

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2012
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.

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

Absent: Frank Harper, Willie Simon and Tyrone Small

DHEC: Linda Brown, Leigh Oden, Roshan McDaniel, Tony Price, Latasha Robinson, Kirk Shull, Janet Tapp and Terri Stephens.

Guests: Winston Abara, Mahogany Graham, Angela Johnson, LaTwyla Mathias, Margo Scales and Elizabeth McLendon.

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the December 13, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

Action Item: The motion to approve the minutes was made by Gary Rhett and seconded by Mary Wright Golden. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Presentation

SC HIV/AIDS Epidemiologic Update: Kirk Shull, Epi Capacity Coordinator, gave an overview of the state's Epi profile.

Summary and Analysis of the 2010-2011 HV Prevention Council Membership Survey: Roshan McDaniel, Evaluation Coordinator, provided the group an overview of the Council's membership survey results.

2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Delores Pluto, YRBS and District Policy Coordinator at the State Department of Education, provided the Council member an overview of the results from the 2011 YRBS.

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.

Division Update: Janet Tapp provided a brief update on the STD/HIV Division. She announced that the Prevention RFP will be released soon. It will have a pretty quick turn around. DHEC is piloting a fast track service model in several county health departments. The service will offer an array of STI screenings. The Division is also exploring field delivery treatment for certain STIs.

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 is still waiting to receive an official Notice of Award (NOA) for the CDC HIV prevention demonstration grant for a "linkages to care" project. DHEC previously received its NOA for the HIV prevention and HIV expanded testing grant, which started January 1 for year one of the next five years. DHEC is receiving \$4,387,586 in base HIV prevention funds which supports the bulk of HIV prevention services in the state including health department services, community-based contracts, HIV perinatal prevention, and the HPC. The HIV expanded testing grant is for \$1,111,426, a reduction from CY2011 of about \$281,000.
- DHEC received its Notice of Award for STD prevention that started 1/1/12; South Carolina is receiving about \$1,600,000, about level with this past year's funding.
- DHEC's Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention grant continues through October 31 this year, which is year five of the five-year grant. DHEC expects to hear within the next three months about a future grant funding cycle.
- 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 within the next month to fund organizations starting midyear-2012.

Care and Support Services Programs: Susan Fulmer reported on behalf of Noreen O'Donnell that there are currently 217 consumers on the ADAP waiting list. There is currently no wait list for the insurance program.

Administrative Report

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

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Angel Payton Harmon reported that the committee:

- Reviewed its role and responsibilities
- Identified the committee's area of interest and projects for 2012

- Finalized the statewide resource guide
- Established a Peer Institute subcommittee.

Consumer Advisory: Gary Rhett reported that the consumer committee met on Feb. 21 at DHEC. They were provided an update on ADAP.

Membership: Troy Bowers welcomed the new members.

Needs Assessment: Sharon Black reported that the committee discussed the logistics around the Hispanic Needs Assessment.

Prevention: James Cooper reported that the committee discussed the following:

- Tony Price gave an update on prevention committee roles and responsibilities
- Tony Price stated that CDC recommends that focus be on interventions for people currently living with HIV. He emphasized the importance meeting the June 30th deadline and aligning our plans with that of the National HIV Strategy.
- James asked that each committee member read chapters 3&4 of the SC HIV Prevention Plan 2010-2014.
- James spoke on how interventions are kept on or removed from the prevention priority population list; some have special considerations for south Carolina
- DHEC funding will focus on interventions including HIV testing and prevention through positives
- Tony and James spoke about the ARTAS program for the prevention committee
- The prevention committee will meet on March 14th from 10-1pm; April 11th and 26th; May 10th and 24; June 7th and 21st; July 26th; from 10am-1pm each day with location TBD

Executive Committee Report:

Troy Bowers reported that the committee met on February 15 via conference call to review today's meeting agenda.

Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Aaron Bryan reported that the workgroup met in December to continue working on their action plan.

AAMSM Workgroup: No report. It was noted that the date of the AAMSM Institute has been changed to June 22.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer reported that the met on Feb. 13 to hear a presentation on the case management efforts at the SC Department of Corrections. They will meet again on May 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Mark Gray reported that the SC Hispanic Round Table on HIV will be held on Friday, April 27 at Brookland Baptist Church. The registration information should be released soon and will be sent to all HPC members.

AIDS Care Crisis Task Force: No report

March on Washington: Elizabeth McLendon provided the group on the HIV/AIDS Advocacy March to be held July 22 in Washington, DC. Members were provided with information, T-shirt and other paraphernalia about the event.

Unfinished Business

Presentations for future meetings: Comprehensive update from each Workgroup; Statewide Coordinated State of Need overview; and a SC HIV Prevention Strategy overview.

New Business

Future Meeting Dates: The following dates were selected for the remaining meetings in 2012: May 1, June 19, August 28 and Dec. 11.

Ground Rules: The members were given an opportunity to review the Council's ground rules.

Action Item: A motion was made by Laura Cahue and seconded by Wilhelmenia Mathias to accept the ground rules as presented.

Wrap Up/Announcements:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood
HPC Administrator