Central Florida HIV Planning Council

Ryan White Community Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2026

Call to Order: The Co-Chair, Rene Cotto-Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM at Second Harvest Food Bank located at 411 Mercy Drive, Orlando, FL 32805.

Participants: Rene Cotto-Lewis, Nino Franklin, Anthony McNeil, Tim Collins, Iradarnell Westbrook, AJ Johnson, Jessica Seidita, Frederick Cotto-Lewis, Jenifer Rivera, Jon Nelson, Deshaun Bell, Donte Bern, Ernie Polley, Ryan Seunarine, Luis Cedegan, Wayne Johnson, Christina Batts, Ray Parrish, Alicia Weatherman, Charlie Wright, Mark Dwyer

Present via Teleconference: Scott Bowles, Tamieka Buckler

PCS Staff Present: Whitney Marshall, Bryan DuBac, Laura Perez, Dedrah Mathis

Approval of the agenda:	The committee reviewed the meeting agenda and recommended the following changes: • Presenter of Priority Setting & Resource Allocation changed from Rene Cotto-Lewis & Nino Franklin to PCS **Motion:** Anthony McNeil made a motion to accept the agenda with the recommended changes. Jessica Seidita seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously without debate.
Approval of the August 18 minutes:	The committee reviewed the August 18 minutes and approved them as presented.
Open the floor for public comment:	• Previous RWCM Co-Chair, Iradarnell shared a farewell message with the meeting participants • PCS did not receive any comment cards.
Reports:	**Membership & Engagement Committee (World AIDS Day Planning Updates)** • The committee continued planning for this year's World AIDS Day event, discussing the following: The volunteer positions needed for the event o The networking hour o World AIDS Day Award submissions – deadline is October 30th o Event programming o Venue photos and proposed layout o Social media campaign and toolkit o Event MC

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	• The next World AIDS Day Planning meeting will be held on Friday, October 30th, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Orange County Health Services Department Administration Building (2002-A E. Michigan St., Orlando, FL 32805).
	• The next Membership & Engagement Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Orange County Health Services Department Administration Building (2002-A E. Michigan St., Orlando, FL 32806).
	
	Service Systems Planning & Quality (SSPQ) and Needs Assessment & Planning Committee
	• The joint committee meeting held elections for committee leadership and elected the following individuals:
	  ○ Jules Smith as Chair of the Service Systems & Quality Committee
	  ○ Glorybee Nuñez as Vice-Chair of the Service Systems & Quality Committee
	  ○ Mike Alonso as Chair of the Needs Assessment & Planning Committee
	• The committee received an overview of the Part A and Part B Monthly Expenditure reports.
	• The committee was informed that, beginning in January 2027, members will no longer be able to participate virtually in Planning Council meetings per Orange County's legal department, which will require changes to the Planning Council's attendance requirements.
	• The members present began discussing their committee workplans and schedules and ultimately decided to finalize their discussions at their respective committee meetings in November.
	• The committee reviewed the submitted evaluations for the September Annual Meetings.
	• The first Service Systems & Quality Committee meeting will be held Thursday, November 5th, 2026, at 1:30 PM at the Orange County Health Services Department Administration Building (2002-A E. Michigan St., Orlando, FL 32806).
	• The first Needs Assessment & Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Orange County Health Services Department Administration Building (2002-A E. Michigan St., Orlando, FL 32806).

New Business:	**Community Voice** Rene Cotto-Lewis introduced a new segment of the Ryan White Community Meeting entitled, "Community Voice". Different from the Public Comment section, Community Voice will allow for members of the community to share their thoughts and feedback. Nino Franklin shared

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that the goal of Community Voice is to empower the community to use their voice and to address the feedback. Nino also shared the group agreement for Community Voice.

Community members shared the following feedback during this segment:

- Concern about committees meeting during the daytime (when most are working)
- An announcement for voting during mid-term elections
- A suggestion to add Community Voice to the Planning Council Business Meeting
- Clarification about public comment vs. Community Voice
- An inquiry about the selection of Publix as the grocery store for food cards

Pedro Huertas-Diaz explained the process of requesting quotes from supermarkets for food cards, and how Publix is available throughout the EMA. He also provided clarification on the grievance process and also encouraged members to talk with Part A & B representatives at the meeting regarding any concerns.

Co-chairs shared possible solutions and encouraged participation during future Community Voice segments. Rene also shared that input will be requested regarding standard of care during future Community Voice segments to be shared with the Service Systems & Quality committee. Planning Council Senior Chair, Anthony McNeil further explained the purpose of Community Voice and empowered community members to utilize this new section of the agenda.

Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Updates

Since the Community Voice section went over the allotted time, Rene entertained a motion to postpone the Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Updates to the next meeting.

Motion: Alelia Munroe made a motion to postpone the Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Updates to the November Ryan White Community Meeting. Tim Collins seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously without debate.

World AIDS Day Quilt Activity

Gabriel Rodriguez from QLatinx gave a presentation on the history of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Participants also engaged in an interactive activity where they were able to test their knowledge regarding important dates related to the quilt's legacy. Following the activity, Gabriel showcased the interactive AIDS Quilt online and explained how to navigate through the various panels. Gabriel also shared the goal to replicate the quilts in our local circulation to send them over to the National AIDS Memorial.

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	Participants were informed of the process to create a quilt panel. Gabriel also requested volunteers for World AIDS Day for quilt handlers, and for participants for a short video capturing the history of the AIDS quilt in Central Florida. Target completion: December 2026 for the ceremony. The proposed duration is 5-10 minutes. The goal is to expand the video into a longer-form project to be completed in 2027. Gabriel shared the distribution and reach goals for this project. Next video planning meeting is November 7, 2026 from 12-2 PM and the Downtown Public Library and online.
Announcements:	• Positive Assistance – Request for volunteers (see AJ Johnson) • Central Florida HIV Stigma Taskforce – The Red Room World AIDS Day Fundraiser – Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM at The Valentine Orlando Event Venue • Midterm Elections/ Early Voting • World AIDS Day Planning – Friday, October 30, 3036 at 2:00 PM

ACTION ITEMS	
Responsible Party	**Item**
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Next Meeting:	November 17, 2026
Adjournment:	7:58pm

Prepared by: Dedrah Mathis Date: 11/2/2026

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

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