

**S.C. HIV Planning Council**  
Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2011  
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by Troy Bowers, the Community Co-chair. Susan welcomed everyone to the members. The members and guests present introduced themselves.

**HPC Members present:** Troy Bowers, Sharon Black, Jo Bull, Becky Carr, Aaron Creech, Wesley Durant, Susan Fulmer, Mary Wright Golden, Adrena Harrison, LaVonda Johnson, Pat Kelly, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathais, Lottie McClorin, Elsa Pardo, Angel Payton Harmon, Reg Posley, Harry Prim II, Ashley Redmond, Gary Rhett, Ali Shabazz, Willie Simon, Tyrone Small and Larry Walton.

**Absent:** Aaron Bryant, Vincent Ivory, Pamela Shephard-McKnight and Taisha Williams.

**Ex-Officio Members:** James Cooper, Monetha Gaskin, Frank Harper, Kenneth Lewis and Celeste Rudisil,

**DHEC:** Linda Brown, Pam Davis, James Harris, Roshan McDaniel, Leigh Oden, Tony Price, Jake Ramsey, Elona Rhame and Janet Tapp.

**Guests:** Katie Zenger, Jamie Stein and Tricia Phaup.

**Staff:** Donald Wood

**Minutes:** The minutes from the December 7, 2010 meeting were reviewed by the Council.

**Action Item:** A motion was made and properly seconded that the minutes be accepted with three changes:

- Mulamba Lunda was present at the December meeting
- Add the word meeting following 2010 under the minutes bullet
- Add the percentage after - Beginning in January 2014, everyone at 133 percent of federal poverty level will be eligible for Medicaid.

### **Presentations**

**SC HIV/AIDS Epidemiologic Update:** Jake Ramsey provided the group an overview of the update epi data for South Carolina. Each member present received a copy of his presentation.

**African American Women and HIV/AIDS in South Carolina:** Katie Zenger provided the group an overview and general summary of the findings from the focus group conducted by various AIDS service organizations around the state on behalf of the planning council. A copy of the report was given to each member present. Once the final revisions are made a copy of the report will be posted on the HPC's website.

**Committee Breakouts:** The meeting was adjourned to the committee meetings.

### **Lunch**

### **Afternoon Session**

**Call to Order:** The meeting resumed at 1:25 p.m.

**Division Director's Report:** Janet Tapp, the director of the HIV/STD Division, was unable to stay for the entire meeting so her report was combined with Tony Price's prevention update.

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

- The HIV Expanded Testing Project's closeout report for the prior grant project period was submitted to CDC in late December. DHEC is in a new three-year funding cycle for the HIV Expanded Testing Project that provides funds to clinical and non-clinical sites for increased HIV testing efforts.
- DHEC's HIV prevention Annual Progress Report (APR) for CY 2010 is due to CDC on March 31.
- DHEC's STD prevention APR for 2010 is also due to CDC on March 31.
- The 2010 APR for the Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator grant was submitted in late January to CDC. The next meeting of the state viral hepatitis advisory group is on March 29. All are welcome; please RSVP to Elona Rhame or Tony Price.
- DHEC hopes to announce soon the new HIV expanded testing project coordinator. Tessie Haywood formerly held this position.
- Matt Jenkins has left DHEC to pursue his career as a DIS in North Carolina.
- Last June the FDA approved the only United States rapid hepatitis C (HCV) testing product (using venipuncture techniques) and now has approved the finger stick procedure.
- National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is March 10. DHEC will have a special Web page for this observance that will be linked from the main DHEC page as well as from the STD/HIV page.

### Administrative Report

Donald Wood, the HPC Administrator, gave the administrative report and reviewed the financial report with the Council.

**Executive Committee Report:** Troy Bowers gave a brief update of the topics discussed on the Executive Committee last conference call. He also gave a brief summary of the new member orientation that was held on Feb. 28 at Capitol Consultants.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Care and Support Services:** Angel Payton-Harmon, the committee's co-chair, gave a brief summary of the committee's meeting. The committee is continuing to work on a list of recommendation for prevention services.

**Consumer Advisory:** Billy Simon gave a brief recap of the committee's meeting on Feb. 28. There were 8 people in attendance and the group discussed the goals and expectations for the group.

**Membership:** Troy Bowers reported that the committee has several vacancies to fill due to resignations. It is likely that several current ex-officio members will be moved into to a voting member position.

**Needs Assessment:** Becky Carr reported that the committee spent most of the morning reviewing the AAWSM report. The also discuss the possibility of doing a similar project with African American Men. It has not been determined whether utilize focus group or conducting another survey.

**Prevention:** Pat Kelly reported that the committee reviewed its role and purposes. They also reviewed the timeline of deliverables for the committee. The committee also discussed the updated Epi profile for the state. Tony noted that the new 5-year funding cycle begins in 2012. The committee also discussed gaps in services and talked about unresolved issues left over from last year. Pat Kelly and Aaron Creech also discuss trainings needed to make consumers better advocates.

### Updates

**Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup:** Linda Brown reported that the group's last meeting was cancelled. The call to action committee is working on 20 Reasons Adolescents are in Crisis in South Carolina. The report will highlight significant issues that are impacting our youth.

**AAMSM Workgroup:** Billy Simon reported that the group has held two face to face meetings. They are working to ways to better access this group. The MSM Institute will be held on June 17.

**Corrections Workgroup:** Susan reported met on January 14. The group was presented information on the expanded testing efforts around the state. Several members of the TB control program and the USC School of Criminal Justice have joined the group. Both of these groups are very important allies and will increase the reach of the workgroup.

**Hispanic/Latino Workgroup:** Jake Ramsey reported that the workgroup met on Feb. 23. They are working on improving the overall structure of the group and creating linkages with Hispanic serving agencies and programs around the state. The will be hosting a webinar in April in conjunction with the Hispanic Health Coalition.

**SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force:** Ashley Redmond stated that the rally at the State House was very productive and the turnout was encouraging. The group will meet again on March 13.

**Training:** James Harris provided the group with an overview of the updated training calendar. He noted one change needed to be made on the printed calendar that was provided to all members. The Selecting Effective Behavioral Interventions will be held on March 30-31.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Report on the 2010 HPC Membership Survey:** Roshan McDaniel briefly reviewed the 2010 Membership Survey. It was noted that we did not have 100 percent participation and that it is imperative that all members return the surveys in the future. A copy of the synopsis was provided to all members.

### **New Business**

**2011 Meeting Dates:** The following dates were selected for the remaining Council meetings:

- April 26
- June 28
- August 30
- December 13

**Review of Ground Rules:** It was the consensus of the group to forgo the reading of the grounds rules. Everyone was asked to review the rules and to send any suggested changes to Susan and Troy by March 15.

### **Announcements:**

- Pat Kelly advised the group that the Voices Conference will be held on March 11. She has also received a grant and will be doing focus groups around the state with ex-offenders who are consumers. The groups will be conducted in Orangeburg, Columbia, Greenville and Charleston.
- Rally for a Moral Budget – March 12 at the State House.
- AIDS Watch representative meet with Congressmen Clyburn and Wilson and Senator DeMint.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of the HPC will be held April 26 in the Fellowship Hall at Brookland Baptist Church, 1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, S.C. 29169.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.