



Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Susan Fulmer. She reported that Troy Bowers was not feeling well and would not be in attendance. Members and guests present were given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

HPC Members present: Jo Bull, Aaron Creech, Wesley Durant, Teretha Fowler, Susan Fulmer, Mahoghany Graham, Mary Wright Golden, Adrena Harrison, Matt Jenkins, LaVonda Johnson, Pat Kelly, Virginia King, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Lottie McClorin, Tony Price, Denise Rivera, Pamela S. McKnight, Charmella Tyler and Larry Walton.

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

Absent: Troy A. Bowers, Patrice Davis, Sarah McClam, Michelle McKenzie, Noreen O'Donnell, Angel Payton-Harmon, Reg Posley, Gary Rhett and Jason Williams.

Staff: Donald Wood

DHEC: Linda Brown, James Harris, Roshan McDaniel, Leigh Oden, Jake Ramsey and Janet Tapp.

Guests: Fredrick Williams and Delores Pluto.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 20, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

- **Action:** A motion was made by Larry Walton to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mahoghany Graham. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Presentations

2010 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results: Dr. Delores Pluto with S.C. Healthy Schools (SC Dept. of Education) provided the group with an overview of the results of the most recent Youth Risk Behavior Survey, conducted by SCDE in a sample of middle and high schools. Aaron Bryan noted that he will present additional information at our next meeting.

Housing as Prevention: Due to some technical difficulties, the presentation was postponed until the August meeting.

Committee Meetings/Lunch

The members adjourned to committee meetings followed by lunch. Following lunch, the meeting was called back to order by Susan Fulmer at 1:35 p.m.

Janet Tapp, the new director of the STD/HIV Division at DHEC was introduced to the body. She is looking forward to the new challenges as Division Director and gave a brief statement about her background.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services Update: Pamela Shephard-McKnight reported that the group has established a subcommittee to develop a strategic plan. Christal Davis spoke briefly to the group.

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. The group was provided an update on the ADAP program and the S.C. HIV/STD Conference. Pat Kelly provided an overview of Housing as Prevention.

Membership: Susan Fulmer reported that Troy stated he will be contacting the members soon to schedule a meeting.

Needs Assessment: Becky Carr reported that the committee is finalizing the needs assessment tool to survey African American Women Who Have Sex with Men (AAWSM). They are continuing their work on the instrument and trying to limit it to 50 questions or less. The plan is to pilot the survey before the August meeting.

Prevention: Mulamba Lunda reported that the subcommittee's presented their finding on the literature review on the following interventions:

1. WILLOW
2. STRIVE
3. SiHLE; and
4. NIA

The committee's objective is to decide if the programs are indeed feasible to be implemented in South Carolina. She noted that the committee is still waiting to hear from the CDC regarding the DEBI training. They also discussed the need for additional interventions for MSM. They have also established a Housing Ad Hoc Group members include: Lewis Hicks, Pat Kelly and Larry Walton.

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

- DHEC's HIV prevention Interim Progress Report (IPR) for CY 2010 and grant application for CY2011 is due to CDC on August 20.
- DHEC's STD prevention IPR for CY2010 and grant application for 2011 is due to CDC on August 2.
- DHEC's application for a new three-year funding cycle for the HIV Expanded Testing Project is due to CDC on June 24. The likely available funds for South Carolina will be approximately the same as for the past three years.
- DHEC's Viral Hepatitis Prevention IPR for CY2010 and grant application for CY2011 is due to CDC on August 12.
- DHEC's application for Program Collaboration and Service Integration (PCSI) was submitted to CDC on June 15. This is a new grant and CDC will only give six grant awards this year but expects to give more next year based on this year's applicants.
- The South Carolina Viral Hepatitis Strategic Planning Committee will meet on August 4.

- DHEC is hoping to soon have an internal posting for the STD/HIV public information coordinator/contracts monitor position. DHEC's also hopes to post soon for the HIV Expanded Testing Coordinator.

Care and Support Services Update: Leigh Oden reminded the members that although there is a waiting list for the ADAP program, all case managers should still process client paperwork. This allows the division to have a better grasp of the actual need. She also noted that there is not a wait list for the ADAP insurance program. She reported that the Ryan White Part B Request for Proposals (RFP) should be released soon.

Administrator's Report: Donald Wood provided the Council's financial report and reviewed meeting evaluations from the April meeting. The year to date expenses total is \$18,452.73. The remaining balance for the year is \$31,547.27.

The group briefly discussed the evaluation comments related to meeting decorum. Members were reminded to take phone calls outside of the room and to discontinue sidebar conversations during the meeting. The calls and texting are distracting to members who are trying to participate in the meeting.

Executive Committee Report: Susan Fulmer provided a brief summary of the last Executive Committee meeting, which was held by conference call. One of the main items of discussion was meeting decorum. Concerns have been expressed by members about other members taking calls, texting, and having sidebar conversations during the meetings. This behavior is disruptive and continues to show up in meeting evaluations. Meeting decorum was added as an agenda item under New Business.

Workgroup Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup: Aaron reported that the group met in May. They are continuing to work on developing a website to serve as a clearinghouse for youth related sexual health information. He will also be attending the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's annual Summer Institute in Charleston.

African American MSM Workgroup: Matt Jenkins gave a brief update on the status of the MSM Prevention Institute to be held on June 25 at Brookland Conference Center. A reception will be held on the evening of June 24 at the SC HIV/AIDS Council's office. Currently, they have 165 registrations and are anticipating at least 200 attendees for the Institute. They are working with the Expanded Testing Initiative to promote testing and 3MV.

Corrections Workgroup: The corrections workgroup has adjourned for the summer. They are waiting to hear back from the NIH on their grant proposal.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Denise Rivera that the workgroup will meet again in July. She noted that the HIV testing programs in Charleston, Columbia and Lancaster are going well. They are also working with the ENDA program to expand condom distribution among the target population.

Training Update

Training: James Harris provided the group with an updated list of training activities.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of potential presentations for remaining meetings: Potential topics for future meetings were discussed. Suggestions included:

1. Housing as Prevention (Pat Kelly)
2. HIV Prevention in School (Aaron Bryan)
3. Perinatal Prevention and Care in South Carolina

New Business

Meeting Decorum: It was discussed that members should refrain from taking calls, texting, and having sidebar conversations during HPC or committee meetings as those behaviors are very disruptive to others who are engaged in the meeting. Susan noted that those in attendance today were acting professionally and the troublesome behaviors were not apparent. It was suggested that persons needing to take calls or texts should briefly leave the room to do so and that sidebar conversations should be kept to a quiet minimum.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: August 17 and December 7.

Wrap Up/Announcements/Evaluation

Susan reported that the speakers for the S.C. HIV/STD Conference have been confirmed. They are:

- Lauren Hanen, NASTAD
- Bill Smith – National Coalition of STD Directors
- Mitchell Warren, Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention
- Kathie Hiers – AIDS Alabama
- Vanessa Johnson – NAPWA

The conference will be held Oct. 27-28 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The printed registration brochure should be available in early July. It will also be available on the conference web site: www.schiv-stdconference.org.

Susan reported that DHEC has received a shipment of specialty condoms which were donated from Trojan through Bill Smith with the National Coalition of STD Directors. These condoms are not normally available through DHEC and will be distributed on a first come/first serve basis to prevention contractors. Members were given the telephone number to the hotline to schedule a time to pick them up from DHEC.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood, Administrator
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