

**S.C. HIV Planning Council**  
Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2013  
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by Veronica Brisco at 10:05 a.m. Veronica 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	Stacy Jennings	Angel Payton Harmon
Vera Bishop-Wright	LaVonda Johnson	Tricia Phaup
Veronica Brisco	Michael Luciano	Harry Prim III
Laura Cahue	Melody Maddox	Gary Rhett
Susan Fulmer	Deadra Malloy	Pamela Shepard McKnight
Mary Wright Golden	Wilhelmenia Mathias	Tyrone Small
Adrena Harrison	Lottie McClorin	Larry Walton
Keisha Hightower	David Pable	Shehan Welihindha

Absent

K. Allen Campbell	Glenda Schleich
Alex Karydi	Romie Washington

Ex-Officio Members

Carlos Harris

DHEC Central Office Staff

Pam Davis	Tony Price	Charmella Tyler
Monetha Gaskin	Janet Tapp	Caroline Carman
Leigh Oden	Bobby Rogers	
Jeff Pagan	Jennifer Turner	

Guests

David Alexander	Elizabeth McLendon	Lucianda Smith
Christine Beyer	Gerald McNair	Jaya Wall
Maiava Blackwell	James Cooper	Rick Felder
Mulamba Lunda	Cindy Snyder	Ryan Wilson

Staff

Donald Wood

**Minutes:** The minutes from the August 16, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

**Action Item:** A motion was made by LaVonda Johnson and seconded David Pable to accept the minutes as presented.

Presentations

**Ryan White Part B Update:** Leigh Oden, Katrina Gary and Roshan McDaniel provided the Council with an update on all of the Ryan White funded programs.

**Hispanics/Latinos HIV Prevention Needs Assessment:** Laura Cahue provided the group a summary of the updated changes that were made to the Needs Assessment of HIV Prevention Needs Among Hispanics/Latinos in South Carolina.

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

### **Lunch**

**Call to Order:** Following lunch, the meeting was called back to order at 1:24 p.m. by Gary Rhett.

Following the call to order, announcements were accepted from the audience.

**HIV/STD Division Update:** Janet Tapp provided the group an update on the happenings within the HIV/STD Division of DHEC. She noted that a new bureau chief has been hired. Her name is Anita Brock. Dr. Lisa Waddell has resigned her position with DHEC. She will be moving to Washington, DC.

**Care and Support Services Programs:** Leigh Oden gave an update on the most recent program grant applications.

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

- DHEC received the notice from CDC in late September that permission was granted for the use of calendar year 2012 unspent funds to be used in late 2013 (by 12/31/2013). This helps to lessen the federal sequestration impact. Unspent funds may only be used for one-time activities or purchases, such as supplies. The STD/HIV Division made a large purchase of condoms for the DHEC public health departments and contractual community partners in November which should support community and client needs well into 2014.
- DHEC's HIV prevention interim progress report for 2013 and continuation application for 2014 was submitted to CDC on September 16. DHEC has not yet received a notice of grant award.
- DHEC's application for the next five-year cycle of the CDC STD prevention grant was submitted on September 12. Funding is approximately level for 2014.
- DHEC's viral hepatitis prevention interim progress report for 2013 and continuation application for 2014 was submitted to CDC in early August. DHEC received the notice of level grant funding in late October for the project year that started on November 1.
- Keisha Hightower joined the STD/HIV Division on November 17 as the prevention contracts and data monitor. She will also serve as the condom distribution program coordinator. Keisha comes to the division from the DHEC Midlands Public Health Region where she served as a quality improvement coach and HIV health educator.
- The Office of National AIDS Policy released an updated report on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and HIV Care Continuum in early December:  
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/onap\\_nhas\\_improving\\_outcomes\\_dec\\_2013.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/onap_nhas_improving_outcomes_dec_2013.pdf)
- CDC released an updated HIV Prevention Progress Report in early December:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies\\_NationalProgressReport.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies_NationalProgressReport.pdf)

A brief fact sheet is also available:

[http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies\\_NationalProgressReport\\_brief.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies_NationalProgressReport_brief.pdf)

**Administrative Report:** Donald Wood reviewed the evaluations from the August meeting. He also presented the Council financial report through November 31.

**Executive Committee Report:** Gary Rhett provided the Council with a brief recap of the Executive Committee conference call that was held on December 3. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda and discussed future meeting topics.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Membership:** Gary Rhett presented the Council with the membership recommendations for the 2014-2015 term along with committee assignments. He also reported that Bobby Rogers will serve as staff support for the Prevention Committee.

**Care and Support Services:** Angel Payton-Harmon reported that the committee discussed the following items:

- Impact of the ACA on HIV care services
- SC HIV Positive inmates are no longer segregated
- DIS services in South Carolina
- Peer Advocate Training survey

Angel also noted that she is working on a research project involving women of color who are not in care. She is seeking participants.

Angel was re-elected as chair of the committee. Deadra Malloy will serve as Co-chair and Kabra Benford will serve as the Membership Committee representative.

**Positive Advocacy:** Veronica Brisco reported that the committee will hold its first meeting on January 28 at DHEC. Crystal Davis conducted a training session on ADAP and the ACA at their last meeting. There were 20 people in attendance. They will be focusing on membership retention and participation in 2014.

Veronica has been re-elected as Chair. David Pable will serve as Co-Chair and Deadra Malloy will serve as the Membership Committee representative.

**Needs Assessment:** Harry Prim reported that received an update on the status of the needs assessment being conducted with White MSMs. The results from the assessment will be presented at the February meeting.

The also reviewed the committee's goals and objective and briefly discussed activities for 2014.

The new chair is David Pable. Laura Cahue will serve as Co-chair and Harry Prim will become the Membership Committee Representative.

**Prevention:** Larry Walton reported that the group the motion that will be presented on Willow and ARTAS. The motions will be presented at the February meeting. The committee also discusses their successes and challenges in 2013.

Larry Walton will remain as chair of the committee. K.Allen Campbell will serve as Co-Chair and Stacey Jennings will serve as the Membership Committee representative.

### Workgroup/Task Force Updates

**Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup:** Christine Beyer reported that the group is monitoring the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Sex Education Act. She invited members to participate in the first annual workshop on preventing risk taking behaviors in schools. The workshop will be held January 23-24.

She acknowledged the needs for program specifically for the special needs population.

**Corrections Workgroup:** Tyrone Small discussed the following topics at its last meeting:

- Decriminalization of HIV
- Desegregation of HIV Positive inmates at SCDC
- Status of the research project with of Dr. Smith and Dr. Duffus

- New warden at the Women's Center
- New SCDC director

**Hispanic/Latino Workgroup:** Laura Cahue reported that the group is seeking additional volunteers. They will be meeting soon to discuss how to make the workgroup more effective and begin developing a plan of work.

**African American MSM Workgroup:** No report.

**SC HIV Task Force:** Maiava Blackwell provided the group with the URL for the task force's new website. It is [www.schtf.com](http://www.schtf.com). The task elected new officers whose terms will begin in March of 2014. The officers are:

- Chair – Gwen Bampfield
- Vice Chair – Veronica Brisco
- Treasurer – Anita Case
- Secretary – Johanna Haynes
- Communications – Michael Bivens
- Stakeholders – Kevin Johnson
- Consumer Empowerment – David Pable
- Access to Prevention – Jim Manning
- Access to Care – Ashley Redmond
- Research and Legislative Strategy – Bambi Gaddist

The Task Force will be conducting community forums in February on Medicaid Expansion and the ACA.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Concurrence Vote:** The Council concurred with the DHEC report to the CDC.

#### **New Business**

**Future Presentations:** At the February meeting we will have an update on the current Epi Profile for South Carolina and the report on the White MSM needs assessment.

**Next Meeting:** The first meeting in 2014 will be held on February 25. The New Member Orientation session will be held on February 24.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood,  
Program Administrator