

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – August 26, 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 10:12 a.m.

HPC Members Present

David Alexander	Susan Fulmer	David Pable
Connie Barnes	Mary Wright Golden	Angel Payton Harmon
Kabra Benford	Adrena Harrison	Tricia Phaup
Christine Beyer	LaVonda Johnson	Gary Rhett
Michael Bivens	Alex Karydi	Denise Rivera
Veronica Brisco	Michael Luciano	Pam Shephard McKnight
Carlton Boyd	Mulamba Lunda	B. Mario Smith
K. Allen Campbell	Deadra Malloy	Tyrone Small
Quinton Ellison	Lottie McClorin	Vera Bishop-Wright
	Gerald McNair	

HPC Members Absent

Troy A. Bowers
Harry Prim III
Shehan Welihindha

Ex-Officio Members

Alton Murray

DHEC Central Office Staff

Kateesha Blunt	Chelsea Gonzalez	Bobby Rogers
Shauna Cooper	April Heyward	Janet Tapp
Christal Davis	Lewis Hicks	Jennifer Turner
Pam Davis	Keisha Hightower	Charmella Tyler
Birdie Felkel	Roshan McDaniel	
Monetha Gaskin	Tony Price	

Guests

Conrad Brooks	Stacy Massard	Joyce Belton
Jeanette Herring	Elizabeth McLendon	Cleveland Malloy
Sam Hunter	Sally Mintz	
Roderick Joiner	Aaron O'Brien	
Susan Kitchen	Alisha Washington	

Staff

Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the June 24th meeting were reviewed.

Action Item: A motion was made by LaVonda Johnson and properly seconded by Mary Golden to accept the minutes with one correction. It was noted the Alex Kardyi was listed as both present and absent at the meeting. She was absent. The motion was adopted.

Presentations

2014 DHEC Funded HIV Prevention Services and 2015 Planned Activities: Tony Price, the DHEC Prevention Programs Manager, provided the Council with an overview of the prevention activities being provided in South Carolina as well as an update on the planned activities that will occur in the upcoming year.

Prevention Committee 2014 Contributions to the SC HIV Prevention Plan: The Council was provided an update on the recommendations made by the Prevention Committee to the statewide prevention plan.

Early Intervention of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA): Susan Fulmer, the DHEC Co-chair, provided the update to the Council on the Division's activities regarding the federal mandate for EIIHA.

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 1:25 p.m.

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

CDC Update: Roderick Joiner, our CDC Project Officer, provided brief remarks. He offered praise to South Carolina on our HIV Planning activities and prevention efforts in South Carolina. He was especially glad to hear about our efforts regarding the use of surveillance data.

STD/HIV Division Report:

Division Update: Janet Tapp provided a brief update on the most recent activities of the Division.

- Three new employees have been hired and one position is pending. The new Division staff members are Shauna Cooper, Birdie Felkel and April Heyward.
- The Division is continuing to explore its options regarding Telemedicine.
- The DHEC website has recently been updated. She encouraged members and guests to review the website and to provide the Division with any concerns so that they can be forwarded to the agency's IT department.

- It is the goal of the Division to reduce of rate of infection for syphilis, gonorrhea and HIV. It is our desire to no longer be in the top 10 in the nation.
- The Division has approved two programs on HBCUs that will increase our education and testing outreach to young AAMSM.
- The Division is moving forward with its Data to Care initiative.
- The Division is working with the Richland County Health Department in coordinating the SHAPE program (Syphilis HIV Assessment and Prevention Effort). If the program is successful it will be rolled out statewide.

Care and Support Services Program: Charmella Tyler provided an update on the Ryan White program.

- The Ryan White Part B grant will be release in the coming weeks.
- Both Ryan White and HOPWA site visits have begun.
- We have recently welcomed two new staff members (Birddie Felkel and April Heyward)
- The All Parts meeting will be held on December 5.
- The Part B award letter has been received. It is for 11 months. This is the last year of the 3 year cycle.

Roshan McDaniel provided an update on the ADAP program.

- On June 1, the program moved to a new pharmacy vendor. The new vendor is Panther Specialty Pharmacy.
- Open enrollment for the federal marketplace will take place from November 15 through February 15. Medicare Part D will open on October 15.
- A session will be held on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) at the upcoming HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference.

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

- The IPR for Year Four is due on September 15
- Supplemental grants from the carry forward for 2013-2014 have been awarded. The money will be used to fund the HBCU initiative, updated data security and confidentiality upgrades and condom distribution.
- Shauna Cooper was hired and will begin on September 2.

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

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 process for the upcoming vote on concurrence.

The Membership Committee met via conference call to discuss the upcoming membership application process. Applications for next term will be due to Donald Wood by November 3 at 5 p.m. The

committee will meet on November 6th to review the applications. Interviews will be held on November 20-21 at Capitol Consultants.

Two members have been removed from the Council because of their lack of attendance. They have been replaced by Ex Officio members Mario Smith and Mulamba Lunda.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Janet Tapp provided the committee an update on the changing role of the DIS staff.
- They discussed the use of surveillance data.
- They continued their discussion of the Peer Institute.
- Members were advised that a new chair will be elected at the December meeting.

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

- Goals of the upcoming needs assessment project
- Finalized the definitions that will be used in the survey instrument.
- Discussed the timeline for creating the survey instrument.
- Finalized conference call dates for the remainder of the year.

Positive Advocacy: Gerald McNair provided a summary of the items discussed at the July 9 PAC meeting.

- Continued discussion on the Peer Institute and reviewed the qualifications for the peer advocate.
- Provided an update on the discussion regarding scholarships to the upcoming HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference.
- Elected a new chair to replace Veronica Brisco who resigned.
- Discussed adding a consumer to the conference's planning committee.
- Ongoing effort to encourage consumers statewide to become more active with their local ASOs and other support organizations.
- Received an update on the Pre-Conference Institute.

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

- Briefly discussed the information shared in the presentations from the morning session.
- Reminded the group of the upcoming election for the committee chair. June 12 Executive Committee meetings were reviewed.

Workgroup/Task Force Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup: Christine Beyer reported that the workgroup met yesterday and discussed the following items:

- Review their committee structure and work plan.
- Reviewed the current YRBS survey data
- Reviewed the current call to action document and discussed updating it with a focus on HIV and STD awareness.

- Discussed House Bill 4061 (Sexual Assault Prevention Curriculum)

Corrections Workgroup: Tyrone Small reported that the workgroup will meet on September 8.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: No report.

African American MSM Workgroup: K. Allen Campbell gave an update on the June conference.

- Total attendance: 254 (70 scholarships)
- Save the Date for the 2015 conference will be sent out within the next few weeks.
- Group will continue with the young MMs track. They may also create an older MSM track.
- Seeking committee members to assist with planning the conference. Members were asked to contact Bobby Rogers to volunteer.

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

- Several changes have occurred within the Executive Committee
- Members were encouraged to vote on November 4
- Working on several advocacy issues
 1. Access to outcomes
 2. Medicaid Expansion
 3. ADAP Funding

The task force will meet again on September 23 in the USC School of Medicine lower level lecture hall.

Unfinished Business

Future Meeting Presentations: The following topics are pending to be discussed at future meetings:

- ✓ Update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS)
- ✓ Community Services Assessment Update
- ✓ Chapter 9 of the statewide prevention plan

SC HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference: An update was provided on the conference. Susan Fulmer reminded members that the registration brochure is available on the conference website. Consumer members of the Council were instructed to advise Donald if needing assistance with registration. The scholarship deadline is September 1. Plans are progressing for the Pre-Conference Institute. The registration fee for the PCI is \$8. The ADAP program will provide funding for the institute.

New Business

Interim Progress Report: Tony Price reported the state's IPR is due to the CDC in September. Susan reported that we will conduct a conference call on September 10 at 10 a.m. to review the final IPR.

CDC/HRSA Development of Guidance for Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan: The CDC and HRSA are working collaboratively to develop guidance to jurisdictions for integrated plans for HIV prevention and care. It is expected that the new plan will be due in September of 2016.

Applications for Membership for the 2015-2016 Term: Gary reminded the Council of the application deadline. Susan also noted that we are seeking someone to fill the agency slot for the Department of Mental Health.

December Meeting: Council members were reminded that elections will be held in December for the Community Co-chair, Committee Chairs and Membership Committee representatives.

Announcements

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

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood,
Program Administrator