

S.C. HIV Planning Council
Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2010
Brookland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Troy Bowers, the Community Co-chair, at 10:09 a.m. Susan Fulmer, the DHEC Co-Chair, brought greetings and, with several guests present, asked everyone present to introduce themselves by stating what agency or population they represented.

HPC Members present: Troy Bowers, Jo Bull, Aaron Bryan, Becky Carr, Patrice Davis, Wesley Durant, Teretha Fowler, Susan Fulmer, Mahogany Graham, Mary Wright Golden, Adrena Harrison, Matt Jenkins, LaVonda Johnson, Pat Kelly, Mulamba Lunda, Wilhelmenia Mathias, Sarah McClam, Lottie McClorin, Noreen O’Donnell, Angel Payton-Harmon, Reg Posley, Tony Price, Harry Prim III, Gary Rhett, Denise Rivera, Pam Shephard-McKnight, Willie Simon II, Charmella Tyler and Larry Walton.

Ex-Officio Members present: Celeste Rudisil and Ondine Wilson.

HPC Members Absent: Aaron Creech, Virginia King, Ashley Redmond and Jason Williams

DHEC staff present: Linda Brown, James Harris, Lewis Hicks, Roshan McDaniel, Leigh Oden, Jake Ramsey, Elona Rhame and Janet Tapp.

Guests present: Erin Johnson, Katie Zenger, Mark Gray, Zoe Fludd, Renata Ellington

Staff: Donald Wood

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the June 15, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted as information.

Action: The motion was made by Jo Bull and seconded by Patrice Davis to accept the minutes as distributed.

Presentations

Housing as Prevention: Pat Kelly provided the members with an overview of the Housing as Prevention initiative that is being conducted around the country. During her presentation, she noted that access to housing is a basic human right and that the lack of housing contributes to the continued stigmatization of HIV infected persons.

HIV Prevention in Schools: Aaron Bryan, from the SC Department of Education’s Healthy Schools initiative and an HPC member, gave an overview of HIV Prevention efforts in our state public schools. Dr. Delores Pluto, with the same office, provided an overview of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey data.

Adjourn for Committee Breakouts

Lunch

Lunch (1:00 to 1:30 p.m.)

Call to Order: Troy Bowers called the meeting back to order at 1:35 p.m.

STD/HIV Division Updates: Janet Tapp, the STD/HIV Division director gave a brief update on the activities within the STD/HIV Division.

Care and Support Services Programs: Noreen O’Donnell gave an update on the status of ADAP funding and the wait list.

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

- DHEC's HIV prevention Interim Progress Report (IPR) for CY 2010 and grant application for CY2011 is due to CDC on August 20.
- DHEC's STD prevention IPR for CY2010 and grant application for 2011 is due to CDC on August 2.
- DHEC's application for a new three-year funding cycle for the HIV Expanded Testing Project is due to CDC on June 24. The likely available funds for South Carolina will be approximately the same as for the past three years.
- DHEC's Viral Hepatitis Prevention IPR for CY2010 and grant application for CY2011 is due to CDC on August 12.
- DHEC's application for Program Collaboration and Service Integration (PCSI) was submitted to CDC on June 15. This is a new grant and CDC will only give six grant awards this year but expects to give more next year based on this year's applicants.
- The South Carolina Viral Hepatitis Strategic Planning Committee will meet on August 4.
- DHEC is hoping to soon have an internal posting for the STD/HIV public information coordinator/contracts monitor position. DHEC's also hopes to post soon for the HIV Expanded Testing Coordinator.

Update from CDC Project Officer: Zoe Fludd, the new CDC Project Officer for South Carolina, provided the group with a general overview of what is going on at the CDC as it relates to HIV.

Administrative Report: Donald Wood gave a brief report on the status of the HPC's operating budget and reviewed the evaluations from the June meeting.

Executive Committee Report: Troy Bowers gave a brief report from the conference call that was held on August 5. The Executive Committee has approved funding to register any HIV positive members of the HPC for the upcoming SC HIV/STD Conference.

Standing Committee Reports:

Care and Support Services: Pamela S. McKnight reported that Christal Davis provided the committee with a brief review of the final draft of the case manager's survey. The final data will be presented at the upcoming SC HIV/STD Conference in October.

The committee also discussed what items should be included in the statewide resource guide for case managers. She also reported that she will be working with the committee to draft an adherence tool checklist prior to the December meeting.

Consumer Advisory: Reg Posley gave a report from the group's meeting on Monday. He noted that the group discussed, "Common Threads," a recent training attended by several HIV positive women who live in South Carolina. They also received an update on the ADAP crisis in South Carolina and on the implementation of the National HIV/AIDS strategy. They also were presented information from the Physician/Pharmacy Alliance and discussed their programs and services. Susan reported that the Consumer Advisory Committee has decided to meet on Wednesday evening during the upcoming HIV/STD conference. Consumers who are not registered at the conference will also be invited to attend.

Membership: Troy Bowers reported that the committee met via conference call on August 10. He also reported that the membership recruitment process has begun. Members whose terms expire in December

can reapply for membership provided that they have not met the mandatory six year maximum. Letters have been sent to members who have missed more than two meetings notifying them that they are no longer on the Council due to their absences.

Needs Assessment: Becky Carr reported that the survey of AAWSM has been piloted by Teretha Fowler and Virginia King. The committee reviewed the results of the pilot survey and will be making a few minor changes to the document.

Updates

Adolescent Sexual Health Workgroup: Aaron Bryan reported that they are continuing development of a website that will serve as a clearinghouse for data and resources related to the sexual health of youth and teens in South Carolina. Susan Fulmer reported that IRB approval has been received for the Office of Research and Statistics's data integration project so they can begin to examine the intersections of health and education outcomes for youth in SC.

AAMSM Workgroup: Lewis Hicks provided an update on the AAMSM workgroup. He thanked Matt Jenkins and AID Upstate for coordinating the MSM Institute in June. The workgroup will be reviewing the evaluations in order to make next year's program even better. He also reported that Matt Jenkins is working within the Division to draft a policy on outreach via the Internet.

Corrections Workgroup: Susan reported that the group has been on hiatus for the summer. The workgroup's next meeting is scheduled for September 9th. She also reported that, unfortunately, they did not receive the NIH grant but Dr. Duffus is looking for other funding sources and opportunities.

Hispanic/Latino Workgroup: Mark Gray reminded the group the National Latino HIV/AIDS Day will be held on October 15, 2010. He noted that events are already planned in Rock Hill, Charleston and Columbia. He also reported that MUSC has also begun a Tienda Project in the Charleston area. They will work with local Hispanic grocery outlets to provide HIV/AIDS information, condoms, etc.

SC HIV/AIDS Care Crisis Task Force: Susan Fulmer noted that the Task Force's strategic planning session will be held on August 30 and Sept. 1 in Charleston.

Training: James Harris gave an update on current training opportunities. He also noted that they have just completed a Train the Trainer session in June on working with HIV Positive individuals. He also noted that training needs assessment surveys were due on August 6. If you have not turned yours in, please do so.

Update on DHHS Office of Adolescent Health: Erin Johnson gave an update on the current tiered funding opportunities available through the national Office of Adolescent Health. The grants range from \$400,000 to several million dollars. The SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has applied for funding under several tiers, including a proposal that will allow them to implement the "Its Your Game" program in local school districts.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Presentations: The following presentations will be presented at our Dec. 7 meeting: Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Plan and Perinatal HIV Prevention.

New Business:

Recommended Updates to Prevention Plan for 2011: The Prevention Committee presented six (6) DEBI interventions to be included in the statewide Prevention Plan. Those interventions are:

- Willow
- STIVE
- SiHLE
- NIA
- Take Care of Yourself
- Sister to Sister

Prior to the vote, each of the above interventions was summarized and the group was given an overall assessment of the intervention's effectiveness and target population.

Action: The recommendations from the Prevention Committee were adopted by the full Council.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.