

**S.C. HIV Planning Council**  
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 16, 2009  
Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Aaron Creech. 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:** Karen Bates, Aaron Bryan, Becky Carr, Aaron Creech, Teretha Fowler, Susan Fulmer, Stuart Furtwangler, Mahogany Graham, Adrena Harrison, Matt Jenkins, Pat Kelly, Virginia King, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Angel Payton-Harmon, Denise Rivera, Willie Simon II, Charmella Tyler and Larry Walton

**Absent:** Aaron Bryan, Troy Bowers, Jo Bull, Gary Crummell, Daisy Johnson, Sarah McClam, Nathaniel Oaks, Arlene Rustin, Pam Shephard-McKnight and Jason Williams

**DHEC:** Linda Brown, Sonya Bayone, Christal Davis, Pam Davis, James Harris, Tessie Haywood, Roshan McDaniel, Anand Nagarajan, and Jake Ramsey,

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

**Guests:** Shannon Banks, Clifton Felder, Bennita Harper, Laura Lane-Steele, Mary Wright Golden, Evette Green and Chris Scanlon

**Staff:** Donald Wood

**Minutes:** The minutes from the April 28 meeting were reviewed.

**Action:** A motion was made by Mahogany Graham and seconded by Virginia King that the minutes be approved as presented.

**Presentations**

**Current Status of the Statewide MSM Plan:** Lewis Hicks provided the group with an update of the MSM Strategic Planning project. Data collection is continuing. A Town Hall Forum for all MSM will be held at the SC HIV/STD Conference for input into the MSM Strategic Plan. The Plan is due to CDC the end of December and a draft will presented at the December HPC meeting.

**Review of the Resource Inventory:** Susan Fulmer provided the group with a draft of a resource checklist that is planned for the Prevention Plan. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions. Input is being sought on prevention and care services in South Carolina that are being provided in each county.

**Summary Analysis: HIV Prevention Data:** Roshan McDaniel provided the group an overview of the types of prevention data collected by DHEC and its providers as well as an overview of the types of services offered statewide along with information of what target populations are receiving those services. The PowerPoint presentation will be provided to all members.

**Recommendations of Populations and Interventions:** Mulamba Lunda and the members of the Prevention Committee presented the following items for adoption by the full Council:

- Motion to add SISTA Adaptation for Latina Populations to the list of recommended interventions

**Action: The motion was adopted**

- Motion to add CLEAR (Choosing Life, Empowerment, Action, Results! to the list of recommended interventions  
**Action: The motion was adopted**
- Motion to add Community Promise to the list of recommended interventions  
**Action: The motion was adopted**
- Motion to add D-Up! (Defend Yourself) to the list of recommended interventions  
**Action: The motion was adopted**
- Motion to add Safe in the City to the list of recommended intervention  
**Action: The motion was adopted**
- Motion to add the Social Networks Demonstration Project to the list of recommended strategies  
**Action: The motion was adopted**

**Lunch:** Following lunch, the meeting was called back to order at 1:48.

**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 Interim Progress Report for calendar year 2009 and grant application for 2010 will be due to CDC sometime in late August or early September. We have now been informed that this *will be* a competitive grant process this year.
- The Expanded Testing Project's Annual Progress Report (APR) for 2008-2009 and grant application due date was extended to June 19.
- The HIV Counseling and Testing Program Coordinator position, formerly held by Barbara Charles, was filled in May. Pam Davis is the new coordinator.
- The health education/public information consultant position, formerly held by Tony Price, has been filled. The new consultant is Anand Nagarajan.
- Elona Rhame, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, convened an advisory stakeholders group on May 28 to provide input on the development of the South Carolina Viral Hepatitis Prevention Plan. Additional meetings are being held in June and July and the plan will be completed by August 2009. The interim progress report and next year's grant application are due to CDC in early August.
- National HIV Testing Day is June 27.

**Care and Support Services Update:** Noreen O'Donnell gave the following update on the Ryan White Program area:

- We are currently preparing for the CLD submission to HRSA. We will be in negotiations with GTI in the next couple of weeks to ensure we are ready for the submission.
- Katrina is doing QM site visits at Part Cs and Ds (Careware users) to prepare for QM data submission and Christal is doing visits with Provide Enterprise users.
- We are working to revise and update our HOPWA guidelines.

### 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 April 2009, which had been distributed to the members.

**Executive Committee Report:** In Troy's absence, Susan gave an update on the Executive Committee Conference Call which was held on June 10. She noted that the HIV Prevention Plan is coming together and will be presented at the August meeting. She also reminded the group that the Epi Profile (Chapter 1 of the Plan) was presented by Roshan at the February meeting.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Care and Support Services:** Mahogany Graham reported that the case manager survey is almost finished and will be sent out via Survey Monkey to all case managers. Case managers will be asked to share the document with their peers around the state to insure that all areas are represented. The survey should be available by mid-July.

**Consumer Advisory:** Aaron Creech reported that the committee met yesterday at the offices of the SC HIV/AIDS Council. Eleven members were present at the meeting. Chris Scanlon, a student working with Dr. Duffus, updated the group on the survey that is being conducting to investigate the knowledge, attitudes and beliefs of HIV negative partners of patients attending the HIV clinic regarding taking antiretroviral medications, if they are available, to prevent HIV infection. The next meeting of the committee will be held on July 29 at SCHAC.

**Membership:** Susan noted that Troy will be contacting committee members for input on an orientation training tool. She also reported that Donald will be sending letters to members who have missed more than one meeting, reminding them about the attendance policy requirement.

**Needs Assessment:** Becky Carr reported that the committee has received 15 responses thus far to the Transgender Survey. The deadline for receipt of completed surveys has been extended to July 13. The committee also reviewed and provided input on the resource checklist.

**Prevention:** Mulamba Lunda presented a motion from the committee to remove “support groups” from the list of recommended Group Level Interventions (GLI). “Support groups” are not an intervention.

**Action:** The motion was adopted.

The committee also reviewed the list of services in the prevention plan. Groups were assigned to discuss any gaps and/or barriers in the current plan and to offer recommendations for the new plan. Members were encouraged to thoroughly review the plan and be ready to discuss recommended changes at the next meeting.

The committee will meet again on July 16.

## Updates

**Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update:** In Aaron’s absence, Susan gave the group an update on the committee. She noted that copies of Aaron’s written report were available. The workgroup will meet again on June 24.

**Update from the Hispanic/Latino Workgroup:** Denise Rivera gave an update on the workgroup. The group met yesterday at DHEC. There were 10 members present. The workgroup is preparing a survey to be sent out in July. They are also working on a mission statement. They will also be contacting groups that are currently working with the Hispanic population in order to gather additional data that may be available.

**Update from the SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force:** Mahogany Graham gave a brief update on the work of the task force. The group will meet on next Wednesday at SCHAC. The group will be choosing a date for a strategic planning session. She also reported that South Carolina has been chosen as one of four sites for a national Town Hall meeting on the status of HIV/AIDS in the U.S.

**Division Training:** James Harris provided the group with an overview of upcoming training opportunities.

## **Unfinished Business**

**CDC Request for Input on Community Planning:** Susan noted that Troy did not receive any responses from HPC members to his request at the last meeting for input. If you have ideas to share, please contact Troy immediately.

## **New Business**

**Survey with Magnetic Partners:** Chris Scanlon, a research assistant working with Dr. Duffus, provided the group with an overview of Dr. Duffus' project to assess the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) interest survey with HIV negative partners of HIV Positive clients. He also provided contact cards to distribute to persons who may be interested in participating in the project. He also provided his E-mail address ([chris.scanlon@uscmcd.sc.edu](mailto:chris.scanlon@uscmcd.sc.edu)) and phone number (803-898-0874) if anyone wanted more information.

**Gaps in HIV Prevention: A Facilitated Discussion:** Tony Price provided the group an overview of the gaps in services and led a brief discussion on how those gaps are going to be addressed in the new plan.

**Review of the Draft of the HIV Prevention Plan:** Susan Fulmer led the group in the review of the drafts of chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of the new plan and the accompanying tables and charts. Members and guests were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

**Next meeting dates:** August 4 and December 8.

## **Wrap Up/Announcements/Evaluation**

Willie Simon reminded the group about the MSM Institute being sponsored by DHEC and AID Upstate on June 19 at Saluda Shoals Park. Sessions will be presented for MSM and for providers serving MSM.

Pat Kelly briefly discussed a fellowship opportunity concerning microbicides.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood, Capitol Consultants