

Sexually Transmitted Infection Community Coalition Meeting

Minutes

Location: Arlington County Health Department
Fenwick Building
800 S. Walter Reed Dr.
Arlington, VA 22204

Date & Time: August 9, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Tranita Gillis (DCSTD), Nicole Amado (DCSTD), Daniel Ehlman (DCSTD), Emmanuel Pupilampu (DCSTD), Irwin Royster (PPMW); Martha Andom (Arlington Co HD), Pat Parker (DC Healthy Start), Vicki Stovall (MD HD), Betty Jones (DC HAA), Nestor Rocha (DC HAA), David Williams (Montgomery Co HD), Steven Hazel (NOVAM), Anthony Cook (Unity)

Meeting Called 10:15am

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from July Meeting.

Minutes approved by voice vote

Mr. Royster thanked Ms. Andom for hosting the meeting.

2. Coalition Subcommittee Updates:

a. Ad Hoc 501 (c) 3: Mr. Ehlman reported that the committee had identified four individuals who expressed interest in serving on the Board: Dr. Terry Gerace, DC Allen, Norm Linsky, and Raymond Blanks. Dr. Gerace is a volunteer physician at the Whitman Walker Clinic; he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Great American Condom Campaign. DC Allen is the owner of Crew Club, a gay men's club in DC; he also has contributed financially to DOH's previous "Syphilis is Back" marketing campaign. Norm Linsky is a long-standing member of STICC. Raymond Blanks is a community activist who is concerned with health. Mr. Ehlman encouraged members to think about other potential Board members. We may want to consider: representation from MD and VA, someone with experience children's health/advocacy, a female Board member. In addition to the Board, Mr. Ehlman suggested that STICC attempt to recruit new members, especially additional representation from organizations focusing on HIV. In addition, Mr. Ehlman suggested recruiting volunteer members who have time and passion to dedicate to running the daily activities of STICC, at least for the near future until 501c3 status is acquired and additional funding can be secured.

3. Coalition Website Development Status:

Mr. Ehlman reported that the website is currently under development. There will be two distinct website features: a STICC website and a Metro DC addition to InSpot.org. In both websites, there will be links to each of the member agency's websites. When the

websites are finalized and functioning, Mr. Ehlman will send each agency a letter informing them of the information that is being displayed. Mr. Ehlman is hoping to have drafts to share with the coalition in a few months.

4. School Screening Update:

Mr. Royster reported that Jeremy Ogusky (Metro TeenAIDS) engaged the PTAs at Cardoza and Eastern High Schools and they responded well to the idea. Ms. Parker is engaging the faith-based community. She secured 10 minutes to present the topic at the next Edgewood Brookland Collaborative Networking Meeting. In addition, she has secured 20 minutes at the next South Washington Collaborative meeting to present on school-based screening. The date is on or about Sept 15. She will confirm. Ms. Parker also suggested that we present at other DC DOH programs: Bureau of Maternal and Primary Care (Perinatal Infant Health) and HIV (Michael Gibson is a contact).

Ms. Jones suggested organizing a block party for police and fire departments and CBOs in VA, MD, and DC to promote awareness and consolidation. Ms. Jones suggested that we pick an event and tag a STICC activity onto it because we do not have a budget to organize an event on our own. It was suggested that it could be integrated into one of the Mayor's weekly block parties. Ms. Jones stated that we need to put someone on the Mayor's Committee. Ms. Jones and Mr. Puplampu (the Outreach Subcommittee) will organize a plan to execute this activity in October 2007.

5. Meeting Location Discussion:

There was discussion around the location of the meetings. Venues that were suggested: Arlington County Health Department, DC Healthy Start, Montgomery County Health Department, and the HIV/AIDS Administration. Mr. Royster stated that we should plan to meet at one venue for 3-4 consecutive meetings before changing venues. Ms. Stovall reported that she would be encouraging participation from Maryland. It was agreed that the next meeting would be at the same venue, Arlington County Health Department, on Sept. 13 at 10am.

6. Discussion of Strategic Planning for STICC:

Mr. Royster stated that we need to have a strategic planning meeting with the Board of Directors. It will require various meetings of 2 hours or more at a time. Mr. Ehlman suggested that STICC extend invitations to additional organizations. Mr. Royster charged the group to return at the next meeting with the names of 5 organizations/people who we could invite to join STICC.

7. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

Mr. Royster stated that everyone should come prepared in September to talk about the upcoming Halloween Outreach. This year Halloween falls on a Wednesday. It was suggested that we do an entire month of outreach. The focus should be on the youth; the corresponding youth-focused CBOs include LAYC, NOVAM, PPMW, MTA. A possible tagline for palm cards and posters: "Don't be tricked or you'll be treated."

Ms. Parker reported that Healthy Start will be having a Health Fair on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 from 11am-4pm in the Main Lobby of the DC General Hospital. HIV/STD, kidney, cholesterol, glucose, and pregnancy screenings, among other screenings, will take place. Health information will be distributed. Ms. Parker will follow up with an email flyer to the group.

Mr. Royster reported that every Friday from 5-8pm, there is Game Night for adolescents at the PPMW at the Ophelia Egypt Health Center. STD screening will be available. There will be prizes, including a \$50 Express card. There will be video games, a pool table, and more. In addition, the Master Barbers has 22 interested people signed up.

Mr. Rocha reported that the DC HIV/AIDS Administration has a new director, Shannon Hader, the third director in as many years.

Ms. Andom reported that VDH is promoting its "Disclosure Assistance" program with palm cards and posters. The program was originally called "Partner Notification." Ms. Stovall asked if the posters could be used by other jurisdictions (i.e. Maryland), and Ms. Andom said she would look into it.

Adjourn at 11:27am.

Next Meeting September 13, 2007 at the Arlington County Health Department the Fenwick Building, located at 800 S. Walter Reed Dr., Arlington, VA 22204. Main number (703) 228-5266. Once you enter the building, ask the receptionist to direct you to conference rooms 227/228 on the 2nd floor.