

S.C. HIV Planning Council

Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2007

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

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Susan Fulmer, the DHEC Co-chair. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell what agency or program they represented.

HPC Members present: Monica Adamian, Eli Branscome, Aaron Bryan, Karen Clinton, Atensia Earp, Suzanne Freeman, Teretha Fowler, Susan Fulmer, Mahogany Graham, Mary Wright Golden, Christa Guicherit, Andy Hall, Matt Jenkins, Patricia Kelly, Virginia King, Mulamba Lunda, Kathyleen Pitner, Enid Santiago, Larry Walton, and Norlica Washington.

Absent: Troy Bowers, Carmen Julious, Tim Pitts, Demar Roberts, Gypsey Teague

DHEC Staff: Kim Brown, James Harris, Elona Rhame, Dorothy Waln, Tony Price, Roshan McDaniel, Noreen O'Donnell, Lewis Hicks.

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

Guests: Willie Simon, Jr., Quasheema Antley, Dr. Kent Stock and Melanie Griffin.

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the May 8 quarterly meeting were approved with two (2) slight changes.

- Under STD/HIV Division Update: add the word **and** after DHEC and before **contractors**.
- Under additional comments: in the bulleted item on Chasisity Springs – change the word DHEC to USC.

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 August 15, 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 Susan Fulmer.

Executive Committee Report: Susan gave an overview of the Executive Committee's conference call meeting on June 26 and August 1. She also reported that an orientation session was held prior to today's meeting for our two new members.

She reported Tim Pitts has been temporarily appointed Community Co-chair due to the resignation of David Mattison; Atensia Earp has been appointed as interim chair of the Consumer Advisory Committee; and Kathyleen Pitner has been appointed as interim chair of the Needs Assessment Committee.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Received an update on the Across Titles Quality Management Program from Kim Brown.
- Decided that the committee did not need a mission statement
- Discussed the needs for a standing seat on the Council from the Ryan White Part B (Peer Review) program
- Working on developing a survey for persons both in and out of care
- Discussed the need for the Resource Inventory to be updated every two years with information from Ryan White Parts B, C, and D; community health centers; the local health districts; all AIDS Service organizations; the Department of Corrections; Mental Health; and Substance Abuse agencies.
- A subcommittee was formed to better define the roles and responsibilities of the Care and Support Committee

Consumer Advisory: Atensia Earp reported that the Consumer Advisory Committee had met via conference call.

Membership: Susan Fulmer reported that the Committee had met and was recommending the following persons for membership on the Council: Mahogany Graham and Eli Branscome.

Needs Assessment: Kathyleen Pitner reported that the Committee discussed the following items during their committee meeting:

- Edena Meetze attended the meeting and presented information on current efforts for prevention and outreach to the Hispanic community.

Prevention: Mulamba reported that the Prevention Committee discussed the following items:

AAMSM work group

- The members have completed the first training for Many Men, Many Voices (3MV; training of trainers) last weekend-went through the intervention; 2nd level training is scheduled for Sept. 17, 18, and 19th
- The workgroup will host a town hall forum at the SC HIV/STD Conference to be held on Wednesday, October 17 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the conference. The forum will be by invitation only.
- Update on request from Needs Assessment group: Several members of the committee were aware of different sources of information (a Gay Pride survey, Dr. Goodwin's study, data DHEC has, Christa has a contact for YMSM data etc); all members should send contact information to Mulamba on anyone who may have data of interest. ACTION: Mulamba will submit another request asking for specific surveys and focus groups and will ask specific people

AOD workgroup update:

- The AOD workgoup met on July 5:
 - Discussed recommending interventions but did not decide to recommend anything new-talked about how VOICES/VOCES works well with substance abusers, too
 - This work group felt that anyone working in HIV prevention or care should be recommended to go through the HIV and AOD 101 class offered by DHEC
 - Discussed Project Start-a pilot curriculum targeting prison populations (may become a DEBI)
 - Discussed target population not being reached and requested that we get information concerning positivity rates of non-IDUs, prostitutes, STD clinic clients, partners of positives. ACTION:

Mulamba will send a request to Tony to get with surveillance staff and get information on positivity rates of HIV and other STDs

Internet Outreach:

- Reviewed discussion from subcommittee meeting and will request report that Tim Pitts submitted to DHEC
- DHEC is also writing Internet outreach into prevention contractors targeted areas.

Presentations

Cost of HIV/AIDS Care: Dr. Kent Stock, D.O., from Lowcountry Infectious Diseases, gave an overview of his work on the cost of HIV/AIDS care in South Carolina.

Sexual Risk Behavior Survey: Aaron Bryan from the S.C. Department of Education gave an overview of data from the most recent Youth Risk Behavior Survey, which was conducted with high school students in South Carolina.

Update from STD/HIV Division

Dorothy Waln gave an update on the STD/HIV Division. She reported that Lynda Kettinger has resigned effective at the end of 2007 and is moving to Memphis, Tenn. She also reported that Roshan McDaniel has been promoted to Evaluation Consultant in the position that was left vacant by the departure of Doug Taylor. Barbara Charles has moved to Central Office to overview the division's HIV testing programs and Elona Rhame has been hired as the new Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator.

Additional Comments

Noreen O'Donnell reported that the division has received \$171,000 from the Minority AIDS Initiative. The division will award up to three (3) grants to local providers to carry out the terms of the grant. The grant applications will be due on Sept. 18. The grant will target the following areas: Greenville, Richland, Sumter, Florence and Charleston counties.

She also reported that the ADAP Wait List is slowly being reduced. The staff is working hard to make sure that all of the clients are being served and or offered alternative solutions to finding their medications. She reported that there are 90 inactive applications and approximately 400 people have been activated and removed from the list.

Old Business

STD/HIV Division Trainings: James Harris provided the group with an updated training calendar through the first quarter of 2008.

New Business

Community Co-Chair Election: The body voted on the new Community Co-chair. The nominees were Tim Pitts and Matt Jenkins. The vote was by secret ballot and Matt Jenkins was the winner.

Interim Progress Report: The Interim Progress Report was reviewed. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions concerning the report. A follow up conference call was scheduled for 11 a.m. Aug. 27. All votes for concurrence must be received by Donald Wood no later than noon Aug. 30.

Other: 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. Susan reported that the Council will cover the registration fees for the consumer members on the Council.

Adjourn