

S.C. HIV Planning Council

Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2007

S.C. Pharmacy Association - 1350 Browning Road, Columbia, SC 29210

Opening: David Mattison, the Community Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.. David and Susan Fulmer welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone in attendance introduce him/herself and tell what agency they represent.

HPC Members present: Monica Adamian, Kathyleen Pitner, Mary Wright Golden, Atensia Earp, Troy Bowers, Susan Fulmer, Gypsy Teague, Virginia King, Norlica Washington, Laney Brackman, Teretha Fowler, Tim Pitts, David Mattison, Larry Walton, Aaron Bryan, Tonya Hucks-Bradshaw, and Suzanne Freeman

DHEC Staff: Lynda Kettinger, Kim Brown, Sonya Bayone, Tony Price, Roshan McDaniel and Dorothy Waln.

Ex-Officio Members: Christa Guicherit, Adrena Harrison, Harry Prim and Wilhelmenia Mathias

Guests: Latisha Jackson

Staff: Donald Wood

Absent: Patricia Kelly, Karen Clinton, Carmen Julious, Mulamba Lunda, Enid Santiago, Demar Roberts, Matt Jenkins and JoAnn Lafontaine.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted with the following changes:

1. On page one, the following Ex-officio members were approved by the Executive Committee: Christa Guicherit (AID Upstate); Adrena B. Harrison (SC HIV/AIDS Clinical Training Center - USC School of Medicine); Wilhelmenia Mathias (CEASE); and Harry Prim (DAODAS).
2. On page two, the transgender training is being conducted by the Transitions Project at Univ. of CA - San Francisco.
3. On page three, Gaps in Population should read Female Partners of Positive WMSW.
4. On page three, change CRT to CTR (Counseling, Testing, and Referral).

Administrative Report

Donald Wood, the HPC Administrator, gave the administrative report. He reviewed the documents for the meeting to ensure that everyone had a copy. He then presented the financial report, which included expenses through February 8, 2007.

The group divided into Committees and met until 12:15 p.m.

Lunch

Call to Order: The meeting resumed after lunch, called back to order by David Mattison, the Community Co-chair.

Executive Committee Report: Susan reported that the Executive Committee met via conference call to approve today's agenda and to receive reports from the other standing committees.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Suzanne reported that Kim Brown gave an overview of the All Titles Quality Management Review. The state of South Carolina will be divided into five areas for the development of indicators. The committee will review how services are provided across Titles. The committee is looking at reviewing Title II and IV data from 2005 and 2006. The group also discussed utilization of consumers for focus groups and surveys. Adrena Harrison gave the committee an overview of the AIDS Clinical Training Center.

Consumer Advisory: The Consumer Advisory Committee met via conference call. The group had a long discussion on the goals and objectives of the committee. They are still working on defining the role and responsibilities of a Speakers Bureau.

Membership: David welcomed the new Members and the Ex-officio Members. Andy Hall has been selected to fill the vacancy left by Jamie Kirkland.

Needs Assessment: The group discussed the ongoing need for training in Internet Outreach. The committee will work closely with DHEC STD/HIV staff to ensure that the appropriate trainings can be held and that the appropriate protocols are developed. The committee also discussed the need to form a linkage between Peer Review and the Council. They are also working on revising Chapter 2 of the Prevention Plan.

Prevention: Teretha reported that the group discussed the roles and responsibilities of the committee and revisions to the HIV Prevention Plan (Chapters 3 and 4). They are also investigating Internet Interventions and Protocols. The committee is also working to identify interventions for AOD clients (those actively using and those in care).

Updates

STD/HIV Division Update: Lynda reported on the S.C. HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force. They have been very active in trying to secure additional monies for care. The group held a very successful press conference at the State House. The House Ways and Means Committee's first draft has three million dollars for ADAP (nonrecurring). The Division has hired nurse Elona Rhame as the Viral Hepatitis Coordinator and is actively working with the Immunization Division. Lynda suggested that the Council may want to incorporate viral hepatitis into the next 5-year plan.

Prevention Program Update: Renata Ellington, our CDC Project officer, did a site visit this month. The Division gave her an update on all of our HIV prevention services and discussed with her our challenges in providing these services. The Division reviewed the agency's Capacity Building Assistance needs with our project officer. The Division

will be conducting CRCS training with the nurse program managers. The annual progress report is due to CDC April 1.

The group presented Dorothy Waln with a plaque congratulating her on her retirement, effective March 1, 2007.

Old Business

HPC Membership Survey Report: Roshan McDaniel gave an overview of the 2006 Membership Survey results.

AAMSM Workgroup Update: Tim Pitts gave the report on the workgroup in Matt's absence. David reported that we have a great group of men working with the group.

AOD Workgroup: The Workgroup needs to identify interventions to address AOD issues. Safety Counts is very costly and will be hard to implement in S.C. They are presently looking at training that needs to be provided to persons providing AOD services. AOD 101 – see Lewis for information. Interventions are especially needed for persons using other drugs, i.e. crack and cocaine..

Transgender Training/Capacity Building: Slots are open in the March 15 Training being presented by the Transitions Project from UCSF. Please contact James if you want to register. The workshop will include information on outreach and prevention efforts with this population.

Update on Internet Outreach/Capacity Building: Internet outreach is presently being discussed on the Division level. Doing literature review on what works best in order to establish protocols and training. Identified five methods of using the Internet: E-mail as a tool for partner notification; advertising availability of programs and services; sending alerts to specific chatrooms referencing public health events; chatroom education. Other needs identified include online course on human subjects, assistance with assessment forms and DEFs.

New Business

Review of HPC Ground Rules: adopted the Ground Rules with no revisions for 2007. The Membership Committee will look at issue of excused absences and will bring a proposal back to the committee.

Training Calendar Update: The Division is evaluating its educational offerings to ensure that everyone's needs are being met. They will also be auditing staff and contractor files to check compliance.

Following conclusion of business and evaluations, the HPC was adjourned.