

**S.C. HIV Planning Council**  
Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2014  
Brookland Lakeview Community Center  
1218 Batchelor Street  
West Columbia, SC 29169

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by Gary Rhett, the Community Co-chair, at 10:14 a.m.

Susan Fulmer invited all members and guests to introduce themselves.

**HPC Members Present**

David Alexander	LaVonda Johnson	Denise Rivera
Connie Barnes	Michael Luciano	Pam Shephard McKnight
Christine Beyer	Mulamba Lunda	Tyrone Small
Michael Bivens	Gerald McNair	Larry Walton
K. Allen Campbell	David Pable	Shehan Welihindha
Susan Fulmer	Angel Payton Harmon	
Mary Wright Golden	Tricia Phaup	
Stacy Jennings	Harry Prim III	
	Gary Rhett	

**HPC Members Absent**

Kabra Benford	Vera Bishop-Wright
Troy A. Bowers	Deadra Malloy
Veronica Brisco	Alton Murray
Quinton Ellison	B. Mario Smith
Adrena Harrison	
Alex Karydi	

**Ex-Officio Members**

Reg Posley

**DHEC Central Office Staff**

Carlton Boyd	Chelsea Gonzalez	Bobby Rogers
Shauna Cooper	April Heyward	Janet Tapp
Christal Davis	Keisha Hightower	Charmella Tyler
Pam Davis	Leigh Oden	
Birdie Felkel	Jennifer Pozsik	
Monetha Gaskin	Tony Price	

**Guests**

Jarvis Barber	Lucy Gordon	Ericka Hussey
Conrad Brooks	Francina ?	Susan Kitchen
Akeem Champaign	Jeanette Herring	LaTwyla Mathais
Russell DeRomano	Sam Hunter	Stacy Massard

Carolyn McAllaster  
Elizabeth McLendon

Susan Reif  
Linda Scott

/David Wells  
Frederick Williams

### **Staff**

Donald Wood

### **Presentations**

**Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative (SASI): Columbia, SC HIV Infrastructure Report:** Dr. Susan Reif and attorney Carolyn McAllaster from the Duke Legal Project, provided the Council with an overview of their project. SASI was launched earlier this year by the Duke AIDS Legal Project to advocate for increased federal resources to stop the spread of HIV in the South.

**Update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy:** Susan Fulmer provided the Council with an update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy which is coordinated by the White House Office of National AIDS Policy.

There are three primary goals for the NHAS:

- Reducing HIV incidence
- Increasing access to care and optimizing health outcomes
- Reducing HIV-related health disparities

### **Adjourn to Committee Meetings**

All of the presenters were thanked for their information and the meeting was adjourned to the committee meetings.

### **Lunch**

**Call to Order:** Following lunch, the meeting was called back to order by Gary Rhett at 1:35 p.m.

Members of the Council and guests were given the opportunity to make any announcement they had concerning upcoming events.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed.

**Action Item:** A motion was made by David Pable and properly seconded by David Alexander to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was adopted by the full Council.

**Care and Support Services Program:** Charmella Tyler provided an update on the DHEC Ryan White & HOPWA Programs:

- The Annual Ryan White Part B Grant application was submitted to HRSA 11/24 – it included emphasis on EIIHA and ACA Participation again this year.
- The Annual HOPWA Action Plan should be updated and submitted by the end of the year.
- We have two Request For Grant Applications (RFGA) for funding posted:

(1) RW Part B Base funds for Aiken, Barnwell, and Allendale counties (2) RW Emerging Communities funds for Charleston and Columbia MSAs. Both have been posted on the DHEC website and advertised in the SCBO Newsletter.

- We have been tasked by CDC and HRSA to complete an Integrated Plan with Prevention for the Statewide Consolidated Statement of Need and Comprehensive Plan (SCSN), which is usually a 3 year plan. It is due in 2016. We will begin conversations on this in the near future. We are looking a variety of ways to gather input.
- There has been no update from HRSA regarding the Parts C & D Consolidation to date.

Tony provided updates on DHEC's STD/HIV Prevention Program

<http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/HIVandSTDs/index.htm>

- DHEC's HIV prevention interim progress report (IPR) for 2014 and continuation application (CA) for 2015 were submitted to CDC in September. Updates to the state's HIV prevention plan were also submitted. DHEC has not yet received its 2015 grant notice of award (NOA).
- DHEC's STD prevention IPR and CA were submitted to September to CDC. The 2015 NOA has not yet been received.
- The viral hepatitis prevention grant's NOA was received in October for level funding. This is year three of a three-year cycle; this final year started on November 1.
- Amanda Terminello is new staff of the STD/HIV Division as of October 6. She is responsible for coordinating the Richland county Syphilis and HIV Awareness, Prevention and Elimination (SHAPE) Initiative. This initiative intends to impact the high rates and numbers of syphilis and HIV cases in Richland County, notably among men who have sex with men. Amanda is on staff for this project for one year as part of the CDC Public Health Associate (PHA) Program.

**Administrative Report:** Donald Wood reviewed the evaluations from the August meeting. He also presented the Council's financial report through November.

**Executive and Membership Committees Reports:** Gary Rhett presented the Council with a brief recap of the Executive Committee conference call. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda and discussed tentative presentations and activities for future HPC meetings. They also discussed the recommendations of the Membership Committee.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Care and Support Services:** Angel Payton-Harmon reported that the committee discussed the following topics:

- ✓ The members engaged in a discussion about the anticipated merger of Ryan White Parts C and D. Charm Tyler will keep the committee abreast of any decisions from HRSA.
- ✓ The Peer Institute (PI) was discussed. The committee is currently at a stand still awaiting a meeting with stakeholders. A conference call is to be scheduled to include ADAP and DHEC.
- ✓ PI funding issues were discussed.
- ✓ Copies of the Statewide Resource List (SRL) were made available. Members were asked to review the SRL and submit changes, suggestions, etc. at the next meeting.
- ✓ Topics of Interest for 2015 meetings were:
  - a) Data to Care
  - b) Integration of Prevention and Care

c) FIMR/HIV

- ✓ Elections were held.
  - a) Chair – Angel L. Payton-Harmon
  - b) Co-Chair – Michael Luciano
  - c) Membership Representative – Kabra Benford

**Needs Assessment:** David Pable reported that the committee discussed the following items:

- The committee reviewed the surveys from the Pre-Conference Institute.
- The committee reviewed the draft of the tools for the data to care project.
- David Pable was re-elected as chair and Harry Prim will continue to serve as the Membership Committee representative.

**Positive Advocacy:** Gerald McNair provided a summary of the items discussed at their November meeting as well as the Pre-Conference Institute.

- The group discussed the relationship between the PAC and the HPC.
- The group began a discussion on what are the “needs” of consumers in South Carolina.
- Mark Sellers is working on a consumer resource guide
- The group also discussed the DHEC Data to Care Initiative.
- Gerald McNair was re-elected as chair; David Pable was elected Co-Chair; and David Alexander will serve as the Membership Committee Representative.
- The committee will meet again on January 27.

**Prevention:** Larry Walton reported that the committee discussed the following items:

- ✓ The committee review the committee goals and accomplishments for the year
- ✓ Tony Price and Pam Davis gave an update on the future of HIV Treatment, i.e. better targeting of resources, expanding testing, and identifying the combination of approaches with the greatest impact.
- ✓ Election of officers for 2015: Chair - Mulamba Lunda; Co-Chair- Denise Rivera; and Membership Committee Member - Connie Barnes.

### **Workgroup/Task Force Updates**

**Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup:** Christine Beyer reported that the group is working on a pilot project to look at resources available in South Carolina.

**Corrections Workgroup:** Tyrone Small reported that the group met on December 9. Carmen Hampton Julius from PALSS was elected as the new chair of the group. The meeting dates for 2015 have been established: March 9, June 8, September 14 and December 14.

**Hispanic/Latino Workgroup:** Susan reminded the group that the workgroup is looking for a chair. Dr. Billings and Laura Cahue are working to finalize the needs assessment report.

**African American MSM Workgroup:** Bobby Rogers gave an update on the June conference.

- Date: June 26, 2015
- The group is working to establish a Young MSM advisory committee
- Working to update the MSM work plan

**SC HIV Task Force:** Michael Bivens gave a brief update on the task force's activities.

1. The task force held an advocacy training session during the SC HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference.
2. Next meeting: December 18 in the USC School of Medicine lower level lecture hall.
3. Advocacy Day at the State House: January 20

### **Unfinished Business**

**SC HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference:** An update was provided on the conference. Susan Fulmer reported the following:

- ✓ Attendance: 435 participants
- ✓ 4 Keynote Speakers
- ✓ 42 Session
- ✓ 1 speaker did not present
- ✓ 275 evaluations were completed

### **Preconference Institute recap**

- ✓ PCI had 88 participants; a total of 104 were registered (to include DHEC staff and volunteers)
- ✓ 45 scholarship were offered for the PCI
- ✓ 4 Sessions
- ✓ We received 70 survey; 62 were usable
- ✓ 13 counties were represented

She also personally acknowledged the PAC members who presented and work to plan the pre-conference institute and offered a special thank you to the Ryan White program for providing funding.

**Results of the Vote on Concurrence:** We had a total of 30 of the 33 Council members to return their concurrence vote. The final letter was included in the documents submitted to the CDC.

### **New Business**

**Community Co-chair Elections:** Nominations were accepted for the Community Co-chair position. The nominees were Gary Rhett and Michael Bivens. A formal vote was conducted by secret ballot and Gary Rhett was elected to serve another two year term.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Feb. 24. The new members' orientation session will be held the afternoon of February 23.

**Presentations for First Meeting in 2015:** The following topics are suggested for the February meeting

- ✓ Epi Update
- ✓ Community Services Assessment
- ✓ Report on the PCI survey results

### **Announcements**

Members and guests were given an additional opportunity to make announcements.

- ✓ The DHEC training calendar will be released in early 2015

- ✓ The SC HIV/AIDS Task Force is submitted a formal request to be considered a voting member of the Council
- ✓ Elizabeth Peters of Peters, Long & Associates died on Monday. She was a friend of the Council and very active with the SC Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates (SCAPPA).
- ✓ Prayers were asked for Veronica Brisco's mother who is hospitalized.
- ✓ AHF is changing their condom distribution program. Elizabeth McLendon has additional information.
- ✓ S.C. Public Health Association's Winter Conference – January 23 at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center.
- ✓ National HIV Prevention Conference – Dec. 6-9, 2015 in Atlanta.
- ✓ Epi profile can be found on the DHEC website: [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov)

### **Evaluation**

All in attendance (members, staff and guests) were reminded to complete and turn in their evaluations.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood,  
Program Administrator