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#### Developing Leaders in Your Planning Council/Body Membership

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## Agenda

- 1. Objectives
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Typical Responsibilities of PC/PB Leaders
- 4. Key Knowledge Areas and Important Skills
- 5. Officer Training and Support
- 6. Questions and Answers





## **Objectives**

By the end of this webinar you will be able to:

- Describe the typical responsibilities of Planning Council/Body (PC/PB) and committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Vice Chairs
- Identify at least four key knowledge areas and four important skills for PC/PB leaders
- Describe the types of orientation and training typically needed by PC/PB leaders, along with a suggested process and strategies to provide leadership orientation, training, and support



# **Part One: Introductions**

Interpreters

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## Glossary

- **EMA** Eligible Metropolitan Area
- **TGA** Transitional Grant Area
- PC/PB Planning Council / Planning Body
- CEO Chief Elected Official
- HRSA Health Resources and Services Administration
- HAB HIV/AIDS Bureau
- RWHAP Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program



# **Part Two: Typical Responsibilities**

**HRSA HAB Expectations** for Officers

**Officer Roles** 



#### **HRSA HAB Expectations for PC/PB Chairs/Co-Chairs**

- The PC/PB may not be chaired solely by an employee of the recipient [p 148]
- The Chair may be appointed by the CEO or elected by the PC/PB [p 103]
- Chairs/Co-Chairs must reside within the boundaries of the EMA/TGA [p 120]



Ryan White Part A Manual, 2013

Disclaimer: the updated Ryan White Part A Manual has not yet been finalized

#### **HRSA HAB Expectations for PC/PB Chairs/Co-Chairs**

- Sign the letter of assurance (PC) or concurrence (PB) included in the Part A application\* [p 51]
- At meetings, help ensure that everyone is heard, the agreed-upon process for running meetings is followed, and time limits are placed on discussion [p 206]
- Review and certify the accuracy of the detailed minutes of each PC/PB meeting [p 95]\*
- Help review and manage **conflict of interest** [p 151]

Ryan White Part A Manual, 2013

#### **Differentiating Chair, Co-Chair, and Vice-Chair Roles**

- **Chair** the leader of the PC/PB or committee, elected or appointed
- Vice-Chair the number two leader of the PC/PB or committee, who fills in for the Chair when needed and carries out assignments from the Chair
  - Sometimes automatically becomes the next Chair
- Co-Chairs two or more individuals who share leadership of the PC/PB or a committee
  - Both may have equal status or one may be more senior due to tenure
  - Sometimes one Co-Chair is required to be a person with HIV or only one is allowed to represent a provider

#### **Typical Responsibilities for PC/PB Chairs**

- Develop meeting agendas
- Chair and facilitate meetings
- Assign tasks to committees
- Ensure that the agreed-upon meeting process, policies and procedures, and agenda are followed
- Request needed support: data, staffing

- Set deadlines and timelines and monitor progress on work plan
- Help direct the work of the PC/PB support staff/manager
- May also:
  - Establish work groups or committees
  - Appoint members to committees

#### **Typical Responsibilities for Committee Chairs**

- Develop committee agendas
- Chair and facilitate committee meetings
- Ensure that the agreed-upon meeting process, policies and procedures, and agenda are followed
- Work with PC/PB support staff to plan committee meetings and identify data, materials, staffing needs

- Ensure development of committee work plan and monitor
   progress/timelines
- Ensure training and mentoring for committee members
- Help prepare and review work products and reports
- Work collaboratively with other committees
- Represent/report for the committee at Executive Committee and PC/PB meetings

#### **Actions for Officers to Avoid**

- Holding a meeting when there are no tasks to complete
- Making decisions without consulting PC/PB or committee members
- Favoring some members over others or allowing a few members to dominate discussion
- Allowing unlimited discussion
- Making any member feel uninformed or unvalued
- If parliamentary procedure is in use:
  - Advocating for a particular decision while chairing a PC/PB meeting
  - Voting, except when there is a tie

## **Community Perspective: Roles**





# Part Three: Key Knowledge Areas and Important Skills

Knowledge Areas

**Skill Areas** 



#### **PC/PB Officer Knowledge Areas**

- **RWHAP**: RWHAP legislation, guidance, and history (especially Part A)
- Your EMA/TGA and Part A Program: Local epidemic, recipient agency, integrated/comprehensive plan, system of care, service priorities and funding allocations, service expenditures, HIV care continuum, services needs, barriers and gaps for people with HIV.
- PC/PB governance/operations: Bylaws, policies and procedures, committees, meeting rules and process, staffing, MOU
- PC/PB membership: Roster, vacancies, representation and reflectiveness, open nominations process
- PC/PB status and plans: Annual calendar, PC/PB and committee work plans and status

#### **PC/PB Officer Skill Areas**

- HIV community planning: Organizing and implementing key planning tasks, especially legislatively defined roles of PC/PB
- Communications: Especially oral, but also concise written communications
- Meeting rules/procedures: Using your PC/PB's chosen method of running meetings
- Recipient relations: Working productively with recipient staff

#### **PC/PB Officer Skill Areas**

#### Leadership and group process – as needed to:

- Chair and facilitate meetings
- Work well with members from diverse cultures and backgrounds
- Motivate, engage, and support members
- Manage public comment and input
- Establish and maintain a high-performing team
- Analyze and resolve conflicts and other group-process issues
- Implement truly inclusive planning

#### **Communication Skills for Running a Meeting**

- Communicate: Start the meeting, welcome new members, make introductions, address agenda, set the scene
- Control: Maintain order, manage time, be flexible but keep to the agenda
- Coax: Encourage full participation without anyone dominating; ask hard questions and raise hard issues
- **Compare:** Summarize various views presented
- Clarify: Make sure everyone understands the discussion, and minimize jargon and technical terms

#### **Communication Skills for Running a Meeting**

- Support decision making: Ensure that decisions are made and that they reflect the PC/PB's purposes, and ensure that decisions are recorded and have someone assigned to implement them
- Guide: Remember your role in guiding the meeting, helping members work as a productive team, and managing time
- End the meeting: Summarize decisions made, follow-up action needed, and focus items for the next meeting

# **Community Perspective: Skills and Knowledge Areas**



# Part Four: Officer Training and Support

Initial Orientation and Training

**Strategies for Training and Supporting Officers** 



#### **Training and Support for PC/PB Officers**

- All officers should receive orientation immediately after election/appointment
  - Officers chosen to fill a vacated seat should receive immediate orientation
- All officers should receive additional training during their terms as a group, based on roles, or as individuals
- Executive Committee meetings provide an opportunity for brief updates/training if all officers serve on that committee
- General orientation should provide information on topics important for all officers
- Training should cover skills like group process, team building, and planning/managing meetings

## Suggested Strategies for Training and Supporting PC/PB Leaders

- **1. Orientation:** Provide a structured, interactive orientation for new officers immediately after their election, and before they chair their first meeting
- 2. Self-assessments: Ask all new officers to self-assess their knowledge and skills and identify most-needed orientation, training, and materials
- 3. Officer Development Plan: Prepare a concise but specific Officer Development Plan for the PC/PB each year that includes shared and individual training needs and provides strategies and a timeline for planned officer development opportunities (template on next slide)
- 4. Budgeting of funds for officer development: Set aside some PC/PB support funds for officer training and support

#### Sample Format for an Annual Officer Development Plan

For each topic listed, put a checkmark to indicate which officers should be trained on it.

Type of Opportunity and Topics	All Officers	PC/PB Officers	Committee Officers	Individuals (Names)	Strategies/ Methods	Timeline/ Responsibility
Orientation Session(s)						
[List topics, with separate lines for separate sessions]						
Training Sessions						
[List topics, with separate lines for separate sessions]						
Individual Development	N/A	N/A	N/A			
[List topics, with separate lines for separate sessions]	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Other Opportunities						
[List topics, with separate lines for separate sessions]						

<u>See Module 9: Working Together: Effective Committee and PC/PB Meetings, "Preparing and Supporting PC/PB Officers"</u> for a training plan development activity and to download a template of this development plan.

### Suggested Strategies for Training and Supporting PC/PB Leaders

- Access to materials: Be sure all officers have quick access to needed documents
- 6. Use of Executive Committee meetings: Set aside time during Executive Committee meetings for quick, focused training sessions and information updates
- 7. **Periodic sessions:** Hold periodic training and consultation sessions for all officers or all committee and work group officers to learn new tools, share experiences, and address identified information or skill development needs
- 8. Mentoring: Arrange for former PC/PB officers or appropriate staff to serve as mentors or advisors to new officers, formally or informally

## Suggested Strategies for Training and Supporting PC/PB Leaders

- **9.** Continuing support from PC/PB support staff: Ensure access to needed information and materials, logistical and administrative assistance, and advice for meeting planning and follow up and for successful completion of other tasks
- **10. Other officer development:** Think creatively in arranging other opportunities for officer development, for example:
  - Attendance at meetings or conferences that provide training, and sharing of skills and tools with other officers
  - Observation of other planning bodies that provide useful models by attending in person or virtually
  - Debriefing, online training, and access to materials and tools on leadership

# Planning CHATT Resources for PC/PB Officer Training and Support

- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Planning Council Primer
- Using Training Guide Materials to Develop Orientation and Training for PC/PB Members
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Manual
  - Section X. Planning Council Operations
  - Section XI. Planning and Planning Bodies
- Training Guide for RWHAP Part A Planning Councils/Planning Bodies
- Compendium of Materials for PC Support Staff, especially:
  - Section 3. PC/PB Support
  - Section 8. PC/PB Operations

**Community Perspective: Training and Support** 





#### **Summary**

- PC/PBs vary in the number and types of officers, their roles, and how they are selected
- As the PC/PB's leaders, both PC/PB and Committee officers need orientation, training, and support
  - Work Group and Caucus Chairs also need training, support
- Officers need a variety of knowledge and skills
  - Training needs are greatest for new officers, but veteran officers also benefit from training and can mentor others
- PC/PBs benefit from implementing a structured process for officer orientation, training, and development

#### **Questions and Answers**



# **Thank You!**



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#### HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance and Training

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