

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Susan Fulmer. Troy Bowers welcomed everyone to the meeting and the members and guests present were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

HPC Members present: Troy Bowers, Becky Carr, Aaron Creech, Wesley Durant, Teretha Fowler, Susan Fulmer, Mahogany Graham, Mary Wright Golden, Adrena Harrison, Matt Jenkins, LaVonda Johnson, Pat Kelly, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Lottie McClorin, Noreen O'Donnell, Angel Payton-Harmon, Reg Posley, Tony Price, Harry Prim III, Gary Rhett, Denise Rivera, Pamela Shephard-McKnight, Willie Simon and Charmella Tyler.

Absent: Jo Bull, Aaron Bryan, Patrice Davis, Virginia King, Mulamba Lunda, Sarah McClam, Michelle McKenzie, Larry Walton and Jason Williams.

Ex-Officio Members: Ashley Redmond, Celeste Rudisil and Ondine Wilson.

DHEC: Linda Brown, James Harris, Jr., Roshan McDaniel, Anand Nagarajan, Jake Ramsey, Elona Rhame, Leigh Williamson.

Guests: Amanda Davis, Deadra Lawson-Smith, Nancy Raley and Eren Youmans.

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed.

Action: A motion was made by Mary Wright Golden and properly seconded that the minutes be approved with the following changes:

- AAMSW changed to AAWSM under the Needs Assessment report.
- The word **report** was changed to **reported** under the Prevention report.

Presentations

Missed Opportunities for Early Diagnosis in Correctional Facilities: Eren Youmans presented a summary of the findings on the missed opportunities for early diagnosis in the corrections system. She highlighted the barriers to testing in correctional facilities and provided informative data on the need to increase testing in city and county jails.

Case Management Survey Data Report: Mahogany Graham and Christal Davis provided the group with an analysis of the outcomes from the recent case manager survey.

Committee Meetings/Lunch

The members adjourned to committee meetings followed by lunch. Following lunch the meeting was called back to order by Troy Bowers.

Update from the SC AIDS Care Crisis Task Force: Nancy Raley and Deadra Lawson-Smith provided the group a brief update of the activities of the task force. They reported on the upcoming rally to be held at the State House on April 22 and the upcoming Legislative Breakfast. They also provided a brief recap of the current proposed budget amount for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. Deadra also provided copies of a recent Editorial/Opinion piece that appeared in *The State* newspaper.

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

- DHEC's HIV Prevention Annual Progress Report (APR) for CY 2009 was submitted to CDC on March 31.
- DHEC's STD Prevention APR for CY2009 was also submitted to CDC on March 31.
- CDC has released the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for a new three-year funding cycle for the HIV Expanded Testing Project. The likely available funds for South Carolina will be approximately the same as for the past three years. DHEC's funding application will be submitted in early June to CDC.
- The STD/HIV Division collaborated with USC School of Medicine to submit a highly competitive, major federal grant application (category "RO1"). The funds, if awarded, will be for a "Seek, Test and Treat" HIV testing initiative in conjunction with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.
- The SC Viral Hepatitis Strategic Planning Committee met on April 7 to provide input on the development of a resource directory and to further develop the plans for viral hepatitis prevention in the state. DHEC will request provider details via a submission sheet of current viral hepatitis services to be added to the Statewide HIV/AIDS Resources and Information Network Guide (SHARING). DHEC will request this information from currently funded DHEC prevention and care providers, as well as federally qualified community health centers, local alcohol and drug abuse commissions and Ryan White Part C provider agencies.
- Contracts are now in place for community-based HIV prevention services for 2010 through 2011 in all of the eight DHEC public health regions.
- The training calendar and registration form are available at the DHEC Web site for STD/HIV training: <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/stdhiv/training.htm>

Administrator's Report: Donald Wood gave a brief update on the Council's financial report and reviewed meeting evaluations from the February meeting. The year to date expenses total is \$11,366.11. The remaining balance for the year is \$38,633.89.

Executive Committee Report: Troy Bowers provided a brief summary of the last Executive Committee conference call.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services Update: Pamela Shephard-McKnight reported that the committee is continuing to work on case management related issues and forms that may be used to better serve their clients.

Consumer Advisory Committee: Aaron Creech gave an update of the committee's meeting held yesterday. They are continuing to work on building a strong coalition of HIV positive advocates around the state.

Membership: No report.

Needs Assessment: Becky Carr reported that the committee continued to discuss the needs assessment that the committee is working on for African American Women Who Have Sex with Men (AAWSM).

Prevention: Teretha Fowler reported that Pat Kelly conducted a brief presentation on housing issues related to HIV positive persons and how it affects their care, treatment and prevention efforts.

After the presentation, the committee held a discussion which included categorizing homelessness in South Carolina. Pat was given a homework assignment to bring more information back to the committee.

Workgroup Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup: Susan Fulmer gave a brief update on the activities of the workgroup. She reported that the group is continuing its work on the integration of data with the Office of Research and Statistics (State Budget & Control Board).

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer gave a brief update on the activities of the workgroup. She informed the Council that the HPC provided a letter of support for the Seek, Test and Treat grant being submitted by the USC School of Medicine.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Denise Rivera gave a report from the “Latinos and HIV Roundtable” that was held in Charleston and updated the Council on the workgroup’s activities.

Training Update

Training: James Harris provided the group with an updated list of training activities. A copy of the most recent calendar was provided.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of Potential presentations from remaining meetings: The committee discussed potential topics for future meeting. Suggestions included:

1. Perinatal system of care in S.C.
2. Update on effective interventions.

New Business

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 15, August 17 and Dec. 7.

Wrap Up/Announcements/Evaluation

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood, Administrator
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