

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2013
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Gary Rhett at 10:14 a.m. Susan Fulmer welcomed everyone to the Council meeting. All persons in attendance were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and to acknowledge the agency they represent.

HPC Members present: Kabra' Benford, Vera Bishop-Wright, Veronica Brisco, Aaron Bryan, K. Allen Campbell, Susan Fulmer, Monetha Gaskin, Adrena Harrison, Keisha Hightower, Stacey Jennings, LaVonda Johnson, Michael Luciano, Wilhelmenia Mathis, Edena Meetze, Lottie McClorin, David Pable, Angel Payton-Harmon, Tricia Phaup, Harry Prim III, Gary Rhett, Amanda Rosado, Pamela Shephard-McKnight, Larry Walton and Mary Wright-Golden, Laura Cahue?? Deadra Malloy???

Absent: Mark Gray, Alex Karydi, Virginia King, Ashley Redmond, Glenda Schleich, Tyrone Small, Romie Washington and Shehan Welihindha [Edena Meetze???

DHEC: Pam Davis, Stephanie Derr, Lewis Hicks, Roshan McDaniel, Leigh Oden, Jeff Pagan, Tony Price, Kirk Shull and Janet Tapp

Ex-Officio Members: Melody Maddox and Valerie Daniel

Guests: Mulamba Lunda, Elizabeth McLendon, Lizzy Stewart, Eme Crawford and Lateefah Mosley.

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the February 26, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Action Item: A motion was made to approve the minutes with one addition – add Lateefah Mosley to the attendance record as a guest. The motion was made by Michael Luciano and seconded by Angel Payton Harmon. The motion passed.

Presentations

The State of STDs in South Carolina: Jeff Pagan and Bernard Gilliard presented an update on the state of STDs in South Carolina. A question and answer session followed.

Comprehensive Health Education Act: Eme Crawford from the New Morning Foundation's Tell Them project provided the group with an update on House Bill 3435, the Comprehensive Health Education Act revisions. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Adjourn to Committees: The meeting was adjourned to the committee meetings.

Lunch

Call to Order: The meeting was called back to order at 1:34 p.m. by Gary Rhett.

Care and Support Services Programs: Leigh Oden provided the Council members and guests with a brief update of the Ryan White Programs. Highlights included:

- Part B funding is being held up due to sequestration. The Division has only received a partial award – roughly 35 percent of the total allocation.
- The Part D continuing application was submitted last week
- Year End reports are due from current service providers.

Roshan McDaniel provided an update on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). Highlights included:

- The pharmacy benefits manager contract expires in May. The Division is in the process of reviewing bids for the new contract term.
- The direct dispensing contract expires in July. An RFP will be issued within the next few weeks.
- NASTAD TA site visit is scheduled for May 2-3. They will be providing technical assistance on ADAP financial forecasting.
- NASTAD will also be hosting regional technical assistance sessions focusing on ADAP internal procedures and updating guideline forms.

Prevention Programs: Tony provided updates on DHEC's STD/HIV Prevention Program <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/stdhiv/index.htm> activities.

- DHEC submitted its closeout reports on April 1 for the prior cycle of CDC grants funding for HIV expanded testing and HIV prevention.
- DHEC submitted its annual progress reports to CDC on April 1 for the 2012 HIV prevention grant and the STD prevention grant.
- The STD/HIV Division is pleased to announce that Monetha Gaskin and Jennifer Turner will join us on May 2 as staff. Monetha will be the Program Coordinator for the HIV Linkage to Care Demonstration Project and Jennifer will be the Prevention Evaluation Program Coordinator.

HIV/STD Division Update: Janet Tapp, the Division Director, provided an overall update on the current happenings in the HIV/STD Division. Highlights include:

- The Division is anticipating a 5.1 or 5.2 percent reduction in federal spending due to sequestration.
- The Division does not anticipate an ADAP waitlist.
- Contract providers may see a slight reduction in their awards if the agency's cut is larger than anticipated.
- The new administrative person is Sandra Nate. She is in the position previously held by Deborah Goodwin.
- Two positions are pending approval.

Administrative Report: Donald Wood reviewed the evaluations from the April Council meeting. He also provided a brief financial update and reviewed the Council's expenses from the last reporting cycle.

Executive Committee Report: Gary Rhett provided the Council with a brief recap of the Executive Committee conference call that was held on April 11. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda and discussed future meeting topics.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership: No report. The committee has not met since our last meeting.

Care and Support Services: Angel Payton-Harmon reported that the committee reviewed the Peer Institute instrument.

Positive Advocacy: Veronica Brisco reported that the committee met on March 5th. They are in the process of obtaining written permission from members who want to have their names listed on the HPC's website. They will host a training on the afternoon of the Sept. 17 meeting. The topic is Benefits Navigation Training for Non-case Managers.

Needs Assessment: Harry Prim reported that the committee is still working on the following tasks:

- ✓ Reviewed the goals of the committee
- ✓ Began to formulate a plan of action for the White MSM survey.

Prevention: Larry Walton reported that the committee is continuing to update its 2013 work plan. The committee also discussed the status of the priority populations sub-committee.

They also discussed the following:

- ✓ The STD presentation
- ✓ The roles and responsibilities of the committee

Workgroup Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup (SAASH) Update: Aaron Bryan gave a brief update from the workgroup's last meeting on April 10. During the meeting they discussed the proposed revision of the Comprehensive Health Education Act. He also noted that the Department of Education was in the process of preparing a response to an RFP that was issued on HIV School Based Education. The grant is competitive and limited to 14 states. SAASH is having a strategic planning meeting on May 15.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer provided a synopsis from the group's March 25 meeting. Staff from Goodwill provided an overview of their program for ex-offenders. The group also discussed the implications of the District Court ruling against the Alabama Department of Corrections regarding the separation of HIV positive inmates. The group will meet again on June 10. The topic is the decriminalization of HIV. The respective prison wardens have been invited to attend.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Laura Cahue reported that the committee is continuing to tweak the data in the Hispanic/Latino report. They are also involved in discussion regarding the comprehensive immigration reform bill.

- ✓ Upcoming events: Cultural Competency Education and Training Session
- ✓ SC Hispanic/Latino Roundtable - June 7in Charleston

African American MSM Workgroup: K. Allen Campbell provided a brief update on the activities of the workgroup.

- ✓ The fifth annual MSM Prevention Institute will be held June 21. Flyers and information on the conference were provided to Council members and guests. Darryl Stephens, an actor from the LOGO program Noah's Arc will be the main keynote.

- ✓ Members and guests were encouraged to follow the group on Facebook and Twitter.

SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force Update: David Pable provided an update on the ongoing Medicaid expansion forums that are being held around the state. He also encouraged members to participate in a Medicaid Expansion Rally that is being coordinated by the SC Hospital Association. The rally information can be found on the task force's website: www.schaatc.org.

Unfinished Business

Website: Susan Fulmer reported that the Council's website has been updated with our most current documents. The website is www.schpc.org.

New Business

Future Presentations: The following presentations have been placed on the Council's calendar

- Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention in SC – June
- Update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy – June
- Update on the effects of Sequestration on our state HIV/AIDS programs - June
- Overview of Linkage to Care Data and Programs in SC – August
- Results from the White MSM Needs Assessment Survey - December

Announcements

- ✓ The call for presentations for the upcoming HIV/STD conference has been released. The deadline to submit an abstract is May 10. The information can be found on the conference's website: www.schiv-stdconference.org.
- ✓ KANUGA 2013, an HIV/AIDS retreat sponsored by the Episcopal Church will be held June 7-9 in Hendersonville, NC. This is the first time the event has been held in several years. Registration and scholarship information was provided.
 - ✓ Positive Voices will be hosting a capacity building workshop. Both men and women are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Deadra Malloy.
- ✓ National Viral Hepatitis Day – May 19

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood