

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2014
Brookland Lakeview Community Center

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Gary Rhett, the Community Co-chair. All persons in attendance were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and to acknowledge the agency they represent.

HPC Members Present

David Alexander	Susan Fulmer	Tricia Phaup
Kabra Benford	Mary Wright Golden	Harry Prim III
Michael Bivens	Adrena Harrison	Gary Rhett
Troy Bowers	Stacey Jennings	Denise Rivera
Carlton Boyd	Michael Luciano	Pamela Shepard McKnight
Veronica Brisco	Lottie McClorin	Tyrone Small
Christine Beyer	Gerald McNair	Larry Walton
K. Allen Campbell	David Pable	Shehan Welihindha
Quinton Ellison	Angel Payton Harmon	

Absent

Connie Barnes	Alex Karydi	Vera Bishop-Wright
Laura Cahue	Deadra Malloy	
LaVonda Johnson	Glenda Schleich	

Ex-Officio Members

James Cooper	Alton Murray
Mulamba Lunda	Reg Posley

DHEC Central Office Staff

Pam Davis	Roshan McDaniel	Kirk Shull
Monetha Gaskin	Tony Price	Jennifer Turner
Lewis Hicks	Bobby Rogers	Charmella Tyler
Keisha Hightower	Janet Tapp	

Guests

Maiva Blackwell	Ryan Wilson	Satay Smalls
Jeanette Herring	Roderick Joiner	Brecinna Grant
Elizabeth McLendon	Janeece Gough	

Staff

Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Action Item: A motion was made by Michael Luciano and seconded by Troy Bowers to accept the minutes with one correction. It was noted that Roshan McDaniel was not present at that meeting.

Presentations

2013 SC Epidemiologic Profile: Kirk A. Shull, DHEC Epi Coordinator, provided an overview of the state's Epi profile for 2013.

Results of the 2013 SC HPC Needs Assessment for White MSM: Shehan V. Welihindha provided the group with an overview of the data from the recently completed online needs assessment survey of White Men who have Sex with Men.

Following the second presentation, 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 that time, announcements were accepted from members and guests.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation: Elizabeth McLendon provided a brief update on their upcoming Condom Day events. Events will be held at Benedict College, SC State University and several Orangeburg area barber shops. She also provided the dates for the upcoming Kanuga Conference. The conference will be held June 6-8 in Hendersonville, NC. A limited number of scholarships will be available for PLWHA.

STD/HIV Division Report: Janet Tapp provided an update on the happenings within the Division. She also provided an update on the Telemedicine initiative. The goal is to increase the access to care for persons in rural areas. The Division will be putting more emphasis on testing. They are working with providers to pilot a routine opt-out testing program in medical settings.

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

- DHEC received its HIV prevention notice of grant award in December. DHEC is receiving about 4.2 million dollars for core HIV prevention activities, a little more than one million dollars for the expanded testing program, and \$538,000 for the linkage to care program.
- DHEC's five-year cycle of the CDC STD prevention grant notice of award was received and is for approximately level funding for 2014.
- CDC and HRSA have announced that, by sometime in 2016, every jurisdiction should have an integrated HIV prevention and care plan. While South Carolina has an integrated planning body, we do not currently have an integrated plan. The federal agencies will be working together to remove some of the barriers that hinder an integrated plan. New guidance is being developed and more information will be shared when it is available.
- The Office of National AIDS Policy released an updated report on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and HIV Continuum of Care in early December: http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/onap_nhas_improving_outcomes_dec_2013.pdf
- CDC released an updated HIV Prevention Progress Report in early December: http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies_NationalProgressReport.pdf
A brief fact sheet is also available: http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies_NationalProgressReport_brief.pdf

Ryan White Programs: Charmella Tyler reported the program is working with its providers to secure quality data that will be used to complete the Ryan White Service Report. The report is due to HRSA on March 31.

Administrative Report: Donald Wood reviewed the evaluations from the December meeting. He also presented the Council's financial report through December 31.

Executive and Membership Committees Reports: Gary Rhett provided the Council with a brief recap of the Executive Committee conference call. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda and discussed future meeting topics.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Roshan McDaniel provided an ADAP update
- Statewide Resource List Revisions
- Peer Advocate Training survey
- Possible speaker on Medicaid Expansion efforts

Needs Assessment: David Pable reported that the committee discussed several possible needs assessment activities for this year. The consensus was that they will work to gather and analyze existing data regarding aspects of linkage to care.

Positive Advocacy: Veronica Brisco reported that the January 24th meeting was rescheduled to February 4th because of the winter weather. She noted that the committee is continuing to brainstorm about ways to increase participation on a statewide basis. Their future meeting dates are: March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9 and November 18.

Prevention: Larry Walton reported that committee is working on updating the priority populations list and looking at special considerations that need to be considered when working with these populations especially with the push by HRSA to integrate both care and prevention services. The committee will conduct a face to face meeting on April 10 at 10 a.m.

Workgroup/Task Force Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup: Christine Beyer reported that the group is continuing to monitor the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Sex Education Act. There will be a workshop for teachers who work with special needs children in the near future. She acknowledged the need for programs specifically for the special needs population. Christine noted that there has been a reduction in the number of teen pregnancies statewide; however, we are seeing an increase in STIs.

Corrections Workgroup: Tyrone Small reported that the SC Department of Corrections is continuing to transfer HIV positive inmates into the general population. Someone from the SCDC will be invited to provide an update at one of our upcoming meetings.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Susan Fulmer reported that the group is working with a USC Honors College

student to create a toolkit to be used by prevention providers who work with the state's Hispanic population.

African American MSM Workgroup: K. Allen Campbell reported that the workgroup met to firm up its plans for 2014. The group partnered with South Carolina Brothas United to host a Men's Healthy Holiday Soiree in December. The MSM HIV Prevention Institute will be held on Friday, June 20 at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center, 1058 Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia. The theme is "Survivor: Outwit, Outplay and Outlast. The conference will feature both a professional and YMSM track. Registration is \$50 for the professional track and \$25 for the YMSM track (open to ages 18-29). The registration link can be found at www.scmsmworkgroup.org. Conference abstract proposals are due by April 15. A limited number of scholarships are available. The application deadline is June 6, 2014. The group will also host a program on HIV and Stigma during the month of April. April is Minority Health Month. Finally, Maurice Adair and Bobby Rogers recently conducted a 3MV Train the Trainer session.

SC HIV Task Force: Michael Bivens reported that the group will hold its next meeting in April. They will also be co-sponsoring a series of workshops around the state on the Affordable Care Act. The information will be sent to HPC members via the HPC listserv.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Ground Rules: The Council conducted its yearly review of the HPC Ground Rules.

Action Item: A motion was made by Larry Walton and seconded by Angel Payton-Harmon to have the rules remain the same. The motion was passed.

Future Meeting Dates: The Council members discussed possible meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

After much discussion, the dates for the meetings are:

- ✓ April 22
- ✓ June 24
- ✓ August 26
- ✓ December 9

The committee also discussed moving our meeting to the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center on a permanent basis provided the above dates were available.

Action Item: A motion was made by K. Allen Campbell and properly seconded. The motion was adopted.

Future Presentations: A list of future presentations was discussed. The following presentations will be given at a future meeting:

- ✓ Parliamentary Procedures
- ✓ ACA and ADAP
- ✓ Summary of Prevention Services Statewide for 2013

Susan Fulmer also reminded the group that copies of the 2014 DHEC Training Calendar are available at the registration table.

Prevention Plan: At the urging of the CDC and HRSA, we will begin working on a comprehensive plan that will include both care and prevention services activities from around the state. The report will include HIV and STI information. The next plan will cover our goals and initiatives from 2015 to 2019.

CDC Update: Our CDC Project Officer Roderick Joiner gave a few remarks following the meeting. He applauded SC for its efforts at integration of services.

Announcements

Denise Rivera announced that Catawba Care would be hosting of a Women of Color Conference. Members were directed to the agency's website (www.catawbacare.org) for more information. Questions should be sent to Latisha Jackson at (803) 909-6363, Ext. 243 or via E-mail at ljackson@catawbacare.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood,
Program Administrator