. Norma Porter

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