

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 4, 2009
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Troy Bowers. Susan Fulmer, the DHEC Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone in attendance was then given the opportunity to introduce themselves and to tell what agency and/or organization they represented.

HPC Members present: Karen Bates, Troy Bowers, Aaron Bryan, Teretha Fowler, Susan Fulmer, Mahogany Graham, Adrena Harrison, Matt Jenkins, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Michelle McKinzie, Noreen O'Donnell, Angel Payton-Harmon, Tony Price, Harry Prim III, Pamela Shephard-McKnight, Willie Simon II and Charmella Tyler.

Absent: Jo Bull, Rebecca Carr, Gary Crummell, Burwell Gordon, Daisy Johnson, Patricia Kelly, Virginia King, Sarah McClam, Denise Rivera, Arlene Rustin, Larry Walton and Jason Williams

DHEC staff present: Linda Brown, Wayne Duffus, Pam Davis, James Harris, Tessie Haywood, Roshan McDaniel, Anand Nagarajan, Constance Perkins, Jake Ramsey, Elona Rhame and Leigh Williamson.

Ex-Officio Members: Ondine Wilson

Guests: Mary Wright Golden.

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the June 16 meeting were reviewed.

Action: A motion was made by Charmella Tyler and seconded by Troy Bowers that the minutes be approved as presented.

STD/HIV Division Update: Dr. Wayne Duffus gave a brief update on the STD/HIV Division happenings. He briefly explained his new role as interim Division Director and provided information on progress of the development of the Hepatitis Prevention Plan and also on the Expanded Testing Grant.

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

- DHEC's HIV prevention Interim Progress Report for calendar year 2009 and grant application for 2010 will be due to CDC October 5. We have now been informed that this *will be* a competitive grant process for two years.
- The Expanded Testing Project's Interim Progress Report (IPR) for 2008-2009 and grant application were submitted on June 19.
- Elona Rhame, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, convened the second and third (final) meetings of the advisory stakeholders group in June and July for input on the development of the SC Viral Hepatitis Prevention Plan. The draft plan was reviewed July 31 and will be completed by late August. It will be posted to the DHEC STD/HIV web page. The viral hepatitis program interim progress report and next year's grant application were submitted August 3 to CDC.

Care and Support Services Update: Noreen O'Donnell gave the following update on the Ryan White Program area:

- Sonya Bayone, former SC ADAP Director, resigned her position as of July 31, 2009. The vacant position will be filled as soon as possible. In the interim, all ADAP questions should be directed to Noreen O'Donnell.

- The Quality Management reporting deadline was pushed to August 14, 2009 to allow time for further development work with GTI.
- The RSR deadline remains the same – September 1, 2009.

Review of Resource Checklist: Susan Fulmer presented the updated Resource Inventory checklist that will be included in the HIV/Prevention Plan and asked that the members review it for accuracy.

Following Susan's presentation, the group adjourned to the standing committee meetings.

Administrative Report

Donald Wood, the HPC Administrator, gave the administrative report that included a snapshot of the Council's fiscal budget for 2009. The financial report was accepted as information.

Executive Committee Report: Troy Bowers provided the group with a synopsis of the Executive Committee's recent conference call.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Mahogany Graham reported that the case manager survey questions have been finalized and that the survey will be sent out to case managers statewide within the next week. The deadline for responses will be Sept. 1.

She also reported that the committee expects to have a draft of the statewide checklist and treatment adherence tool by October 1.

Consumer Advisory: Aaron Creech reported that the group is working on an advocacy training tool for consumers. The training will be designed by consumers for consumers.

Membership: Troy noted that the committee will be meeting on Aug. 5 in the conference room at PALSS.

Needs Assessment: Becky Carr reported that the committee had received 17 responses to the Transgender Survey. The committee also discussed the draft recommendations that will be included in the statewide HIV Prevention Plan.

Prevention: Mulamba Lunda reported that Teretha Fowler provided the committee information about the CDC training, "Selecting Effective Behavioral Interventions." She strongly recommended the committee members attend the training to gain more insight on approving DEBIs for the state prevention plan. This training provides a foundation for those who currently select interventions and those who may be unfamiliar with the process of selecting an intervention.

Mulamba also reported that committee members reviewed the HIV/STD/Hepatitis Prevention, Care, and Support and Other Services sheet. It was noted that perinatal services in Sumter had been omitted from the list.

The committee also reviewed Chapter 9: Recommendations and Goals for Prevention Services of the Prevention Plan and made recommendations regarding the language and rewording of the goals as follows:

- To expand appropriate services that are holistic, evidence-based, comprehensive, and high quality to priority populations at every interaction with the health care system.
- To increase HIV testing in a variety of settings to persons at risk for HIV and to the general population through the provision of HIV testing as a routine part of health care thereby increasing the number of persons who know their HIV status.

- To increase successful linkage and retention into care and support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Linda Brown provided a brief update on the group's activities. She noted that they plan to meet with the SC Public Health Institute concerning partnering with them to host a public policy forum. The workgroup has also been very active in the efforts to request and host the upcoming Office of National AIDS Policy town hall meeting.

Update from the Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Anand Nagarajan gave an update on the workgroup. He noted that the group has developed a mission statement and is working on developing a resource survey.

Update from the SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force: Mahogany Graham gave a brief update on the work of the task force. The group will conduct a Town Hall meeting on Aug. 18 followed by two days of strategic planning on Aug. 19-20.

SC HIV/STD Conference: Troy reminded the members about the upcoming conference which will be held Oct. 14-15 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Unfinished Business

Statewide Prevention Plan: Susan gave an update on the plan and reviewed with the members the changes made since the last draft. Donald provided the voting members with a letter outlining the steps for voting on concurrence. Members were told to return their vote to Donald by August 9.

New Business

HPC Applications for the Next Term: Troy informed the members that the application for the next term will be available by the first week in October and that they would be due back to Donald by the end of October.

Next meeting dates: Dec. 8.

Wrap Up/Announcements/Evaluation

Prior to adjournment the members were reminded to complete their evaluations.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood, Capitol Consultants