

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2012
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Gary Rhett at 10:12 a.m. Susan announced that Troy had a CDC site visit at PALSS so Gary was filling in to co-chair the meeting. Members and guests present each introduced themselves and stated what agencies or entity they represent.

HPC Members present: Vera Bishop-Wright, Sharon Black, Veronica Brisco, Aaron Bryan, Laura Cahue, Susan Fulmer, Monetha Gaskin, Mark Gray, Adrena Harrison, Keisha Hightower, LaVonda Johnson, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Lottie McClorin, Edena Meetze, Elsa Pardo, Angel Payton-Harmon, Tricia Phaup, Harry Prim III, Ashley Redmond, Gary Rhett, Pamela Shephard McKnight, Larry Walton, Romie Washington, Ryan Wilson and Mary Wright Golden

Absent: Troy Bowers, James Cooper, Virginia King, Simon Major, Willie Simon, Tyrone Small

DHEC: Linda Brown, Roshan McDaniel, Leigh Oden, Jeffery Pagan and Tony Price

Ex-Officio Members: Valerie Daniel, Stacey Jennings and Deadra Malloy

Guests: Mahogany Graham, Mulamba Lunda, LaTwyla Mathias, CeCy Hildalgo, Auaja Lovest, Pat Kelly and Juanita Williams

Staff: Donald Wood

Minutes: The minutes from the June 19, 2012 meeting were reviewed.

Action Item: A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Larry Walton and properly seconded by Monetha Gaskin to accept the minutes with the following changes: correct the spelling of Mulamba's name and add Ryan Wilson as present. The motion was approved by the Council.

Presentations

Taking Action for Adolescent Sexual Health in South Carolina: The SAASH Call to Action: Dr. Deborah Billings and Katie Zenger presented the findings from the State Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health (the Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup) and the Call to Action document. The Call to Action will be shared with policy makers and advocates across the state. The document is available on the SAASH website at <http://www.saashsc.org>.

Adjourn to Committees: The meeting was adjourned to the committee meetings.

Lunch

Call to Order: The meeting was called back to order at 1:27 p.m. by Gary Rhett.

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

- On July 31 DHEC submitted to CDC a grant application for new HIV prevention funding. South Carolina was among 18 states or jurisdictions eligible to apply. This funding is specifically for the purpose of expanding HIV testing programs, other prevention interventions and linkages to care initiatives for persons with HIV, with the focus on addressing minority health disparities and community-based prevention in rural communities. DHEC will be notified by September 30; if funded, DHEC would receive funds to start around October 1, 2012 for three years.
- DHEC submitted on August 13 for the next cycle of funding for the Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention grant and expects notification soon on funding that would start November 1. DHEC asked for an increase from what is currently being funded.
- DHEC submitted its annual STD prevention grant application to CDC in August for CY2013.

Care and Support Services Programs: Leigh Oden gave an update on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and spoke briefly about the Part D grant funding.

Administrative Report: Donald Wood reviewed the evaluations from the June meeting. He also provided a brief financial update and reviewed the Council's expenses from the last reporting cycle.

Executive Committee Report: Troy Bowers provided the Council with a brief recap of the Executive Committee conference call that was held on June 13. The committee reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda.

Standing Committee Reports

Care and Support Services: Angel Payton-Harmon reported that the committee members completed the stakeholder surveys. They also continued discussion regarding the Peer Institute. The subcommittee will be meeting in the next few weeks to develop a survey instrument to be used to gauge consumer interest. Someone from the committee will attend the next HPC Consumer Advisory group meeting on Oct. 9.

Consumer Advisory: Gary Rhett reported that the next meeting will be held on Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in N-400 of the Mills/Jarrett DHEC Building.

Membership: Gary Rhett reported that the applications for the 2013-2014 term of the HPC0 are due on Nov. 1.

Needs Assessment: Sharon Black reported that the committee is continuing to work with the Hispanic/Latino Workgroup for the implementation of the Hispanic/Latino survey.

Prevention: Larry Walton reported the committee is continuing to work on organizing its work products and to reevaluate how to best accomplish its goals.

Workgroup Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update: Aaron Bryant gave a brief update on the workgroup's activities. He encouraged everyone to read the Call to Action document that was

distributed earlier today and reminded everyone to visit the group's website at <http://www.saashsc.org/>.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan Fulmer reported the group's next meeting group has a new chair, Dr. Hayden Smith from USC's College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The next meeting of the group is November 5th.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: /Edena Meetze reported that the group is working with the Needs Assessment Committee on the Hispanic/Latino survey. The survey will be conducted in the eight DHEC regions, focusing its efforts on the regions with larger Hispanic populations. Mark Gray gave a brief update from the Hispanic Health Coalition meeting which was held recently.

SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force Update: The task force will host a program in December in conjunction with the Harvard School of Law. More information will be provided as the details are finalized.

Unfinished Business

Update on Engagement Plan: Susan Fulmer reported that we are still seeking information from the various HPC-related groups and partners on how the communities they represent are engaged in HIV planning. Members were encouraged to complete the stakeholder survey before leaving today's meeting.

December Meeting: We will have a presentation on the data from the Hispanic/Latino surveys.

New Business

SC HIV/AIDS Conference: Susan Fulmer gave an update on the upcoming conference. She also encouraged members to attend the Hispanic/Latino Pre-conference Institute.

Continuing Membership Slot on HPC for SC's Ryan White Part F (AETC): Susan explained the proposed bylaws change that would make the Ryan White Part F program a standing agency representative to the Council. A formal proposal will be presented at the December meeting.

Review of the HPC Organizational Chart: The council reviewed the updated organizational chart for the Council.

Announcements

- ✓ SC Pride – October 20 in downtown Columbia.
- ✓ World AIDS Day – December 1. Please send your program information to DHEC to be posted online.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Wood