

**S.C. HIV Planning Council**  
Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2008  
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by Matt Jenkins, the Community Co-chair. Susan welcomed those in attendance and asked everyone to introduce himself or herself and tell what agency or program they represented.

**HPC Members present:** Karen Bates, Troy Bowers, Eli Branscome, Becky Carr, Karen Clinton, Aaron Creech, Teretha Fowler, Suzanne Freeman, Stuart Furtwangler, Mary Golden, Mahogany Graham, Matt Jenkins, Pat Kelly, Virginia King, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Angel Payton-Harmon, Harry Prim III, Denise Rivera, Arlene Rustin, Pamela Shephard-McKnight, Gypsey Teague, Larry Walton, Norlica Washington, Jason Williams.

**Absent:** Aaron Bryan, Christa Guicherit, Carlos Harris, Jo Jo Rhines and Enid Santiago.

**DHEC:** Sonya Bayone, Barbara Charles, Lewis Hicks, Roshan McDaniel, Tony Price, Dorothy Waln, Wayne Duffus and Katrina Gary.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Adrena Harrison

**Guests:** Elisa Pardo (Hispanic Outreach), Russell Patterson (SC HIV/AIDS Council)

**Staff:** Donald Wood

**Division Update**

Dorothy Waln, acting Division Director, gave an update on the current happenings within the STD/HIV Division. She also provided the group with updated copies of the STD/HIV Division's organizational chart, the newest version of the Who to Call List and an updated calendar of Division-related events and grant due dates. Dorothy noted that the following positions are posted and will remain open until filled: Division Director, Prevention Services Program Manager, Part D Program Coordinator, PEMS Data Coordinator, Expanded HIV Testing Coordinator and the Financial Consultant to Contractors.

**Presentation**

**Missed Opportunities for Earlier Diagnosis of HIV Infection:** Dr. Duffus gave an update on the report of Missed Opportunities for Earlier Diagnosis of HIV Infection in South Carolina, which was originally published in the CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) dated December 1, 2006. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5547a2.htm>

**Lunch**

**Call to Order:** The meeting resumed after lunch, called back to order by Matt Jenkins.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved with corrections.

**Administrative Report**

Donald Wood, the HPC Administrator, gave the administrative report.

**Executive Committee Report:** Susan gave an overview of the Executive Committee's conference call, held April 15, 2008.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Care and Support Services:** Mahogany Graham reported that the Committee discussed the following items:

- Retention in care and the ADAP survey.
- Continuity of care within the local jail/prison systems.
- Discussion of future presentations
- Began to establish an action timeline for 2008.

She also reported that the ADAP subcommittee will meet via conference call on May 16 at 10 a.m.

**Consumer Advisory:** Troy Bowers, acting chairperson, reported that Atensia Earp, former chair, resigned from the HPC. He reported that the committee has not met since the HPC last meeting but that he will be scheduling a meeting in the near future. Efforts will be made to increase participation from across the state.

**Membership:** Matt reported that the Membership Committee met on April 9 and recommended to the Executive Committee that Denise Rivera be moved into a permanent slot from her current Ex-Officio position to replace Mary Carol Jennings and that Stuart Furtwangler be appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Atensia Earp, with those changes to be effective immediately. Invitations were made and accepted.

**Needs Assessment:** Virginia King reported that the committee reviewed the Transgender Survey. The pilot of the survey will be distributed to a select group of providers to share within their social networks.

The committee also reviewed the DAODAS presentation by Harry Prim. They also discussed the need to schedule Aaron Bryan to do an update on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey at a future meeting.

**Prevention:** Mulamba Lunda reported that the Prevention Committee discussed the following items:

- The committee will meet on July 18 and Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.
- **African American MSM Workgroup Update:** Mulamba noted that the MSM workgroup is beginning to do more activities outside of planning and they will be meeting to see what direction the group will take and define the roles of the group. They have completed focus groups and Stacy Smallwood will be completing the report on 3MV retreats as well. Other small focus groups are planned in Orangeburg at HopeHealth, in the Pee Dee region, and in the Upstate Spartanburg area. The group will hold an informal workshop from 9:30 a.m. to noon on May 15 at Brookland Baptist Church.
- **Project START:** It was reported that Larry Walton and Christa Guicherit are meeting in reference to this intervention. In Christa's absence, Larry explained Project Start to the group. He stated that it is an intervention for male inmates that begin while they are incarcerated and four subsequent sessions are done after their release from prison or jail. Larry stated that effectiveness of the intervention depends on the ability to locate the participants after release for follow-up. One of the questions they are facing is: Is it practical to choose inmates that participate to ensure they are from a certain area to make follow up easier?
- The committee also discussed creating a new chapter on recommendations for South Carolina as it relates to the priority populations.
- Tony Price distributed a draft of the 2008 Prevention Committee activities, and informed the group that the CDC recommends that we submit our prevention plan in the fall of 2009. He stated that the PC wants to be proactive and begin developing the plan before it is due.
- The Committee agreed on developing smaller task groups to help tackle the 2008 Prevention Committee activities and assignments were determined accordingly.

**Prevention and Care Updates:** Tony Price provided an update on DHEC STD/HIV Prevention Program activities:

- The CDC Project Officer for HIV prevention, Renata Ellington, conducted a site visit with DHEC on April 2 and 3. The primary focus of the meeting was on the new Expanded Testing Project in hospital-based emergency departments and community-based organizations. The project officer also met with the HPC AAMSM Workgroup the evening of April 2 and STD/HIV Division staff on April 3 in regards to the overall HIV prevention activities for the state.
- The CDC HIV Prevention 2007 Annual Progress Report was submitted to CDC on April 15.
- The DHEC application for 2009 HIV Prevention funding will be due some time in September to CDC. SC and all other states are being given a one-year extension under the current funding cycle. This extension will mean that the application this fall will be for “continuation” funding and will not be competitive. As a result, the HPC will have more time (through the middle of next year) to finalize the new SC HIV Prevention Plan for CY2010 – CY2014.
- There was some discussion of updated information from CDC on prevention interventions, including those in an updated “Compendium of Evidence-Based Interventions.” A main web page on the topic that provides links to many related other pages is <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/research/prs/index.htm>. Additionally there is a questions/answers page <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/research/prs/qa.htm>

### **Presentations**

**DAODAS Overview:** Harry Prim, III, Management and Program Consultant, from the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, gave an overview of the Department as well as the 301 System and its HIV/AIDS-related programs and services.

### **Old Business**

Susan Fulmer gave an update on STD/HIV Division training activities and distributed the most current training calendar.

### **New Business**

**Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup Update:** In Aaron’s absence, Susan gave a brief update on the workgroup’s activities. The State Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health (SAASH) will hold a Call to Action Meeting later this summer, likely in August. Aaron has been invited to present the updated Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data at the June HPC meeting.

**SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force Update:** Sonya Bayone, the state ADAP Program Coordinator, gave an update on the activities of the task force. The Task Force will host a legislative breakfast on from 8-10 a.m. May 7 in Room 112 of the Blatt Building on the statehouse grounds. Rep. Joe Neal has been very instrumental in securing these funds. She noted that he was concerned by the lack of participation from the Charleston and Greenwood areas. Sonya noted that the General Assembly has tentatively approved \$4.5 million for ADAP (with \$2.5 million in non-recurring funds).

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of the HPC will be held June 3, 2008 in the Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

**Announcements:** Planning is going well for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual HIV/STD Conference. The committee is in the process of accepting and reviewing abstract submissions. Susan reported that the committee is working with Adrena Harrison to secure clinical session presenters.

**Adjourn**