

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes - August 30, 2011
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Susan Fulmer, the DHEC Co-chair at 10:10 a.m. Members and guests present each introduced themselves and stated what agencies, organizations or communities they represented. Susan reported that Troy Bowers, Community Co-chair, had a work conflict and would attend the afternoon session.

HPC Members present: Sharon Black, Troy A. Bowers, Aaron Bryan, Jo Bull, James Cooper, Aaron Creech, Wesley Durant, Susan Fulmer, Monetha Gaskin, Frank Harper, Adrena Harrison, LaVonda Johnson, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Lottie McClorin, Elsa Pardo, Angel Payton-Harmon, Tricia Phaup, Harry Prim III, Ashley Redmond, Gary Rhett, Ali Shabazz, Pamela Shephard-McKnight, Willie Simon, Tyrone Small, Larry Walton and Mary Wright Golden.

Absent: Becky Carr, Pat Kelly and Reg Posley

Ex-Officio Members: Kenneth Lewis, Celeste Rudisil and Ondine Wilson

DHEC: Bernard Gillard, Noreen O'Donnell, Tony Price, Dennis Murphy, Janet Tapp, Stephan Leonard.

Guests: Erik Siefker, Tacarra Cook, Denise Rivera, Lauren Angelo, Mahogany Graham and Carlton Boyd.

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the June 28, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

Action Item: The motion to approve the minutes was made by Jo Bull and seconded by Aaron Creech. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Presentation

An Overview of Partner Services and the Roles the Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS): Stephan B. Leonard, DHEC Region 3 DIS Supervisor, provided the Council an overview of the statewide partner services program. He also gave general synopsis of the roles of the Disease Intervention Specialists position.

Promoting Contraceptive Access through Youth Engagement, Social Media and Community Action: Lottie McClorin, an HPC member and a staff member of the SC Contraceptive Access Campaign, provide the group with an overview of how the campaign uses Social Media to educate its constituents.

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

Lunch

Call to Order: The meeting was called back to order at 1:25 p.m. by Susan Fulmer.

HIV/STD Division Update: Janet Tapp provided an update on the happening in the HIV/STD Division. Their offices are in the process of being reconfigured and renovated. As always, the division is working on finalizing grants. They just submitted the Demonstration Project Grant and the Peer Navigator grant.

Care and Support Services Programs: Noreen O'Donnell provided an update on the ADAP waiting list. It is currently at 837. She encouraged all providers to continue to sign up clients to the waitlist. The program has begun recertifying anyone who has been on the list for more than one year. The CVS/Caremark contract has been renewed.

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

- The HIV Expanded Testing Project has received its Notice of Award for the final three months of the current grant cycle (year two) which begins September 30.
- DHEC received the funding guidance on June 30 for the next five years of HIV prevention funding from CDC. The due date for the grant application is September 14. In this new funding cycle, HIV expanded testing will be included in a separate category along with the opportunity to apply for up to two innovative demonstration project grants.
- The STD grant IPR and application for next year's funding was sent to CDC in August.
- The Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator grant IPR and application for next year's funding (year five of five years) was sent to CDC in early July.

Administrative Report

Donald Wood reviewed the Council's financial report and the meeting evaluations from the June 28 meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Pam McKnight reported that the committee is continuing to work on their workplan. They reviewed the following items in the manual:

- Initial assessment document
- Various websites listed as resources for information on various core versus support services (i.e. housing services, SC ADAP, SNAP benefits, Medicaid transportation by county, etc.).

The committee also reviewed and discussed various forms that have been included in the manual for accuracy.

Consumer Advisory: Billy reiterated that he will be conducting regional meetings with consumers around the state. He reported that the consumer-focused event for the HIV/STD conference in October has been cancelled.

Membership: Troy Bowers noted that the committee will be meeting following today's meeting.

Needs Assessment: Harry Prim reported the committee is continuing its work on the African American Men who have sex with Women survey. The committee reviewed several completed pilot surveys to determine any final revisions. The committee discussed the process for distributing the survey statewide in targeted service delivery systems such as Ryan White Part C Clinics, AOD county providers, DHEC prevention contractors, and Fatherhood Project (USC) in Lexington County, Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center, etc. Each site will receive a maximum of 25 surveys for completion. Survey distribution for data collection will be the first of September and run through the middle of October. Data will be entered into a database during late October for analysis during November. Preliminary results will be shared at the HPC meeting in December. Finally, preliminary discussion was held following an introduction of a potential request from the Latino Workgroup that is discussing the possibility of doing needs assessment for this target population.

Executive Committee Report:

Troy Bowers reported that the Executive Committee met on August 22 to prepare for today's meeting. The committee reviewed the evaluations from the June meeting and made plans for the remainder of the year.

He also discussed the lack of participation by some HPC members in the committee process. He noted that the membership committee will address the concern at their meeting today.

Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Aaron Bryan reported that the three SAASH workgroup continues to work on the Adolescent Sexual Health Call white paper. Once complete, organizations around the state will be asked to sign on as supporters.

The Program Inventory – Adolescent Sexual Health Services Inventory Database – has been completed. He noted that the workgroup's website should be launched in a few weeks.

Aaron also reported the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey is available on the Department of Education's website.

AAMSM Workgroup: Billy Simon reported that 6 representatives from South Carolina recently participated in a NASTAD conference which focused on the need of Young African American Men Who Sleep with Men (YAAMSM).

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer reported that the group met in July. They will not be hosting an event at the HIV/STD conference. Dr. Duffis is continuing to partner with the NC Department of Corrections on a research project examining the clinical outcomes of their non-separated HIV positive inmates in comparison to SCDC's. He will be presenting some of his findings at the conference.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Elsa Pardo reported that there will be a workshop on Sept. 8 on Hispanics and HIV. Also, the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is sponsoring "iCuidate! Training of Facilitators on Sept. 13-15. The program seeks to reduce HIV sexual risk behaviors among Latino Youth

AIDS Care Crisis Task Force: No report

SC STD/HIV Division Training Update: Susan noted that the most current training is posted on the DHEC STD/HIV Division's webpage.

Unfinished Business

Presentations for future meetings: The following topics were discussed as potential presentations at future meetings:

- Overview of the SCDC HIV positive inmate discharge planning system
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
- Corrections and Employment of HIV positive inmates
- Overview of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

National HIV Prevention Conference: The Council members who attended the conference gave brief updates on their experiences.

New Business

Prevention Committee Recommendations: The Prevention Committee provided the Council an overview of their proposed changes to the list of recommended interventions.

The following interventions were reviewed and approved to be added to the current list of recommended interventions:

- Salud, Educacion, Prevencion y Autocuidado (SEPA) (Hispanic/Latino populations)
- Project Start (AAMSW and AAWSM inmates)

Finally, the committee moved to reaffirm for CY2012 the currently listed HIV prevention interventions in the “Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan for 2010 through 2014”, with the following modifications:

- Remove references to “Individual Level Interventions” and “ILIs” as this is an intervention type, not an intervention itself, and leave those specific interventions (Project RESPECT, CRCS, etc.) that are classified as such; and
- Move “Partners in Prevention” (PIP) from its listing as a recommended intervention to a footnote about its historical significance relative to current interventions such as “Healthy Relationships” for which PIP has portions adapted into this much newer recommended intervention.
- Provide clarifications via “special considerations” on other previously approved interventions as follows based on 2011 HPC reviews:
 - “Sister to Sister” is approved for use as designed at both the individual and group level.
 - “SISTA adapted for Latinas” continues to be named as such.
 - “Community PROMISE” has been considered for use in S.C. priority populations older than the currently prioritized age demographic in each population. More prevention research, however, is needed before any formal recommendation can be made about using it in older adults.

Action Item: The motions made by the committee were approved by the Council.

December Meeting Update: Susan reminded the Council that the Co-Chair for next year will be elected at the December meeting. We will also be electing the chairs of the standing committee and each committee’s membership committee representative.

Wrap Up/Announcements: Jo Bull advised the body that the Central Carolina Community Foundation currently has an RFP pending for HIV Prevention. The grant deadline is Sept. 30.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood
HPC Administrator