

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2012
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Troy A. Bowers at 10:20 a.m.

All members and guests were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell the group the agency or population they represented.

HPC Members present: Vera Bishop-Wright, Troy A. Bowers, Veronica Brisco, Aaron Bryan, James Cooper, Susan Fulmer, Monetha Gaskin, Mark Gray, Adrena Harrison, Keisha Hightower, LaVonda Johnson, Virginia King, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Lottie McClorin, Edena Meetze, Elsa Pardo, Angel Payton-Harmon, Tricia Phaup, Ashley Redmond, Gary Rhett, Pamela Shephard McKnight, Tyrone Small, Larry Walton, Ryan Wilson and Mary Wright Golden.

Absent: Sharon Black, Laura Cahue, Simon Major, Harry Prim III, Willie Simon II and Romie Washington.

DHEC: Linda Brown, Caroline Carman (TB), Lewis Hicks, Roshan McDaniel, Jeffery Pagan, Janet Tapp and Tony Price.

Ex-Officio Members: Stacy Jennings

Guests: Lee Patterson, Mulamba Lunda, Denise Rivera, LaTwyla Mathias, Amanda Rosado, Michael Luciano, David Pable and Alisha Washington

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the August 28, 2012 meeting were reviewed.

Action Item: A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by James Cooper and properly seconded by Virginia King to accept the minutes. The motion was approved by the Council.

Letter of Support: LaTwyla Mathias spoke on behalf of the One Campaign. She solicited letters of support from HPC members and guests to be written to Rep. Jim Clyburn and Sen. Lindsay Graham seeking support for an increase in foreign aid related to HIV prevention organizations and PEPFAR.

MSM Workgroup: Lewis Hicks gave a brief update on the activities of the workgroup. He advised the group that the date of the MSM Institute is June 21, 2013. The group is updating its work plan and is seeking volunteers to assist with its efforts.

Presentations

Survey of Hispanics/Latinos in South Carolina: Knowledge, Behavior and Needs

Assessment Results: Dr. Edena Meetze provided the group with an overview of the results from the recent needs assessment surveys conducted by the Needs Assessment Committee and the

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup with the Hispanic/Latino population. Once the final report is prepared each member of the Council will receive a copy.

The purpose of the survey was to better understand the behaviors and beliefs that may be placing Hispanics in South Carolina at risk for HIV infection in order (1) to increase the provision of culturally appropriate services and resources as well as (2) increase culturally appropriate and tailored HIV/AIDS prevention programs for the target population.

Committee Assignments: Prior to adjourning to committee meeting, members were reminded to elect a committee chair for the upcoming term as well as a membership committee representative.

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

Lunch

Call to Order: The meeting was called back to order at 12:58 p.m. by Troy Bowers.

HIV/STD Division Update: Janet Tapp gave a brief report on the recent Ryan White All Grantees meeting and the CDC Treatment Task Force. She also provided a brief presentation on the treatment cascade and the importance of linkage to care for people in the state who test positive for HIV as well as those who have fallen out of care.

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

- DHEC received notice that its HIV prevention grant application for minority health initiatives in rural communities will not be funded. The application received a positive rating but the federal funds were not sufficient to fund all eligible states.
- DHEC received notice of funding for the Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention grant. DHEC asked for an increase over current funds but received a cut of approximately \$3,000.
- DHEC has not yet heard of its 2013 comprehensive HIV prevention grant award.

Care and Support Services Programs: Roshan McDaniel gave an update on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and other Ryan White funding. The key points from her report are:

- The waitlist was eliminated in April. We don't anticipate a waitlist in the near future as long as funding remains stable.
- All Ryan White program grantees met in Columbia on December 7th.
- The RFP for direct dispensing will be released in the spring. Currently, Caremark holds the contract.
- Recertification of clients will now be done twice a year.

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

Executive Committee Report: Troy Bowers provided the Council with a brief recap of the Executive Committee conference call that was held on November 29. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda as well as the recommendations of the Membership committee.

The Executive Committee accepted the recommendations of the Membership Committee and is putting forth the following recommendations for acceptance by the full HPC:

Voting Members

K. Allen Campbell	Prevention
Shehan Welihindha	Needs Assessment
Amanda Rosado	Needs Assessment
Kabra Benford	Care and Support Services
Michael Luciano	Care and Support Services
Glenda Schleich	Prevention
Deadra Malloy	Care and Support Services
Stacy Jennings	Prevention
Carlos Harris	Care and Support Services
Alex Karydi	Needs Assessment

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David Pable	Needs Assessment
Valerie Daniel	Needs Assessment
Melody Maddox	Care and Support Services

The new members were approved by the Council.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Angel Payton-Harmon reported that the Peer Institute survey has been forwarded to the Needs Assessment Committee to review. Once approved, the survey will be shared with ASO and healthcare providers.

She inquired as to when the Resource Checklist will be placed on the website.

Chair: Angel Payton Harmon
Co-Chair: Wilhelmenia Mathias
Membership Representative: Tyrone Small

Consumer Advisory: Veronica Brisco reported that the committee met on December 4. They are considering a name change for the committee. A decision should be made by our next meeting. They also discussed in detail the Peer Institute.

Chair: Veronica Brisco
Co-Chair: Vera Bishop-Wright
Membership: Stacy Jennings

Needs Assessment: Troy A. Bowers reported that the committee continued discussion of the results of the Hispanic/Latino survey. The final report should be ready by our meeting in February. The committee will focus its efforts on White MSM in 2013.

Chair: Harry Prim III
Membership: Lottie McClorin

Prevention: James Cooper reported that the committee reviewed the draft of the committee's revised roles and responsibilities. The committee hopes to formalize their timeline and activities by Feb. 13.

They are also reviewing the current list of priority populations and may be recommending a workgroup to study this issue in more detail. They will work with Kirk Shull on this effort.

Chair: Larry Walton
Co-Chair: Virginia King
Membership: Monetha Gaskin
Scribe: Keisha Hightower

Workgroup Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Aaron Bryan gave a brief update from the committee's meeting in November. The committee is still seeking venues to provide copies of the Call to Action document. He asked Council members to provide him with a list of any decision makers that can be contacted about providing the document to their agencies/organizations. The website for the workgroup, the State Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health (SAASH), may be found at <http://www.saashsc.org>.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer reported on the group's meeting in November. The new chair of the workgroup is Dr. Hayden Smith and the Co-Chair is Tyrone Small. They have added several new members and are continuing to seek persons with an interest in this population.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: The group reported that they are continuing to review the results of the recent survey. One of their key concerns is who benefits from the results and how can they be utilized to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Latino community. Their goal is to use the results to create a resource tool and build capacity in the community. The results will likely be presented at the Hispanic/Latino Roundtable in 2013.

SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force Update: The task force held a press conference today at 10 a.m. regarding the expansion of Medicaid in South Carolina. They are also hosting a capacity building training from 1-5 p.m. at the Clarion Town House Hotel, followed by a Town Hall meeting tonight at 6 p.m. at the USC School of Law. The town hall panel will include Tony Keck, state HHS director; Rep. Joe Neal; Rozalynn Goodwin, SC Hospital Association; and Robert Greenwald, Harvard School of Law.

Unfinished Business

Organizational Chart: Susan Fulmer presented the revised organizational chart for the Council. The chart was approved by the Council as presented.

Concurrence: Susan Fulmer reported that, among the HPC members who submitted their vote, there was unanimous concurrence between the DHEC funding application to the CDC and the Prevention Plan.

New Business

Community Co-chair Election: Gary Rhett was nominated as the new Community Co-Chair. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by James Cooper and seconded by LaVonda Johnson that Gary be elected by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held February 26. An orientation session will be held for new members on Feb. 25.

Proposed Bylaw Changes: Susan reviewed the proposed changes to the HPC's bylaws.

Action Item: A motion was made by Ryan Wilson and seconded by Mary Wright Golden to accept the changes to the bylaws in their entirety. The motion passed.

Proposed Policies and Procedures Changes: Troy reviewed the proposed changes to the HPC's Policies and Procedures.

Action Item: A motion was made by James Cooper and seconded by Virginia King to accept the recommended changes to the Policies and Procedures. The motion was adopted.

Community Services Assessment Resource Checklist: Susan reviewed the updated checklist. This document will replace the current checklist in the state's HIV Prevention Plan.

Announcements

Ashley Redmond advised the group of two open positions in the Ryan White Program at Roper St. Francis. She will forward the information to Donald Wood for him to send to the HPC listserv.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood