

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 28, 2009
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Troy Bowers, the Community Co-chair. 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: Arlene Rustin, Karen Bates, Troy Bowers, Aaron Bryan, Jo Bull, Becky Carr, Aaron Creech, Teretha Fowler, Susan Fulmer, Stuart Furtwangler, Burwell Gordon, Mahogany Graham, Adrena Harrison, Matt Jenkins, Pat Kelly, Virginia King, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Sarah McClam, Angel Payton-Harmon, Pam Shephard-McKnight, Denise Rivera, Willie Simon II, Charmella Tyler, Larry Walton, and Jason Williams

Absent: Gary Crummell, Daisy Johnson, Nathaniel Oaks

DHEC: Linda Brown, Christal Davis, James Harris, Tessie Haywood, Roshan McDaniel, and Jake Ramsey

Ex-Officio Members: Noreen O'Donnell, Tony Price, and Ondine Wilson

Guests: Abbra Winston, Bonnie Adams Kapp, Mary Wright Golden, Evette Green, Ashley Grimball, Terry Wilmore and Eddie Bar.

Staff: Donald Wood

Presentations

SC Ryan White Programs Overview and Data: Noreen O'Donnell and Christal Davis presented an overview of the current Ryan White Programs in the state. Also included was data that are available in Provide Enterprise, the RW Programs' data system.

SC Public Health Institute: HIV Policy Forum: Dr. Lee Pearson and Dr. Billy Oglesby from the Arnold School of Public Health at USC presented information on the upcoming HIV Policy Forum and provided the group with information on the web-based tool that they are developing to gather information on the state of HIV care and prevention in South Carolina. The HPC members and guests will be sent the link to the survey via E-mail to offer their input.

The HPC meeting was adjourned to the Care & Support Services, Needs Assessment, and Prevention committees meetings.

Lunch: Following lunch, the meeting was called back to order at 1:45.

STD/HIV Division Update: Tony provided updates on DHEC's STD/HIV Prevention Program activities. More information is available on the Division's web site:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/stdhiv/index.htm>

- DHEC's HIV prevention Annual Progress Report for calendar year 2008 was submitted to CDC on March 30.
- DHEC, in conjunction with the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), held a series of focus groups on April 20 to discuss key HIV/STD issues of African American women in South Carolina. Focus groups were held with DHEC staff, community providers and consumers.
- STD/HIV Division staff had several meetings with representatives from the S.C. Public Health Institute. The meetings are in preparation for a policy forum on HIV/AIDS issues that is planned by the Institute.
- CDC will conduct a site visit for the state's HIV Expanded Testing Project on May 12 and 13. The Expanded Testing Project's Interim Progress Report (APR) for 2008-2009 is due to CDC in late May.
- Focus groups and other activities continue to be planned and implemented for the development of the MSM Strategic Plan for South Carolina, funded through supplemental CDC funding. The plan will be completed by December 2009.
- The HIV Counseling and Testing Program Coordinator position, formerly held by Barbara Charles, will be filled as of May 4. An announcement will go out soon. DHEC also expects to fill the health education/public information consultant position, formerly held by Tony Price, by early June.
- Elona Rhame, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, is convening an advisory stakeholders group on April 30 to provide input on the development of the South Carolina Viral Hepatitis Prevention Plan. The plan will be completed by August 2009.
- By early June DHEC will finalize its updated policy on HIV counseling and testing. The policy includes the details for DHEC to implement "opt out, routine" HIV testing in all of its adult health clinics. This will align DHEC's HIV testing services with the 2006 CDC recommendations for HIV testing in health care settings.
- CDC has informed DHEC that all states will be submitting a noncompetitive HIV prevention grant application in August/September of this year. It will be for a two-year "bridge" grant. This is different information that had been previously shared. The CDC funding is expected to be level for next year with no additional grant funds being given to any state. Two years from now, in the summer of 2011, CDC will conduct the competitive HIV prevention grant process for a new five-year cycle of funding to all states.
- By early fall DHEC will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to fund HIV prevention community-based contractors. The current funding cycle ends as of December 31, 2009. The next cycle will begin as of January 1, 2010.

Care and Support Services Update: Noreen O'Donnell reported that the grant award for 2009-2010 grant year will have flat level funding. She reminded the group that DHEC's awards to the care contractors are based on HIV prevalence.

- The Division is examining the current funding formula and will be revising it to include other elements such as numbers served, other resources in the region, etc. They are in the very early stages of developing a required Medical Case Management certification program for Part B providers.
- The HOPWA Annual reports are due this week. We will work on consolidating data for our report to HUD in mid-May.
- The Ryan White Quality Management Steering Committee met last week. The datasets will be due to DHEC on July 31, 2009.

Administrative Report

Donald Wood, the HPC Administrator, gave the administrative report that included a snapshot of the Council's fiscal budget for 2009. Susan and Donald also briefly discussed the meeting evaluation from February 2009, which had been distributed to the members.

Minutes: Jo Bull made a motion that the minutes of the Feb. 24 meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Karen Bates and adopted by the full council.

Executive Committee Report: Troy Bowers gave a report for the Executive Committee conference call which was held on April 21.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Mahogany presented the questions and concerns of the Needs Assessment Committee to the Care and Support Services Committee. The Needs Assessment Committee added several new questions to the survey. She noted that there was much debate and discussion regarding the suggestions made by the Needs Assessment Committee. Christal Davis, DHEC Data Analyst, was instrumental in guiding the committee in making appropriate changes.

Pam McKnight gave a review of the purpose of the Statewide Checklist. The purpose of the checklist is to assist in providing standardization of case management throughout the state. Noreen O'Donnell distributed copies of the Part B case management standards. Ondine Wilson also shared documents that might be of assistance in the group drafting a state-wide check list.

Members were asked to complete their "homework" assignments by reviewing any standards, checklists or tools that may be helpful in putting together a state-wide checklist.

Consumer Advisory: Aaron Creech reported that the committee met yesterday at DHEC. The members were given an update on the State Alliance of Adolescent Sexual Health, the Positive Women's Network, the S.C. HIV/STD Conference and the upcoming MSM workshop.

Membership: No report.

Needs Assessment: Becky Carr reported that the committee discussed the case manager's survey as well as the transgender survey. They also continued to work on the Resource Inventory.

Prevention: Mulamba Lunda reported that the group had a detailed discussion involving new interventions under consideration. Programs under consideration discussed were: D-Up! (Defend Yourself), SISTA Adaptation for Latina Population, Safe In The City, and CLEAR (Choosing Life Empowerment Action Results). Because of time restraints, Social Networking Strategies was not discussed. Mulamba asked that all members review interventions individually and complete the review form and submit to her no later than May 8.

The Intervention Literature Review is an ongoing process. Input is needed in order to give guidance and evidence to support recommendations and motions. The information from the completed Intervention Literature Review form will be utilized to craft the draft motions which will be

presented at the HPC meeting on June 16. It will also be utilized in the writing of the 2010-2014 Prevention Plan.

Unfinished Business

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Aaron Bryan provided a synopsis of the goals of the workgroup for the new members. He also provided an update on the current activities of the committee.

Update from the Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Denise Rivera gave an update on the workgroup and asked that anyone who is interested in serving to please contact her.

Update from the SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force: Mahogany Graham gave a brief update on the work of the task force.

2009 S.C. HIV/STD Conference: Tony Price provided the group with an update on the conference. He also explained the new format for this year conference: two days, with one day focused on clinical sessions and one with tracks for multiple disciplines. The change is due to budget constraints and a lack of funding this year. A contract is forthcoming with the host site for the conference.

Division Training: James Harris provided the group with an overview of the upcoming training and gave an update on the training RFP. He noted that the current contract has been placed on hold and all future training will be conducted in house until further notice.

New Business

Next meeting dates: June 16, August 4 and Dec. 8.

Wrap Up/Announcements/Evaluation: Deadra Lawson-Smith gave a brief update of the Positive Women's Network.

Matt Jenkins reminded everyone about the upcoming MSM Institute on June 19. Please contact him for more information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.