

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2007
Brookland Baptist Church

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Matt Jenkins, the Community 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, Troy Bowers, Karen Clinton, Atensia Earp, Suzanne Freeman, Teretha Fowler, Mahogany Graham, Mary Wright Golden, Christa Guicherit, Andy Hall, Matt Jenkins, Carmen Julious, Patricia Kelly, Virginia King, Enid Santiago, Gypsy Teague and Larry Walton.

Absent: Demar Roberts, Mulamba Lunda and Norlica Washington

DHEC Staff: James Harris, Dorothy Waln, Tony Price, Roshan McDaniel, Noreen O'Donnell, Lewis Hicks, Bernard Gilliard,

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

Guests: Willie Simon, Jr., Conchita Cruz, Stacey Smallwood, Bambi Gaddist, Jason Williams, Angel Payton-Harmon

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the August 21 quarterly meeting were approved.

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 November 19, 2007. He also noted that all members should pick up a copy of the 2007 HPC Membership Survey. The survey should be returned no later than December 21.

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 Matt Jenkins.

Executive Committee Report: Susan gave an overview of the Executive Committee's conference calls.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- The DHEC Resource Inventory needs constant revision. The current SHARING site only has DHEC affiliates and difficult to keep current. Need dedicated person to create more user friendly site and maintain.
- The committee reviewed and accepted their revised Roles and Responsibilities
- The Committee will be seeking input from providers and consumers regarding priority populations. JoAnn to brainstorm with Susan and get back with us.

- Continuity of care within local jail systems—need to poll facilities to see how each is managed. AED available to provide HIV education.
- Discussed PEMS and the Transgender survey
- Recommendation of Mahogany Graham as Chair 2008
- Action timeline for 2008
 - Need current data from consumers—focus groups, coordinate with Peer Review, look at existing data
 - Data for local correction s—AED training
 - Monitor resources available

Consumer Advisory: Atensia Earp reported that the committee plans to meet in January.

Membership: Matt Jenkins reported that the Membership Committee met on Monday, December 10.

The committee discussed that twelve (12) vacancies on the Council needed to be filled (beyond the Ryan White and state agency representative positions proposed in the Bylaws). It was noted that six of the Council's proposed members must be HIV positive per the proposed Bylaws. It was also noted that efforts should be made to mirror the HIV/AIDS epidemic where possible, and the latest epidemiologic profile was shared.

The committee received the recommendations for the six representatives from the state agencies (Alcohol and Other Drugs, Corrections, and Education) and from the Ryan White care and support programs. The recommendations are:

- Ryan White Part B Programs: Jason L. Williams, Upper Savannah Care Coalition - Care and Support
- Ryan White Part C Programs: Pam McKnight, Low Country Health Care System -Care and Support
- Ryan White Part D Programs: Angel L. Payton-Harmon, MUSC - Care and Support
- SC Dept. of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services: Harry Prim -Needs Assessment
- SC Dept of Corrections: Larry Walton - Prevention
- SC Dept of Education: Aaron Bryan - Needs Assessment

He also reported that the following persons were nominated for membership on the HIV Planning Council for the 2008-2009 term and were placed on the committees noted:

- Karen Bates, Community Representative (Columbia) – Care and Support Services
- Rebecca Lamb Carr, USC Upstate (Greenville/Clemson) – Needs Assessment
- W. Aaron Creech, AID Upstate (Greenville) – Prevention
- Atensia Earp, Community Representative (Columbia) – Needs Assessment
- Carlos C. Harris, Community Representative (Camden) – Prevention
- Mary Carol Jennings, USC School of Medicine (Columbia) – Needs Assessment
- Patricia Kelly, A Family Affair/Minority AIDS Council (Orangeburg) – Prevention
- Wilhelmina Mathias, CEASE (Columbia) – Care and Support Services
- Jo Jo Rhines, HopeHealth (Orangeburg) – Care and Support Services
- Arlene J. Rustin, HopeHealth (Orangeburg) – Prevention
- Virginia King, Lowcountry AIDS Services (Charleston) – Needs Assessment

One vacancy was noted on the Council for the term ending in 2008. Mulamba Lunda, HopeHealth (Florence) was recommended to fill that vacancy and to serve on the Prevention Committee. It was recommended that Enid Santiago move from the Prevention Committee to Needs Assessment and that Ex Officio member Adrena Harrison move from Care and Support Services to Needs Assessment.

Ex Officio members added to the Council include:

Kate Hampton, Planned Parenthood (Columbia) – Prevention
Doug Joslin, Community Representative (Sumter) – Needs Assessment
Denise Rivera, Catawba Care Coalition (Rock Hill) – Prevention

Needs Assessment: Virginia King reported that the Committee discussed the following items during their committee meeting:

- Discussed the Transgender survey that is in the final stages of approval.
- Reviewed the demographics survey from the African American MSM forum that was held during the S.C. HIV/STD Conference.
- Virginia King will serve as chair and Harry Prim as Co-chair.
- Aaron Bryan will continue as the Membership Committee representative.

Prevention: Teretha Fowler reported that the Prevention Committee discussed the following items:

AAMSM work group update: The forum was a success. More information will be provided later in today's meeting. The final report will be released during the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Week in February.

She also reported that the group is working on a logic model for 2008. They also reviewed activities for 2007 and discussed their accomplishments and discussed having a DAODAS overview (to include cross training an AOD Education Training for HIV Care and Prevention providers).

Further, they discussed the pros and cons of testing in clubs-DHEC looking for input from prevention providers about rapid testing at clubs. The committee's main concerns were about privacy, lighting, and impaired judgment/ability to provide informed consent.

Finally, they reviewed the Internet outreach motion to ensure all members of the subcommittee were in agreement with the motion before it was presented to the full HPC because there was concern that not everyone had given their opinions. The motion was provided to the entire Council.

Mulamba Lunda was re-elected as chair for the committee and Teretha Fowler will continue as the Membership Committee representative.

Presentations

The Council heard two presentations on African American MSM from Dr. Bambi Gaddist, Executive Director of the S.C. HIV/AIDS Council and Stacy Smallwood, MPH, from the Arnold School of Public Health at USC.

Old Business

Susan Fulmer reported on the final concurrence vote to the Interim Progress Report which was submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The group was unanimous in its support of the DHEC recommendations.

Aaron Bryan gave a brief update on the Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup. Tony Price reported on the S.C. HIV/STD Conference. James Harris gave an update on the upcoming trainings being conducted by the STD/HIV Division.

New Business

The proposed changes to the HPC Bylaws and the HPC Policies and Procedures were reviewed by the Council and adopted.

Internet Outreach Motion: The Prevention Committee recommended the following motion which was adopted by the Council regarding the definition of Internet Outreach.

- An expansion of the definition of Outreach as a priority intervention to include Internet Outreach for AAMSM and WMSM. Based on a suggestion from DHEC's STD/HIV Division, the recommendation will not include one specific protocol or guidance. Instead the recommendation will be that "an" approved protocol must be used that is appropriate to the target audience, the provider agency and the geographic and virtual communities being served.

Outreach Motion: The Prevention Committee recommended the following two motions which were adopted by the Council regarding the definition of Outreach.

- Recommendation for interventions to be used with Priority Population #2 – African American Men Who Have Sex with Men. Outreach is recommended specifically to be delivered via the Internet in addition to Outreach delivered in face-to-face settings. Internet Outreach should be delivered using a proven effective protocol as approved by SC DHEC. The protocol should be appropriate to the target audience, the provider agency and the geographic and virtual communities being served.
- Recommendation for interventions to be used with Priority Population #5 - White Men Who Have Sex with Men. Outreach is recommended specifically to be delivered via the Internet in addition to Outreach delivered in face-to-face settings. Internet Outreach should be delivered using a proven effective protocol as approved by SC DHEC. The protocol should be appropriate to the target audience, the provider agency and the geographic and virtual communities being served.

Development of HIV Prevention Plan for 2009-2012: Tony Price gave a short overview of the HPC tasks related to the development of the new five (5) year prevention plan. It was noted that an additional meeting may need to be held in 2008 in order to execute the new HIV Prevention Plan. The other meeting dates will be decided at the February quarterly meeting.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held February 26, 2008.

Announcements: Susan noted that the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit will be held June 11-14, 2008 in Detroit.

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