

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2014
Brookland Lakeview Community Center
1218 Batchelor Street
West Columbia, SC 29169

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Gary Rhett, the Community Co-chair.

HPC Members Present

David Alexander	Mary Wright Golden	Angel Payton Harmon
Kabra Benford	Adrena Harrison	Tricia Phaup
Christine Beyer	LaVonda Johnson	Harry Prim III
Michael Bivens	Alex Karydi	Gary Rhett
Troy Bowers	Michael Luciano	Denise Rivera
Veronica Brisco	Deadra Malloy	Pam Shephard McKnight
Quinton Ellison	Lottie McClorin	Tyrone Small
Susan Fulmer	Gerald McNair	Shehan Welihindha
	David Pable	Vera Bishop-Wright

HPC Members Absent

Connie Barnes	Quinton Ellison	Glenda Schleich
Laura Cahue	Stacy Jennings	Larry Walton
K. Allen Campbell		

Ex-Officio Members

Mulamba Lunda	Reg Posley
Alton Murray	B. Mario Smith

DHEC Central Office Staff

Kateesha Blunt	Chelsea Gonzalez	Bobby Rogers
Linda Brown	Lewis Hicks	Pete Starling
Christal Davis	Keisha Hightower	Janet Tapp
Pam Davis	Jeff Pagan	Jennifer Turner
Monetha Gaskin	Tony Price	Charmella Tyler

Guests

Brandon Allen	Susan Kitchen	Rhonda Thomas
Jarvis Barber	Elizabeth McLendon	Suzanne Vargas
Conrad Brooks	Stacy Mussard	
Jeanetta Herring	Cleveland Malloy	
Pat Kelly	Brandon Sweeper	

Staff

Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed.

Action Item: A motion was made by David Pable and properly seconded by Veronica Brisco to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

Presentations

2013 SC Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS): High Schools and Middle Schools: Benjamin L. Goodwin is the new coordinator of the YRBS from the Office of Intervention Services at the SC Department of Education. He presented the findings from the 2013 survey and answered questions both during and after the presentation.

Reaching the State's HIV Prevention Goals: 2013 Overview: Jennifer Turner, HIV Planning and Evaluation Coordinator for the STD/HIV Division, provided an overview of the 2013 HIV Prevention Goals and Outcomes.

Linkage and Data to Care Update: Monetha Gaskin, the Linkages to Care Program Coordinator in the STD/HIV Division, provided the group with an overview of the current linkage to care program and its outcomes.

Adjourn to Committee Meetings

All of the presenters were thanked for their presentations and the meeting was adjourned to the committee meetings.

Lunch

Call to Order: Following lunch, the meeting was called back to order by Gary Rhett.

John Barkley, from SCDC's Office of General Counsel, presented an overview of SCDC's Implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). There was a lot of interest in the topic and the members and guests asked questions and engaged in an active dialogue. John was thanked for his informative presentation and was invited to come back and present updates as needed.

Following John's presentation, announcements were accepted from members and guests.

STD/HIV Division Report:

Tony Price briefly shared some updates on behalf of Janet Tapp, Division Director, and Charmella Tylerl Ryan White and HOPWA Programs Manager.

Prevention Programs: Tony provided updates on DHEC's STD/HIV Prevention Program <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/stdhiv/index.htm> activities.

- DHEC has received CDC's technical review of DHEC's HIV prevention grant's 2013 annual progress report. A response to action items is due to be submitted by mid-July from DHEC to CDC. Action items include organizational matters related to the HIV Planning Council.
- Update on Telemedicine Project: Michael Murphree has been invited to come to the state to discuss the accomplishments in Alabama related to telemedicine. Details are being finalized for

his participation at an upcoming HPC meeting as well as at the S.C. HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference in October.

- The S.C. DHEC website has been updated. Changes continue to be made to the content and design. Feedback is appreciated.
- Sedric Warren joined the division on June 2 as a program assistant in the HIV expanded testing program.
- Pete Starling, CDC, joined the division on June 16 to assist with the state's STD prevention program efforts.

Administrative Report: Donald Wood reviewed the evaluations from the April meeting. He also presented the Council's financial report through May 31.

Executive and Membership Committees Reports: Susan presented the Council with a brief recap of the Executive Committee conference call. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda and discussed tentative presentations and activities for future HPC meetings. Gary noted on behalf of the Membership Committee, that there is a member who has not yet completed orientation and cannot vote yet.

Standing Committee Reports

Prevention: Mulamba Lunda reported that the committee discussed the following items:

- Literature review of special recommendations is an ongoing process
- Once the ad hoc groups complete the process and submit the special considerations for priority populations and interventions then one subgroup will be formed to review the information and look for common threads that will be included in the Prevention Plan.
- This is a working document and we need to think of it as a process not necessarily as a completed process. Information can continue to be added or edited; information is used to update the Prevention Plan. There is a benefit in looking at the trends and patterns of what is repeating as far as general considerations. So it is important that feedback and shared experiences come from community partners – people in the field.

Prevention Sub-committee Presentations re: Special Considerations for Priority Populations and Interventions

- For the benefit of the new attendees, Denise Rivera read special considerations (HIV testing and screening for other STD's, Hepatitis and TB) submitted by Denise, Carlton, Quinton and Alton; it was the same information presented at the May 22nd 2014 meeting, no discussion was held.
- Mulamba distributed and discussed the special considerations templates her group completed, Linkage and Retention in Care and Treatment Services, Partner Services, and Capacity Building.
 - For the Linkage and Retention special consideration, the following items for consideration came from the committee members: linkage to care on colleges/university including timing of year when testing students (i.e. not close to summer break) and access to services for clients with comorbidity.
 - For Partner Services, the committee discussed partner services (DIS work) versus services for partners of HIV positive individuals.
- At the Prevention Committee meeting held on July 25, the committee will begin looking a final draft of special considerations in preparation for August meeting. The work that has been done to update the considerations will help to update the Comprehensive State HIV Plan.

Care and Support Services: Angel Payton- Harmon reported that the committee discussed the following topics:

- The main focus of the meeting was the Peer Institute (PI). Gary Rhett and Tyrone Smalls provided a recap of the results from the training survey. Several suggestions were made as to what should be extracted from the results (i.e., what were the responses of those identified as peers).
- Mary Wright Golden and the curriculum workgroup provided a review of their proposed outline for the PI curriculum.
- The group also discussed the next steps.

Needs Assessment: David Pable reported that the committee is continuing to refine the current needs assessment activities. The majority of the care-related data that will be gathered is existing data from the Ryan White programs. It is also hoped a survey could be completed at the Pre-conference Institute for PLWHA..

Positive Advocacy: Veronica Brisco gave an update on the most recent PAC meeting.

Workgroup/Task Force Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup: Christine Beyer gave an update of action on House Bill 3435 (Comprehensive Health Education Act overhaul).

Corrections Workgroup: Tyrone Small gave a report from the workgroup's meeting on June 9.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: No report.

African American MSM Workgroup: Bobby Rogers provide a recap from the MSM Conference.

SC HIV Task Force: Michael Bivens invited the members of the HPC to attend the next task force meeting. The task force will meet July 29 in the lower level lecture hall at USC School of Medicine – Two Medical Park Drive.

Unfinished Business

Future Meeting Presentations: The following topics will be presented during one of the remaining meetings this year (August or December).

- ✓ Update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS)
- ✓ Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA)
- ✓ Summary of Prevention Services Statewide for 2014
- ✓ Community Services Assessment Update

Training on Parliamentary Procedures:

It was noted that slots are still available for the training on Parliamentary Procedures. The training, to be presented by K. Allen Campbell, will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on July 8. It was scheduled for the afternoon of the PAC meeting so members interested in attending would not have to drive to Columbia twice that week.

SC HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference:

An update was provided on the conference. There was a lengthy discussion following the announcement that registration scholarships for PLWHA were not being offered this year. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the group that further conversations were needed.

New Business

RW/ADAP Support for Pre-conference Institute and PAC

Following the discussion on the conference, the proposed pre-conference institute for PLWHA across South Carolina (that would be sponsored by Ryan White Programs and ADAP) was outlined. The proposed support would also provide more funding for the PAC. More information will be forthcoming as plans develop.

Announcements

Members and guests were given an additional opportunity to make announcements.

Evaluation

All in attendance (members, staff and guests) were reminded to complete and turn in their evaluations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood,
Program Administrator