

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2010
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Troy Bowers, the Community Co-chair. Susan brought greetings and asked everyone present to introduce themselves and tell what agency or program they represented.

HPC Members present: Troy Bowers, Jo Bull, Aaron Bryan, Aaron Creech, Teretha Fowler, Susan Fulmer, Mahogany Graham, Mary Wright Golden, Adrena Harrison, Matt Jenkins, LaVonda Johnson, Mulamba Lunda, Sarah McClam, Lottie McClorin, Noreen O'Donnell, Angel Payton Harmon, Tony Price, Harry Prim II, Ashley Redmond, Gary Rhett, Pamela Shephard-McKnight and Larry Walton.

Absent: Rebecca Carr, Wesley Durant, Patrice Davis, Pat Kelly, Wilhelmenia Mathais, Reg Posley, and Willie Simon II.

DHEC: Linda Brown, James Harris, Latoya Jackson, Roshan McDaniel, Anand Nagarajan, Leigh Oden, Jake Ramsey and Janet Tapp.

Ex-Officio Members: Celeste Rudisil and Ondine Wilson

Guests: Katie Zenger, Jamie Stein, Tricia Phaup, Mark Gray, Bonetta Graves and Leon Byas.

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the August 17, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

Action Item: A motion was made by Sarah McClam and seconded by Teretha Fowler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Presentations

SC HIV Perinatal Prevention and Enhanced Surveillance Program: Latoya Jackson, the DHEC state coordinator for perinatal HIV prevention, provided the group with an overview of the current Perinatal Prevention Program and Surveillance efforts in South Carolina.

Viral Hepatitis Plan for South Carolina: Elona Rhame, DHEC program coordinator for viral hepatitis, provided the group with an update on the statewide Viral Hepatitis plan in South Carolina.

Laying the Groundwork for a Statewide HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategy for Youth: Jamie Stein, from the S.C. Public Health Institute at USC, provided the group with an overview of the Institute's HIV/AIDS and youth program initiatives and goals for South Carolina. Copies of the Institute's report were distributed to members.

Committee Breakouts: The meeting was adjourned to the committee meetings.

Lunch

Call to Order: The meeting resumed at 1:25 p.m.

Division Director's Report: Janet Tapp, the director of the HIV/STD Division, gave an update on the state budget crisis. She reported that DHEC is anticipating at least a 20 percent decrease in state funding during the next fiscal year. Janet told the Council that DHEC, all other state agencies, and contractors who get state funding must learn to do things differently and to begin thinking how we can do things better with less.

Care and Support Services: Noreen O'Donnell provided the group with an update on the activities of her department.

- The Ryan White Part B workgroup is working on a training series. The series will begin in January of 2011. It will be open to all case managers across titles and will include prevention case managers. The group will work in conjunction with the SC HIV/AIDS Clinical Training Center to broadcast the trainings statewide.
- The department is also working on a program to graduate those clients who no longer need direct services. Beginning in January 2014, everyone at 133% of federal poverty level will be eligible for Medicaid.
 1. Patient has to have access to his or her medications and be adherent
 2. Client must achieve viral suppression
 3. The client must be adherent to both their medical care and case management
 4. The client must have a new payer source

Anand Nagarajan, the state AIDS Drug Assistance Program coordinator, gave an update on the ADAP program. He provided the following updates:

- He noted that our both our federal and state dollars have decreased over the last fiscal year.
- ADAP is growing at a rate of 10-15 percent annually.
- In 2011, it is projected there will be a short fall of 10-15 millions dollars.
- The current wait list is at 269 people on the waitlist and growing. It is believed that the number is much lower than the actual need.
- The threshold for direct dispensing has been increased.

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

- DHEC's HIV prevention Interim Progress Report (IPR) for CY 2010 and grant application for CY2011 was submitted to CDC in August. Also DHEC applied for CDC supplemental HIV prevention funds (one-time only) for this year. DHEC did not receive the amount requested and used the award to purchase condom supplies for health departments and community-based prevention partners.
- DHEC's STD prevention IPR for CY2010 and grant application for 2011 was also submitted to CDC in August.
- DHEC was awarded funds in a new three-year funding cycle for the HIV Expanded Testing Project. The project period began at the end of September. DHEC received just slightly more than it had received in the past three years. Four hospitals and four CBOs are currently under contract to deliver, respectively, routine (opt-out) emergency department testing and targeted community-based testing.
- DHEC's Viral Hepatitis Prevention IPR for CY2010 and grant application for CY2011 was sent to CDC in August. DHEC was awarded approximately the same amount of funds for a portion of an FTE (full time equivalent) position. The grant year began November 1.
- DHEC's application for Program Collaboration and Service Integration (PCSI) funding was sent to CDC in June. South Carolina's application was approved but not one of the six funded for this year.
- DHEC continues its partnership with DAODAS this state fiscal year through a grant for HIV early intervention services, targeting persons at risk for AOD and HIV/STDs.
- Staff update: Jake Ramsey is now the Division's Public Information Coordinator and Prevention Contracts Monitor.

Administrative Report

Donald Wood, the HPC Administrator, gave the administrative report. Susan noted that the evaluations are very helpful and that the Executive Committee does review them in order to make future meetings flow better.

Executive Committee Report: Troy Bowers gave a brief update of the topics discussed on the Executive Committee last conference call.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Pam Shephard McKnight reported that the group spent time reviewing their activities from the past year. The committee is continuing to work on a tentative timeline for next year. The following persons were elected to serve as the committee appointees next year.

Chair – Pam Shephard McKnight

Co-Chair: Angel Payton-Harmon

Membership: Gary Rhett

Consumer Advisory: Aaron Creech reported that the committee met yesterday. It was a very productive meeting although attendance was low. The committee also hosted a reception and meeting during the annual HIV/STD Conference. The reception was provided by Physicians Pharmacy Alliance.

The following persons were elected to serve as the committee appointees next year.

Chair: Willie Simon

Co-Chair: Aaron Creech

Membership: Pat Kelly

Membership: Troy Bowers reported that the Membership Committee met on November 5th to review the applications for the 2011-2012 year. The committee conducted both in-person and phone interviews on Nov. 15-16 at Capitol Consultants.

The following appointments are being recommended by the Committee and have been approved by the Executive Committee:

Continuing Members (and their assigned Committee/s)

Troy Bowers (Needs Assessment)

Jo Bull (Prevention)

Adrena Harrison (Needs Assessment)

Mulamba Lunda (Prevention)

Willie Simon (Care & Support Services)

It was noted that Mulamba Lunda was placed in a slot ending in 2011, which will complete her six year eligibility as a member. She will continue on the Prevention Committee. Ashley Redmond, who was moved from an Ex Officio position into a voting member's vacancy, will also serve in a slot ending 2012. She will continue on the Needs Assessment Committee.

New Members (and their assigned Committee/s)

Sharon Black from CareSouth Carolina in Society Hill (Needs Assessment)

Michael (Mike) Cornell from Careteam, Inc. in Myrtle Beach (Care & Support Services)

Vincent Ivery from DHEC/CDC STD Assignee (Needs Assessment)

Cecilio Orta from Catawba Care (Prevention)

Elsa Pardo from SC Hispanic Outreach (Prevention)

Ali Shabazz from SC HIV/AIDS Council (Care & Support Services)

Tyrone Small from USC SOM (Care & Support Services)

New Ex Officio (non-voting) Members (and their assigned Committee/s)

James E Cooper from PALSS in Columbia (Prevention)

Monetha Gaskin from USC SOM (Prevention)

Louis Franklin (Frank) Harper from Sumter (Needs Assessment)

Kenneth Lewis from Alere (Prevention)

Other recommendations:

Carl Adams is asked to participate on the committee level.

Needs Assessment: Virginia King updated the group on the status of the needs assessment survey that was conducted with AAWSM. Katie Zenger presented a preliminary update of the survey. The draft will be presented to the Committee for review and presented at the first HPC meeting for 2010. The Committee plans a similar survey for AAMSW in 2011. They also discussed the research questions that Dr. Duffus has proposed for the Corrections workgroup.

The following appointments are being recommend by the Committee and have been approved by the Executive Committee:

Chair: Becky Carr

Co-Chair: Harry Prim II

Membership: Ashley Redmond

Prevention: Mulamba Lunda reported that the committee discussed various potential goals for 2011.

They are as follows:

1. Updating Prevention Plan – Tony reported that he is waiting on guidance from CDC and will report on the process and timeline at that time.
2. Review Interventions, identify gap
3. Make training recommendations – It was also mentioned that the members of the Prevention Committee should look at the training calendar and attend if possible
4. Identify Prevention Funding throughout the state
5. Discuss possibility of presentations to the HPC of some of the current interventions
6. Prioritize interventions within each target populations (due to state funding cuts)
7. Review and expand interventions

Mulamba suggested that members of the Prevention Committee become involved in the SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force. Their next meeting is December 14th.

The following appointments are being recommend by the Committee and have been approved by the Executive Committee:

Chair: Jo Bull

Membership: Lottie McClorin

Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup: The group is continuing to look at integrated data from the Budget and Control Board's Office of Research and Statistics. They are finalizing the resource document that will include a comprehensive list of services and program that target youth. The website is almost ready to be launched. The website will be used as a clearinghouse for information on adolescent sexual health in South Carolina.

Linda Brown also reported that the Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is seeking youth from around the state to critiques its new youth-focused website.

AAMSM Workgroup: No report.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan reported that the group met in October and heard from Anna Moak from the SC Department of Corrections. She provided an update on the Justice Department's review of the housing separation of inmates with medical needs, including those with HIV. She reported that if the Department of Justice Department presses the Department of Corrections to no longer separate inmates with special health care needs, they may discontinue testing inmates at the beginning of their sentence.

Dr. Duffus is working on several research questions that will help document the health outcomes of inmates in order to better understand the issue.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Mark Gray from Lowcountry AIDS Services updated the group on the activities of the workgroup. They are working with other Hispanic serving organizations to build a stronger coalition statewide on Hispanic issues. They are also working to increase the number of programs to recognize National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The Mexican Consulate has held meetings in Greenville and Charleston. Mark also reported that he attended the Migrant Worker conference recently and has a lot of information that he is willing to share. He advised anyone who wants more information to contact him via e-mail.

SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force: No report. The task force will meet again on Tuesday, Dec. 14. They are planning activities for 2011.

Training: James Harris provided the group with a “calendar at a glance” for 2011. He has been meeting with Susan and Tony to finalize all training requests. Some of the trainings will be provided by the CDC and its technical assistance providers. Requests for those specific trainings are pending.

Unfinished Business

DHHS Office of Adolescent Health Funding in SC: Susan reported that the Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has been awarded \$20 million in teen pregnancy prevention funding over the next five years. They will be working with the Keep it Real Program in rural middle schools around the state. They have also received funding to implement specialized training in Spartanburg and Horry counties. The agencies will be working with DHEC to coordinate the PREP funding allocations statewide.

New Business

2011 Member Survey: Roshan reminded the group of the importance of completing the membership survey. The survey results are used to complete our CDC deliverables. She asked that the surveys be returned as soon as possible.

2011 HPC Executive Committee: The following persons will serve on the committee for next year: Susan Fulmer, Troy Bowers, Pam Shephard McKnight, Willie (Billy) Simon, Jo Bull, Becky Carr, Tony Price, Noreen O’Donnell. Staff support: Donald Wood.

HPLS: Troy Bowers will be attending the 2011 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS) in Washington, DC next week on behalf of the HPC, along with Lewis Hicks, Pam Davis and Matt Jenkins from DHEC representing the Expanded Testing Grant.

Special Recognition: Teretha Fowler, Matt Jenkins and Virginia King were recognized for their six years of service to the Council and provided with plaques of appreciation.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the HPC will be held March 1 in the Fellowship Hall at Brookland Baptist Church, 1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, S.C. 29169. Orientation for new members will be held on Feb. 28, possibly at the offices of Capitol Consultants.