

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2013
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Gary Rhett at 10:10 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	Stacey Jennings	Angel Payton Harmon
Veronica Brisco	LaVonda Johnson	Tricia Phaup
Aaron Bryan	Alex Karydi	Gary Rhett
Laura Cahue	Virginia King	Glenda Schleich
K. Allen Campbell	Melody Maddox	Pamela Shepard McKnight
Susan Fulmer	Deadra Malloy	Tyrone Small
Mary Golden	Wilhelmenia Mathias	Larry Walton
Adrena Harrison	Lottie McClorin	
Keisha Hightower	David Pable	

Absent

Vera Bishop-Wright	Edena Meetze (resigned)	Romie Washington
Valerie Daniel	Harry Prim III	Shehan Welihindha
Michael Luciano		

DHEC Central Office Staff

Pam Davis	Lewis Hicks	Jennifer Turner
Monetha Gaskin	Tony Price	

Ex-Officio Members

Mark Gray
Carlos Harris
Ryan Wilson

Guests

Rosalind Anderson	Eme Crawford	Rick Felder
Jeff Cheffer	James Coleman	Elizabeth McLendon
Michael Redfield		

Staff - Della Chadwick for Donald Wood

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

Action Item: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was adopted by the Council.

Presentations

Sexual Violence – It’s Not Just Rape: Jane W. Key, the Sexual Violence Services Program Coordinator and Women’s Health Coordinator for SC DHEC, provided an overview of sexual violence and the programs and services offered by sexual assault and violence prevention agencies.

Update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy: Susan Fulmer, DHEC Co-chair, provided Council members and guests with an update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and activities that have been accomplished by the end of 2012 by federal agencies.

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 1:26 p.m. by Gary Rhett.

Comprehensive Health Education Act (CHEA): Following requests from the HPC members after Eme Crawford's (from Tell Them!) presentation at the last meeting on the proposed updates to the CHEA, she returned to provide an update on the bill. The bill has passed the House 3M subcommittee and will be further debated when the General Assembly returns in January of 2014.

Ryan White Reauthorization: Elizabeth McLendon provided an update on the reauthorization of the Ryan White Act. She urged everyone to contact their member of Congress to express their support for the reauthorization.

National Testing Day: Deadra Malloy invited everyone to attend the screening of the documentary, *The Gospel of Healing, Volume One: Black Churches Respond to HIV/AIDS* by Paul V. Grant. The screening will be held at the Milton Kimpson Continuing Education Center, 111 Doctors Circle at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 29. The program is free.

Budget and Evaluation Update: In the absence of Donald Wood, the program administrator, Susan Fulmer noted that the budget was on target. She also mentioned that the evaluation reports continue to include potential training needs. She will work with James Harris, the DHEC training coordinator, to see how we can accommodate as many of the suggested trainings as possible.

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

- CDC notified all health departments in early June of the federal sequestration funding reductions. HIV "core" prevention, which is the major grant funding that supports health department and community-based services, will be reduced by 6 percent. Grant funds for HIV expanded testing and the HIV linkage to care demonstration project will each be reduced by 5.4 percent. For calendar year 2013 all of the reductions will have to be taken for the entire year within the final quarter of the year.
- DHEC hopes that the CDC will allow for the use of calendar year 2012 unspent funds to be used in late 2013 to reduce the severity of the sequestration fiscal impact. Unspent funds, if approved, may only be used for one-time activities or purchases, such as supplies. A large purchase such as for condoms would be beneficial to the state not just for 2013 but also into 2014. The sequestration reductions are considered permanent and therefore the state's budget for supplies, particularly condoms, will be greatly reduced in 2014 and beyond. DHEC hopes to get notification on the unspent funds request by August or September.
- DHEC received the funding announcement for the next five-year cycle of the CDC STD prevention grant. The application is due September 12.
- Charmella Tyler joined the STD/HIV Division on June 2. She will be the Ryan White Parts B, D and HOPWA Program Coordinator.

STD/HIV 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.
- Contractors 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 sent the HPC members the evaluation report from the April Council meeting. He also provided a brief financial update and sent information on 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 discussed

- Medicare Part D
- Draft of the statewide resource list needs to be proofed
- The Peer Institute Survey

Positive Advocacy: Veronica Brisco reported that the committee will meet on the following dates: July 2, September 17 and November 5. At the last meeting they discussed the presentations that were done by Harvard on Gathering for a Cause. The September meeting will include a training immediately afterwards on Benefits for Non-Case Managers.

Needs Assessment: Laura Cahue reported on behalf of Harry Prim that the committee is still working on the following tasks:

- ✓ Online survey of White MSM to be developed by August 6 meeting and piloted immediately thereafter
- ✓ Survey invitations will be sent out via the ASOs and contractors by September 1
- ✓ Representatives are still working on the edits to the final report on the survey of Hispanics/Latinos that was conducted last year.

Prevention: Larry Walton reported that the committee is continuing to update its 2013 work plan. They also discussed the following:

- ✓ Reviewed their roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Completed and distributed the Healthy Relationships template
- ✓ Updated sub-committee assignments

Workgroup Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup (SAASH) Update: Aaron Bryan gave a brief update on the group's activities.

- ✓ Next meeting is scheduled for July 10
- ✓ The current CDC grant to SCDE ends on July 31 and, with it, Aaron's position is ending.
- ✓ The SC Department of Education did not apply for the HIV prevention funding but did apply for funding to continue the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer provided a synopsis from the group's June 10 meeting. Noteworthy items for the meeting include:

- ✓ SC Department of Corrections is not ready to discuss the Alabama prison desegregation case and its impact on our state
- ✓ The committee is revisiting its mission statement and purpose
- ✓ No representatives from corrections or alcohol/other drug agencies were present
- ✓ Working on participation and strengthening relationships
- ✓ Next meeting will be held on September 9

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Laura Cahue reported that some committee members are focusing on the immigration debate and how it will impact our state.

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

- ✓ The fifth annual MSM Prevention Institute on Friday (June 21) in the Brookland Baptist Banquet and Conference Center. More than 250 participants are registered to attend.

SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force Update: David Pable reported that more than 8 bus loads of participants attended the recent advocacy day coordinated the task force in conjunction with the SC Hospital Association. The task force will be holding a strategic planning retreat in the near future.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

CDC Meeting: Susan Fulmer and Gary Rhett will be representing the state at the upcoming CDC community planning stakeholders meeting in Houston, Texas. They will be leaving on tomorrow.

Announcements

SC HIV/STD Conference – October 23-24, with a pre-conference institute presented by the Harm Reduction Coalition to be held on Tuesday, the 22nd.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Della Chadwick for Donald Wood