

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2012
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Troy Bowers, the Community Co-chair at 10:12 a.m. Members and guests present each introduced themselves and stated what agencies or entity they represent.

HPC Members present: Troy A. Bowers, Aaron Bryan, Laura Cahue, James Cooper, Susan Fulmer, Monetha Gaskin, Mark Gray, Adrena Harrison, Keisha Hightower, LaVonda Johnson, Virginia King, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Edena Meetze, Lottie McClorin, Elsa Pardo, Angel Payton Harmon, Tricia Phaup, Harry Prim III, Pamela Shephard McKnight, Willie Simon II, Tyrone Small, Larry Walton, Romie Washington, Ryan Wilson and Mary Wright Golden

Absent: Sharon Black, Frank Harper, Simon Major, Monetha Gaskin, Ashley Redmond, and Ali Shabazz

DHEC: Linda Brown, Lewis Hicks, Roshan McDaniel, Leigh Williamson Oden, Jeffrey Pagan, Tony Price, Bobby Rogers and Janet Tapp

Ex-Officio Members: None

Guests: Mahogany Graham, Mulamba Lunda, Denise Rivera, Cecy Hildalgo, Rhonda Thomas, Sophia Richardson, Rick Felder and Dennis Smith

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the May 1, 2012 meeting were reviewed.

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

Presentations

Collaborative Partnerships: Wilhelmenia Mathias and Tyrone Small gave an overview of the many partnerships that have been developed by the Department of Corrections and various community based organization to assist their HIV positive clients either currently incarcerated or formerly incarcerated.

Maximizing Matters: Statewide Resource List: Pam Shepard-McKnight provided the group with an overview of the final statewide resource list that was created by the Care and Support Committee to be used by all HIV/AIDS case managers statewide. The list will be distributed to case managers and posted on the HPC website.

Division Report: Janet Tapp provided the group with a brief report on the activities occurring through the HIV/STD Division. Highlights include:

- ✓ Dr. Gibson is retiring and will be working with AIDS in Tanzania
- ✓ Upcoming CDC site visit with our project officer
- ✓ Two deaths within the division
- ✓ Reminder re: MSM Institute
- ✓ CDC 1212-10 grant application (Minority AIDS Initiative funding) due July 31

Lunch

Call to Order: The meeting was called back to order at 1:38 p.m. by Troy Bowers, the Community Co-chair.

Care and Support Services Programs: Leigh Oden reported that the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) has been submitted to HRSA. We currently do not have a waitlist for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

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

- DHEC has received notice of a new HIV prevention funding opportunity from CDC. South Carolina, among 18 states or jurisdictions, is eligible to apply for the funds by July 31. This funding is specifically for the purpose of expanding HIV testing programs, other prevention interventions and linkages to care initiatives for persons with HIV, with the focus on addressing minority health disparities and community-based prevention in rural communities.
- DHEC posted the HIV prevention community-based funding "Notice of Awards" on May 8 on the DHEC STD/HIV web site; the notice is at the link for STD/HIV prevention for communities – HIV prevention contractors. This funding is for the next five-year cycle of community-based programs which will start on July 1. It will support prevention services to priority populations in the 11 S.C. counties with the highest number of newly reported HIV cases and highest number of persons living with HIV/AIDS. The priority interventions are HIV testing and prevention with HIV positive persons. This funding further aligns the state's efforts with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, CDC's "High Impact Prevention" initiatives, and the SC HIV Prevention Plan.
- CDC is conducting a site visit June 20 through 22 with DHEC for the South Carolina HIV prevention grant which includes core HIV prevention, HIV expanded testing and the new demonstration project for linkages to care.
- DHEC has received the announcement for the next cycle of funding for the Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention grant. The application is due in August for funding that would be awarded this fall.

Administrative Report: Donald Wood reviewed the evaluations from the May 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 June 13. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Angel Payton-Harmon reported Rick Felder from Janssen Therapeutics presented on the Virology portal for case managers. Wilhelmenia Mathias and Tyrone Small answered additional questions about the services provided to PLWHA within the Department of Corrections. The committee will meet again via conference call on July 2 at 2 p.m. Tricia Phaup will present an update from the Case Management Workgroup at the August meeting. Finally, the committee also discussed the Peer Institute.

Consumer Advisory: Gary Rhett gave a brief overview from the committee meeting on June 5. The received an update from Noreen on the ADAP program. Elizabeth McLendon also provided an update on the March on Washington to be held prior to the opening of the International HIV/AIDS conference in Washington, DC. The committee will meet again on August 7th.

Membership: No report

Needs Assessment: Laura Cahue reported that the group is continuing to work on the draft of the Hispanic Needs Assessment survey and related documents. They discussed possible partnerships that need to be established in order to make the survey successful. They also briefly discussed potential incentives for survey participants. Once the survey has been finalized, the committee will conduct a training for survey partners. A pilot of the survey is planned for July.

Prevention: James Cooper reported that the committee is working on the list of priority populations. They are also reviewing the committee's roles and responsibilities which will change following the adoption of the new planning guidance.

Workgroup Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Aaron Bryant gave a brief update on the workgroup's activities. The workgroup is finalizing its Call to Action document.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer reported the group's next meeting will be held August 6th.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Mark Gray reported that the workgroup reviewed the Hispanic Needs Assessment documents. They also discussed the USC-LAS Hispanic Data Repository Pilot Program. The workgroup will co-sponsor a pre-conference institute the afternoon prior to the SC HIV/STD Conference in October. The speakers will be Dr. Scott Rhodes from Wake Forest University, Erik Valera from the Latino Commission on AIDS, and Claudia Rodriguez from AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA). The speakers will stay overnight and also present at the conference on Wednesday.

SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force Update: The task force met last Tuesday and had a very good turnout. They are working on ways to increase advocacy on a grassroots level.

Unfinished Business

Update on Engagement Plan: Susan Fulmer reported that they are seeking information from the various HPC-related groups and partners on how the communities they represent are engaged in HIV planning.

New Business

SC HIV/AIDS Conference: Susan Fulmer reminded the group of the upcoming deadline for consumers to apply for conference registration scholarships. She also reminded members that the Council will pay for consumer members to attend the conference provided they are unable to attend due to funding or if their agency is unable to pay for their expenses to attend.

Announcements

- ✓ SC Black Pride - June 22-24
- ✓ SC Pride – October 20
- ✓ SC Pride Fundraiser with Joan Rivers – July 13

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood