



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

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council
Hybrid: 2601 Tulane Ave, Suite #400, New Orleans, LA

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98507170875>

9:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
- A. Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM.
- II. Roll Call: Aisha McKenzie, Sr. Strategic Advisor SHHP, LDH
- A. 15 Members present (roll attached).
- B. Quorum not met.
- III. Old Business: Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
- A. January 14, 2025 Minutes Approval
1. Quorum not met, no minutes approval.
- B. 2025 Commission Capitol Day Discussion
1. 2025 regular session convenes Monday, June 2, 2025 (sine die is Thursday, June 14, 2025)
2. For any Commissioner willing to help plan the Capitol Day, please email aisha.mckenzie@la.gov. A planning team will meet to discuss format and logistics.
- C. 2025 Legislative Session Discussion
1. Outline of process of legislative watch list, letters, etc.
2. Dr. Samuel Burgess appointed as Chair of Legislative Committee by Dr. Kindall. He will set up a poll regarding day/time for the meetings.
3. Tamara Dioubate, Dr. Griffin and Jennifer Holl (pending appointment) asked to be added to the Legislative Committee.
4. Aisha to create a legislative watch list. Pre-file deadline is Friday, April 11 at 5 PM.
- IV. New Business Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair
- A. 2025 Annual Report Process Discussion
1. Dr. Burgess suggests Commission marks agenda items to be included in the report throughout the year.
2. Draft will go out to Commission in November, approval vote in January.
3. Request that Commissioners send any suggestions of other items to include to aisha.mckenzie@la.gov.
- B. 2025 Legislative Session Discussion
1. N/A. Duplicate item.
- C. Executive Orders and Impact on Commission's Work Dr. Samuel Burgess
1. January was a flurry of Executive Orders, many of which seemed to effect HIV works (funding freezes, communication and language bans, future of the Federal Agencies).
2. February was classified by many lawsuits in response to the Executive Orders.
3. All eyes on Federal Budget with expiring CR on 3/14/25. A CR through September is possible.
4. Discussion about the concerns of Ryan White-funded entities regarding getting their funds.
5. Discussed possibility of the Commission writing to the US Senators and representatives and the higher impact of calls vs. letters.
- D. Presentation: Using AI in HIV Prevention Outreach Dr. Rasheeta Chandler
1. AI as an AID: Suggestions for How to Use Artificial Intelligence Relative to Patient care.
2. Dr. Rasheeta Chandler is an Associate Professor at Emory University School of Nursing Associate Professor and a clinical Nurse Practitioner.
3. Dr. Chandler made herself available for questions at the end of her presentation. She may be emailed at: r.d.chandler@emory.edu.
4. Presentation slide deck available upon request to aisha.mckenzie@la.gov.
- E. Discussion: HIV prevention and treatment in Louisiana's Rural Communities – making connections
1. Ms. Raegan Carter of the Louisiana Primary Care Association and Dr. Mallory Schmoll of Walgreens joined the Commission in discussion.

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2. Dr. Schmoll spoke to advocating prescriptive authority for pharmacists to increase access to PrEP, noting that Walgreens has partnered with DoorDash to deliver medications to people in rural areas.
3. Ms. Raegan Carter of the LPCA informed the Commission that all the CHCs and FQHCs LPCA represent offer HIV testing and treatment/prevention and that education of such is a priority for LPCA.
4. Questions: Dr. Burgess asked about whether there is a process in place to analyze any gaps in education regarding testing outreach so that improvements can be made to process and education efforts. Dr. Gruber suggested linking the AETC to the LPCA for training and outreach (representatives of both being present for the meeting).
5. Vatsana Chanthala offered the New Orleans HIV Clinician Hotline (available across the state) as a resource: 504-538-0495
6. Also noted was the National Clinician HIV Consultation Center (USF) as a resource: <https://nccc.ucsf.edu/>
7. LPCA sometimes incentivizes clinicians to participate in trainings, and says that they don't typically have difficulty getting interest in participation.
8. LPCA Annual Conference: October in Baton Rouge – the LPCA will send the Commission a request for abstract so that the Commission may offer a presentation.

V. Other Business

Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair

A. Open Discussion / Announcements

1. Dr. Burgess gave update on Act 711: public comment period closed at the end of February, response to public comment circulating through LDH leadership now, rule should be finalized in April.
2. Louisiana statewide HIV Clinical Quality Improvement meeting I on April 24, from 9a-11a on Zoom.
3. Vatsana Chanthala announced a June 5th celebration of 30 years of Ryan White in New Orleans and is asking for any historical contributions for the celebration.

B. General Public Comment

1. Gilbert Brown asked “Has there been any talk surrounding College PrEP?” – Dr. Burgess says that SHHP is always offering trainings and also looking to do more. Also Project PEER at Southern University (<https://project-peer.org/>).
2. Morris Singletary announced the Stigma Summit at LSU Shreveport on August 20, 2025.
3. Vatsana Chanthala announced an event on 3/14/25 at Café Istanbul 6-8pm to hear women’s stories.

C. Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2025 (hybrid), 9:00 AM

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Tavell Kindall, Chair

- A. Dr. Gruber Motioned to adjourn; Dr. Burges seconded.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

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