

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2012
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Susan Fulmer, the DHEC Co-chair at 10:20 a.m. Members and guests present each introduced themselves and state what agencies or entity 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, Pamela Shephard McKnight, Willie Simon II, Tyrone Small, Larry Walton, Romie Washington and Mary Wright Golden.

Absent: Frank Harper, Gary Rhett, Ali Shabazz and Ryan Wilson

DHEC: Linda Brown, Jarvis Carter, Lewis Hicks, Roshan McDaniel, Leigh Williamson, Noreen O'Donnell, Tony Price and Janet Tapp.

Ex-Officio Members: None

Guests: Elizabeth Sheppard, Denise Rivera, Pat Kelly, Denise Herbin, Veronica Brisco, Valerie Daniel, Stacy Jennings.

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the February 28, 2012 meeting were reviewed.

Action Item: The motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Virginia King and properly seconded. The motion was approved by the Council.

Presentation

“Do Black Gay Men’s Lives Really Matter in South Carolina?” Several members of the MSM Workgroup (Jarvis W. Carter Jr., Willie Simon, Lewis Hicks and Rashawn Flournoy) gave an update on the activities of the workgroup and information on the upcoming MSM Prevention Institute on June 22.

Facilitated Discussion: Susan Fulmer, DHEC Co-Chair and Tony Price, Prevention Program Manager, facilitated a group discussion on the pre-decisional draft of the revised HIV Planning Guidance. All of the Council members were given a feedback form for them to document their comments. A group activity on “Who’s Missing?” from the HIV planning process was conducted. Troy Bowers recorded the comments from the Council members and guests.

The group noted that the following programs and/or service area are currently not represented on the Council.

- Mental Health
- Clinical Providers
- Youth
- VA Hospital
- Homeless
- Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
- Foster Care
- HOPWA

- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Oral Health
- Faith (Clergy, Church)
- Business or Labor
- Higher Education
- DHEC Region 8
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Farm Workers and Migrant Worker organizations
- NAACP, AFL-CIO, Urban Leagues
- Transportation
- Volunteers
- Women with HIV
- LGBT
- State Office on Aging
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Media
- Locally elected officials

Following the presentation and discussion, the meeting was adjourned to the three standing committees: Prevention, Care & Support Services and Needs Assessment.

Lunch

Call to Order: The meeting was called back to order at 1:20 p.m. by Troy Bowers, the Community Co-chair.

Division Update: Janet Tapp updated the Council on the ongoing activities within the STD/HIV Division.

Care and Support Services Programs: Noreen O'Donnell reported that we currently do not have an ADAP waitlist in South Carolina. She gave a status report on the pending draft of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Needs. Several meetings have been held over the last few months to gain community input on the document.

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

- DHEC received its official Notice of Award (NOA) for the CDC HIV prevention demonstration grant for a "linkages to care" project in early March. The award is for a bit less than \$569,000. 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. The HIV expanded testing grant is for \$1,111,426, a reduction from CY2011 of about \$281,000.
- DHEC issued a Request for (grant) Applications (RFA) to fund the next five-year cycle of HIV/STD/viral hepatitis prevention community-based programs. The RFA was issued on March 6 and applications were due April 6. The RFA was structured with a priority on directing the prevention resources to the priority populations being most impacted in the geographic areas with the highest incidence and prevalence numbers. The priority interventions were HIV testing and prevention with HIV positive persons. The RFA funding will further align the state's efforts with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the SC HIV Prevention Plan. DHEC hopes to announce the funding awards within the next two weeks.

Administrative Report: Donald Wood reviewed the evaluations from the February 28 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 April 24. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda and reviewed the draft of the Community Planning Guidance.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Angel Payton-Harmon reported that the committee has finalized the statewide resource list. They will be placing the final document on the HPC's website. They are also working on a consumer empowerment initiative.

Consumer Advisory: In the absence of the Chair, Gary Rhett, Susan Fulmer gave a brief report on the committee's last meeting. The turnout was great and the meeting was very productive. The committee will meet again on June 5 at DHEC Mills/Jarrett Building. Members are encouraged to invite consumers from their area to attend the June meeting.

Membership: Troy Bowers reported that the committee will be meeting within the next few weeks to discuss attendance and to fill potential vacancies.

Needs Assessment: Sharon Black reported that the committee is continuing to work on the draft of the Hispanic/Latino Needs Assessment survey instrument. They also discussed the protocol for the administration of the survey.

Prevention: James Cooper reported that the committee discussed the draft of the CDC guidance for HIV prevention planning. They also spent some time reviewing their work plan timeline and finalizing their 2012 meeting dates.

Workgroup Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Aaron Bryant gave a brief updated on the workgroup's activities. The group's website has been completed and is live at www.saashsc.org. The workgroup is also finalizing its Call to Action document.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer reported that the group is continuing to meet. They are continuing to work with Dr. Duffus on his research project.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Laura Cahue provided the group with a brief recap of the Hispanic/Latino Round Table that was held last week. The program included information on Hispanic HIV/STI Epidemiological data, the Hispanic Data Repository Pilot Study and the Hispanic Needs Assessment Project.

SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force Update: No report

Unfinished Business

Development of SC HIV/AIDS Strategy: Susan Fulmer noted that one of the goals of the HPC for this year is to work with the DHEC staff to craft an HIV/AIDS Strategy for South Carolina. The document should align with the national strategy but focus on the specific needs of our state.

New Business

Development of an Engagement Plan: As a part of our discussion on the draft of the HIV prevention planning guidance, the group developed a list of agencies, organizations and programs that need to be integrated into the Council's planning efforts (through membership on the Council and/or its workgroups).

Announcements

Members and guests were invited to share announcements from their programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood