

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2011
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Susan Fulmer, the DHEC Co-chair at 10:12 a.m. Members and guests present each introduced themselves and stated what agencies, organizations or communities they represented.

HPC Members present: Troy A. Bowers, Aaron Bryan, Jo Bull, Aaron Creech, Susan Fulmer, Monetha Gaskin, Adrena Harrison, LaVonda Johnson, Pat Kelly, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Lottie McClorin, Tricia Phaup, Harry Prim III, Ashley Redmond, Gary Rhett, Pamela Shephard-McKnight, Willie Simon, Larry Walton and Mary Wright Golden.

Absent: Sharon Black, Becky Carr, James Cooper, Wesley Durant, Frank Harper, Elsa Pardo, Angel Payton-Harmon, Reg Posley and Tyrone Small.

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

DHEC: Linda Brown, Leigh Oden, Roshan McDaniel, Noreen O'Donnell and Tony Price.

Guests: Denise Rivera, Laura Cahue, Hope McQueen and Mahogany Graham.

Staff: Donald Wood and Kris Welborn

Minutes: The minutes from the August 30, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

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

Presentation

African American Men Who Have Sex with Women: Results of a Needs Assessment Survey: Lauren Angelo, MPH(c), provided the Council with a synopsis of her findings from the needs assessment recently conducted with a convenience sample of AAMSW around the state.

SC Prevention Plan and the DHEC Application: Tony Price provided the group an overview of the DHEC application to CDC for HIV prevention funding. He provided several documents which provided evidence of a direct correlation to the application and the plan.

Committee Breakouts: The meeting was adjourned for the committee meetings. During the breakout sessions, chairs were instructed to have each committee select a chair and a membership committee representative for 2012.

Lunch

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

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

- DHEC has received its Notice of Award for the CDC HIV prevention grant. This is for year one of the next five-year grant which starts January 1, 2012. DHEC will receive \$4,387,586 which is almost \$41,000 more than it received for the base HIV prevention funds in CY2011, but less than requested. This is the grant that supports the bulk of HIV prevention services in the state including health department services, community-based contracts, HIV perinatal prevention, and the HPC.
- DHEC also received the notice of the award for its supplemental HIV prevention funds. DHEC did not receive as much as it requested; the amount is \$182,200 which is totally dedicated to community-based prevention by extending into early 2012 the existing CBO contracts as well as provides for purchasing condoms.
- The HIV Expanded Testing Project, which will be a specific category of funding within the HIV prevention grant, has received its CY2012 Notice of Award. The award is for \$1,111,426, a reduction from CY2011 of about \$281,000. This funding also starts January 1, 2012.
- DHEC has not heard about funding for two other categories of CDC funding applied for at the same time as the HIV prevention and expanded testing grant. These two would be for innovative demonstration projects. CDC expects to issue awards by 12/31/11.
- DHEC received its Notice of Award for STD prevention starting 1/1/12; South Carolina is receiving about \$1,600,000, which is about level with this past year's funding.
- Finally DHEC received its Notice of Award for Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention; the grant has been cut by about \$9,000 and is for a bit less than \$70,000 for the fifth year of the five-year grant which started on November 1.
- DHEC will issue a Request for (grant) Applications (RFA) to fund the next five-year cycle of HIV/STD/viral hepatitis prevention community-based programs. This RFA will go out in early 2012 to fund organizations starting midyear-2012.
- Linda Brown has assumed duties as the Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator and will serve on the HPC Prevention Committee.

Care and Support Services Programs: Noreen O'Donnell, Ryan White Program Manager, provided the Council with a brief update on the program's efforts.

The program will be conducting an All Parts meeting on Wednesday to begin updating the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN). The new document will be due to HRSA in June of 2012. This is the first of several stakeholder meetings that will be held within the coming months.

In the stakeholder meetings, small groups will discuss (a) the needs of people with HIV who are in care; (b) the needs of persons with HIV who are not currently in care; and (c) the needs of those people with HIV and/or AIDS who are not aware of their status.

- Noreen noted that there are currently 137 people on the ADAP waitlist. The program has enrolled more than 100 clients since August 1.

Administrative Report

Donald Wood reviewed the Council's financial report and the meeting evaluations from the August 30 meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Pam McKnight reported that the group has completed the case manager's checklist and it is ready for distribution. For 2012, the Committee selected:

Committee Chair: Angel Payton-Harmon

Co-Chair: Wilhelmenia Mathias

Membership Representative: Gary Rhett

Consumer Advisory: Gary Rhett will serve as the committee chair in 2012. The Membership Representative will be selected at the committee's next meeting.

Membership: Troy Bowers provided an overview of the membership selection process. The following candidates have been approved by the Membership and Executive committees for the next term.

New Voting Members:

- Atensia Earp - Needs Assessment
- Romie Washington - Prevention
- Ryan Wilson - Prevention
- Keisha Hightower - Prevention
- Laura Cahue - Needs Assessment
- Virginia King - Prevention

Non voting members (Ex Officio)

Simon Major - Care & Support Services

Mark Gray - Needs Assessment

Edena Meetze - Prevention

Kenneth Lewis - Prevention

The Ex-officio members have been placed in rank order and will move up to voting members as vacancies occur. He noted that since the committee last met, the HPC has received two (2) resignations from current members who have not completed their

terms: Jo Bull and Vincent Ivory. Accordingly, Simon Major and Mark Gray will be moved to voting membership to complete those terms, ending in 2012.

Reappointed Voting Members

Gary Rhett

LaVonda Johnson

Lottie McClorin (changing to Needs Assessment Committee)

Mary Wright Golden

Monetha Gaskin

Wilhelmenia Mathias

Needs Assessment: Harry Prim reported that the committee reviewed and discussed the findings from the AAMSW needs assessment. The committee selected for 2012:

Committee Chair: Sharon Black

Chair Elect: will be determined at the next meeting

Membership representative: Adrena Harrison

Executive Committee Report:

Troy Bowers reported that the committee met on December 6th via conference call to review today's meeting agenda and to review and approve the Membership Committee's recommendations for the 2012-13 term.

Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Aaron Bryant reported that the group met in November. They are continuing to work on the call to action white paper. He also noted that Martha Vinson, DHEC's new Adolescent Health Coordinator, will serve as the new SAASH chair in 2012.

AAMSM Workgroup: Billy Simon reported that the 2012 MSM Institute will be held on June 27-28 in Columbia.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer reported that the group is proceeding with Dr. Duffus' research proposal in conjunction with UNC - Chapel Hill. Dr. Duffus provided a synopsis of the research at the recent HIV/STD conference.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Laura Cahue reported that the group has had several meetings with DHEC to solidify the duties and goals of the workgroup. They are seeking a concrete agenda and a clear direction. They are also seeking stakeholders who are fluent in Spanish to be trained to conduct HIV tests.

AIDS Care Crisis Task Force: The committee met last month. They will be conducting forums around the state with community stakeholders with social capital. The goal of the focus groups is to get these leaders to talk to their peers about the issues

surrounding HIV/ AIDS in their communities. Sessions will be held in Myrtle Beach, Columbia, Greenville, Orangeburg and Charleston.

SC STD/HIV Division Training Update: It was reported that James Harris is working on the 2012 training calendar. Willow training is scheduled for January 30 through February 3.

Unfinished Business

Presentations for future meetings: Membership Survey (February); Epi Profile (February); YRBS (February); Corrections Discharge Planning (April); and HIV and HCV (April). Recommendations for presentations for the rest of the year are requested.

New Business

Vote on Priority Populations: The Council adopted the priority populations as recommended by the Prevention Committee.

Vote on Concurrence: Members were reminded to fill out their concurrence vote and to give them to Donald Wood prior to leaving the meeting. Susan noted that a conference call may be scheduled if anyone has any major concerns regarding the application.

Membership Recommendations: The Council approved the membership recommendation as submitted by the Membership Committee.

Community Co-Chair: Nominations were accepted from the floor. Troy Bowers was re-elected as the Community Co-chair.

Next meeting: The first HPC meeting of 2012 will be held on Feb. 28. The New Member Orientation will be held on Feb. 27. Overnight lodging will be provided for any new member who attends the orientation whose commute is more than 50 miles from Columbia.

Wrap Up/Announcements:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood
HPC Administrator