

## **S.C. HIV Planning Council**

Meeting Minutes -- December 6, 2006

Collaborative Training Center of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
8301 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by David Mattison, the Community Co-chair at 10:15 a.m. Susan Fulmer welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone in attendance introduce himself or herself and tell what agency they represent.

**Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as presented.

### **Administrative Report**

Donald Wood, the HPC Administrator, gave the administrative report. He reviewed the documents for the meeting to ensure that everyone had a copy. He then presented the financial report, which included the expenses for the month of November and the year-to-date report. The report was accepted as information. He also reviewed the meeting evaluation from the August meeting. He also thanked Rick Felder of Tibotec for sponsoring our lunch today.

**Transgender update:** Gypsey Teague gave a brief overview of her presentation from yesterday's Transgender 101 workshop.

**Term Limits Proposal:** Suzanne Freeman motioned and Tim Pitts seconded the motion to amend the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures to reflect the following change:

**Membership Committee Report:** David Mattison gave the report of the recommendations of the committee and announced the members that have been appointed to the 2007-2008 term. They are:

The Membership Committee recommends the following persons for membership to the HIV Planning Council for the 2007-2008 term.

Troy Bowers – Care  
Laney Brackman – Needs Assessment  
Aaron Bryan – Prevention  
Karen Clinton – Prevention  
Suzanne Freeman – Care  
Teretha Fowler – Prevention  
Mary Wright Golden – Care  
Matt Jenkins – Prevention  
David Mattison – Needs Assessment  
Tim Pitts – Needs Assessment  
Demar Roberts – Needs Assessment  
Enid Santiago – Prevention  
Gypsey Teague – Needs Assessment

Norlica Washington – Care

Following the Membership Committee report, the standing committees met.

**Lunch:** Sponsored by Tibotec.

**Call to Order:** The meeting resumed after lunch by David Mattison, the Community Co-chair.

**Executive Committee Report:** Susan gave an overview of the Executive Committee's conference call on November 29.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Care and Support Services:** Suzanne Freeman gave an overview of the committee's meeting. Suzanne will continue to serve as chair for 2007 and Norlica Washington will serve as the committee's representative to the Membership Community. Working on a consumer speakers bureau through the SC AIDS Care Crisis Task Force. A training will be held soon.

The Committee reported that no further follow-up needed on earlier focus groups; however, it was suggested that the Council needed to plan further surveys to capture up-to-date information for future planning. The committee recommends consumers being instrumental in devising and administering surveys. Look at ways to increase information from individuals not in care.

**Consumer Advisory:** Tim Pitts reported that the Consumer Advisory Committee via conference call last week. Tim was reappointed as Chair of the Committee and Atensia Earp will serve as the committee's representative to the Membership Committee. A training session will be held in the early part of 2007 to train the Speakers Bureau.

The Committee is working on a letter writing campaign to our elected officials regarding ADAP funding.

**Needs Assessment:** Laney reported that she has been reappointed as chair and Aaron Bryan will continue to serve as the committee's representative to the Membership Committee.

Susan provided an update on the Transgender training. The initial training was held on yesterday and a follow-up training will be held in the early spring. It will feature the University of California – San Francisco. It was suggested that local gatekeepers (transgender) be recruited to assist in pulling together the training and to help with further needs assessments.

A trainer has been identified for the internet outreach and a training session will be held in early spring.

The group also discussed the lack of adequate access to mental health training.

It was suggested that we also establish a youth advisory group to work along with the council.

**Prevention:** Mulamba Lunda reported that she has been reappointed as chair and Teretha Fowler will serve as the committee's representative to the Membership Committee. The committee will hold a conference call at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11 to finalize a motion on the Sista Intervention.

Working on changes to the HIV Prevention Plan and reviewing the gaps in services. The committee believes that there is a need to develop an HCPI regarding interacting with the media.

Gaps in populations: Partners of WMSM.

At the next meeting the committee will review Chapter 4 of the Prevention Plan.

Tony reported that the Prevention Committee is recommending that Project Respect be allowed to be used in CRT pre- and post test counseling.

### Updates

**STD/HIV Division Update:** Lynda Kettinger gave an update on the ADAP funding issue and explained why the wait list had to be established. The wait list was established in June of 2006. She reiterated that three people that were on the wait list had died; however, there is no direct correlation between the two.

Case managers around the state are working hard to make sure that anyone on the wait list has access to life saving medications either through one of the pharmaceutical patient assistance programs or Medicare Part D. Each case is reviewed on a case by case basis.

The recent MMWR report states that more than 70 percent persons who are diagnosed with HIV in S.C. had made at least one trip to see a health care provider prior to his or her diagnosis.

The Division is working with the S.C. AIDS Care Crisis workgroup to get the word out and to try to get state funding to assist in eliminating the wait list. The agency will be requesting \$3 million in supplemental funding and an additional \$5 in continuation funding to help with the problem.

The Committee has also identified several other area of HIV care needs that must be addressed.

The insurance portion of ADAP is still open; however, the drug assistance program is closed.

The Ryan White Reauthorization has passed the Senate and being sent back to the House to concur.

### **Prevention Program Update:**

**Care Program Update:** Kim Brown gave an update on the statewide quality assurance plan. The program will include all titles and will assist in developing a more streamline and efficient system in S.C. Its ultimate goal is to foster better communication among all titles.

**Membership Survey:** Roshan McDaniel distributed the 2006 Membership Surveys. They are due back to Donald Wood by Dec. 15.

### **Old Business**

**Report on Concurrence:** All members concurred with the DHEC application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Report from MSM Workgroup:** Matt Jenkins provided an update on the AA MSM workgroup. The group's purpose is to develop strategies to address barriers to HIV Testing and participation in HIV Prevention Education and activities among AAMSM.

### **Strategies:**

1. Conduct a retreat with the Workgroup participants utilizing the "Many Men, Many Voices" intervention. **(Short Term)**
2. Obtain and review existing data and information on AAMSM in South Carolina and provide input to the HPC Needs Assessment Committee around possible gaps in service. **(Short Term)**
3. Work as a cohesive unit to strengthen the collaborations between various organizations targeting the AAMSM community (i.e. HPC, ASO, CBOs, Prevention Contractors and providers). **(Long Term)**
4. Work to increase the capacity of Health Care providers in addressing HIV Prevention with their patients by: **(Long Term)**
  - a. Conducting focus groups to identify issues and concerns among primary health care providers around the implementation or routine testing in their health care/medical setting.
  - b. Provide training to help them feel more comfortable and assertive in taking a comprehensive sexual health history/risk assessment with

their patients and with discussing and delivering prevention messages to their patients.

5. Identify resources to support the salary of a Coordinator to provide oversight of the AAMSM Workgroup. (**Long Term**)

**2006 S.C. HIV/STD Conference:** Tony gave a quick overview of the conference. The evaluation report was just received and they will be reviewing it on next week. The conference will be held Oct. 17-19 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center on Bush River Road.

### **New Business**

**Election of Community Co-Chair:** David Mattison re-elected as the Community Co-Chair for 2007-2008.

**First Quarterly meeting in 2007:** New Member orientation will be held on Feb. 27 and the quarterly meeting will be held on Feb. 28.

**PEMS Workgroup Update:** Laney Brackman gave an update on the PEMS program. She is serving on a CDC workgroup looking at reducing the number of variable and attributes that have to be reported to the CDC. A draft document was passed out to the body. Laney noted that the document was a draft and should not be widely shared.

**Wrap Up/Announcements/Evaluation/Adjournment:**

**Adjourn**