



Central Florida HIV Planning Council Bridge Reports: Ryan White Community Meeting October 2025 – August 2026

1. Committee's Role Within the Service System

The Ryan White Community Meeting serves as a community-engagement forum connecting consumers, Planning Council members, service providers, and community partners within the Central Florida HIV service system. It communicates Planning Council and committee business, gathers community input on service standards and planning priorities, shares Ryan White Part A and AIDS Drug Assistance Program updates, promotes available services and resources, and creates opportunities for education, advocacy, and participation by people with lived experience.

2. Activities Accomplished during Past 12 Months

- Provided recurring updates on work completed by the Membership & Engagement Committee, Service Systems Planning & Quality Committee, Integrated Plan Ad Hoc Committee, Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee, and World AIDS Day Workgroup.
- Shared the 2026–2027 final prioritizations, Ways to Best Meet Needs directives, and final Part A and Part B funding slates.
- Promoted the HIV Care Needs Survey and conducted community-engagement activities to gather input for the 2027–2031 Integrated Plan; draft and final versions of the plan were also distributed for community review and feedback.
- Obtained participant feedback and proposed revisions on Service Standards.
- Provided timely education and question-and-answer opportunities regarding ADAP enrollment, program changes, funding restoration, special enrollment deadlines, the local impact of changes, insurance-broker assistance, and the reinstatement of Oral Health Services.
- Presented information on Planning Council purpose, responsibilities, membership categories, committee roles, and the value of participation by people with lived experience.
- Delivered educational presentations and activities addressing substance-use care best practices, sober living, financial literacy, community resilience, hurricane preparedness, HIV/AIDS knowledge, stigma reduction, women's empowerment, community advocacy, research participation, and Photovoice.
- Supported World AIDS Day and AIDS Memorial Quilt activities, recognized community contributors, shared HIV-awareness events, and promoted local partner resources.

3. Challenges or Lessons Learned

The reporting period highlighted the need for clear, repeated, and accessible communication during rapid program and policy changes, particularly those affecting ADAP, insurance enrollment, funding, and service availability. Multiple subject-matter presentations and open question-and-answer opportunities helped participants understand changes and identify available assistance. The period also demonstrated that varied engagement methods—including surveys, facilitated discussions, games, creative activities, small-group workshops, and direct review of draft documents—can strengthen participation and produce meaningful community feedback.

4. Additional Comments

From October 2025 through August 2026, the meetings maintained a consistent focus on transparency, community voice, service-system education, and coordination among Planning Council committees and community partners. The breadth of presentations and participatory activities reflects an effort to address immediate program changes while also building long-term knowledge, resilience, advocacy, and leadership within the Central Florida HIV community.