

**S.C. HIV Planning Council**  
Meeting Minutes – May 8, 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. Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those in attendance introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their job duties.

**HPC Members present:** Troy Bowers, Laney Brackman, Karen Clinton, Atensia Earp, Suzanne Freeman, Mary Wright Golden, Andy Hall, Tonya Hucks-Bradshaw, Matt Jenkins, Carmen Julious, Patricia Kelly, Mulamba Lunda, David Mattison, Kathyleen Pitner, Tim Pitts, Demar Roberts, Enid Santiago, Gypsey Teague, Larry Walton, and Norlica Washington.

**Absent:** Monica Adamian, Aaron Bryan, and Virginia King

**DHEC Staff:** Tony Price, Roshan McDaniel, Noreen O'Donnell, Lewis Hicks, James Harris, Sonya Bayone, Linda Brown and Lynda Kettinger.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Christa Guicherit, Adrena Harrison, Wilhelmenia Mathais and Harry Prim.

**Guests:** Vivian Clark-Armstead and Dr. Jacob White.

**Staff:** Donald Wood

**Minutes:** The minutes from the February 28 quarterly meeting were approved as presented.

#### **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 April 23, 2007.

The HPC was adjourned to the Committee meetings of Care and Support Services, Needs Assessment, and Prevention.

#### **Lunch**

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

**Executive Committee Report:** Susan gave an overview of the Executive Committee's conference call meeting on April 30. The minutes were approved from the February 21, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting. The Standing Committees gave their updates. Old Business included a discussion of action items and timelines for the 2007-8 HPC, a report on the orientation of new members, discussions on planned invited presentations for the 2007 HPC meetings, and an update on STD/HIV Division trainings. New Business included the approval of the agenda for the May 8<sup>th</sup> HPC meeting, a discussion regarding the HPC attendance and absences policies, and other information to be presented on today's agenda.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Care and Support Services:** Suzanne Freeman reported that the Committee discussed the following items:

- Across Title Quality Management Plan—advisory group to be formed of 10 individuals from across SC to look at standards of care. Workshops will occur in five areas.
- Further surveys with utilization of 1<sup>st</sup> contact or not in care—utilize outreach to closed clients and other strategies to connect with not in care.
- Adrena Harrison presented overview of SC AIDS Clinical Training Center.
- Ethan Gallagher available to present information on Patient Assistance Program
- Discussed buy-in from other entities that are affected by HIV/AIDS and the need for better communication between the Care and Support Services Committee and entities funded to provide HIV/AIDS services.
- The committee is looking at developing a Care and Support Services survey

**Consumer Advisory:** The Consumer Advisory Committee has not met but plans are forthcoming for a meeting via conference call soon.

**Membership:** Susan reported on behalf of David Mattison that Tonya Hucks-Bradshaw has resigned from the Council. She is moving to Kansas. The goal is to have her vacancy filled by the next quarterly meeting.

**Needs Assessment:** Laney reported that the committee is discussing the following items:

- Revising Resource Inventory (Ch. 2) of the prevention plan. Assignments have been made with a deadline to be completed by July 1.
- Identifying gaps in current data sources
  - \* Hispanic Outreach data collection efforts
- Creating a brief survey to use to collect data on AAMSM in partnership with the AAMSM Workgroup, to be piloted at the AAMSM Town Hall Meeting at the SC HIV/STD Conference in October
- Discussed plans for a survey to assess HIV-related needs of the transgender population around the state.

**Prevention:** Mulamba reported that the staff from the SC HIV/AIDS Council gave a presentation on Safety Counts and discussed lessons learned.

Upcoming Training: HIV Essentials for AOD Professionals – May 23 with Ed Johnson.

The AAMSM Workgroup is requesting a list of programs targeting AAMSM around the state.

Matt Jenkins reported that the AAMSM Workgroup did a Many Men, Many Voices retreat in February. The goal of the training was to get buy-in from the members of the committee. It was a very successful intervention. The workgroup is looking at obtaining additional data on what programs are being offered for AAMSM in the state.

The committee is seeking assistance from physicians to see what it would take to provide more comprehensive risk assessment among their patients.

The Prevention Committee presented a motion to make the following recommendations for Interventions to be used with Priority Population #5 (White Men Who Have Sex with Men).

- Allow for the addition of health education and risk reduction counseling provided to one individual at a time; thereby adding Individual Level Interventions (ILI) to the list of effective strategies to address the prevention needs of White MSM.

The recommendation was made in the form of a motion, was seconded, and passed. The Council adopted the addition of ILI as an effective strategy to address the prevention needs of White MSM.

The Committee also made the following recommendations:

- Allow SISTA to be used with young women ages 18-44
- Allow for flexibility in the sequencing of the SISTA intervention to include doubling up of weeks' sessions and/or booster sessions, or other sequencing options such as extending weeks or sessions for purposes of retention as long as they maintain fidelity to the core elements.

The recommendations were presented in the form of a motion, which was seconded, and passed. The Council adopted the motion.

### **Brief Presentations**

**HopeHealth:** Mulamba Lunda gave an overview of the CDC directly-funded programs administered by HopeHealth:

- Comprehensive Risk Counseling and Services
- SISTA
- Rapid Testing in Non-clinical Settings; and
- Prevention in the Medical Setting (Partnership for Health)

**Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS):** Carmen Julious, Executive Director, gave an overview of the CDC directly-funded programs being administered by PALSS.

- CDC PA 04064: Comprehensive Risk Counseling and Services for people living with HIV/AIDS, Healthy Relationships, and Popular Opinion Leader
- Office of Minority Health's 2006 Minority Community Health Partnership HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program: Community PROMISE with African American Males

**SC HIV/AIDS Council:** Dr. Jacob White and Vivian Clark-Armstead gave an overview of the programs that are directly funded to their agency.

- Project F.A.I.T.H.(Fostering AIDS Initiatives That Heal) - funded via DHEC with monies from the SC Legislature
- Syphilis Elimination - funded via DHEC
- CDC PA 06618: HIV/AIDS Prevention for YMSM of Color
- CDC PA 04064: Rapid HIV Testing
- VOICES Outcome Monitoring Project

### **Update from STD/HIV Division**

Lynda Kettinger gave an overview of the status of HIV/AIDS in South Carolina. She reported that the data is showing a slight decrease in case rates among African American (AA) men and women and that the rate among White men and women remains about the same.

Lynda also reported that the number of AA men and women tested since 2002 has continued to increase. DHEC contractors tested 49,012 people in 2006.

The case rate continues to slightly increase among AAMSM ages 20-24.

### **Additional Comments:**

Susan reported that Noreen O'Donnell has been hired to replace JoAnn Lafontaine.

Noreen O'Donnell, the new Care Program Manager, reported that DHEC is in the process of applying for a CDC testing grant. The grant is in the stage of being written and she would like to consult with the Consumer Advisory workgroup in order to assist with the final product.

Tony Price provided updates on staffing in the STD/HIV and Surveillance Divisions.

- HIV Prevention Program Manager: Dorothy Waln retired; the position is now posted for applications and has been expanded to include all STD/HIV/Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program Management.
- Evaluation Program Coordinator: Doug Taylor resigned; the position was posted and has closed; decisions are pending soon on a new Coordinator.
- Evaluation Program Data Analyst: Chasisty Springs resigned to accept a full-time slotted position at DHEC; no decision yet on how or when this position will be filled.
- CTR Services Program Coordinator: This position includes responsibilities previously performed by Stan Wardlaw and currently by Lewis Hicks. It is currently posted.
- Viral Hepatitis Nurse Consultant: Elona Rhame, formerly with the Immunization Division, has been hired into this new position in STD/HIV.
- HIV Incidence and Resistance Project Coordinator (Surveillance): Kelly McCormick has resigned; Dorothy Waln and JoAnn Lafontaine have assumed the responsibilities, respectively, for incidence and resistance.

The STD/HIV Division submitted its annual reports for HIV prevention and STD prevention to CDC in April.

### **Old Business**

**2007 HPC Members' Orientation:** Susan conducted orientation sessions with the HPC members who missed the orientation in February.

### **New Business**

**HPC Bylaws: Article IV, Sections 5 and 7: Attendance and Member Removal:** Susan reported that the Membership Committee will have a bylaws proposal on attendance to be presented at the next quarterly meeting.

**Report from SC Team on HIV/STD/Teen Pregnancy Prevention (San Francisco):** Linda Brown gave an overview of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention meeting in San Francisco. See report from Aaron. She reported that the team is proceeding with plans for the creation of a statewide collaboration to address adolescent sexual health. The group will be called the Statewide Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health (SAASH).

**Request for Formation of Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup:** Susan presented the motion from Aaron to establish an HPC workgroup concerning Adolescent Sexual Health. The motion was seconded, passed, and adopted by the Council.

**Report from Technical Assistance to State of Mississippi:** Susan reported that she and David did a TA session for the state of Mississippi on the statewide integration of Prevention and Care planning. They

met individually with the health department and a group of stakeholders from the Community Planning Group and Ryan White programs.

She also reported that Ryan White Titles I, II, III, and IV have been changed by HRSA to Ryan White Parts A, B, C, and D.

**Presentations for Remaining 2007 HPC Meetings:** Susan reported Dr. Kent Stock will be invited to present information on his data. Aaron Bryan will also be asked to present on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey data. The Council will also hopefully get an update on existing data from the Hispanic/Latino Community.

**Training Calendar Update:** James Harris gave an update of the current training offerings. DHEC is currently registering for six (6) training sessions.

Susan and James are in the process of evaluating the training calendar for the remainder of 2006. They are asking for feedback from members on the Council regarding their training needs.

#### **Other**

Laney reported that she will be moving to Arkansas and will be resigning from the Council.

Tony gave an update on the S.C. STD/HIV Conference, to be held October 17-19 in Columbia at the Radisson Hotel Columbia and Conference Center. Registration information will be mailed in July.

#### **Adjourn**