

Greater Washington STD Community Coalition Meeting

Minutes

Location: Sumner School
1201 17th St NW
Washington, DC 20036

Date & Time: December 14, 2006, 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:, Irwin Royster co-chair, C. Anita Robinson, M.D. co-chair, Keanna Faircloth, (PPMW); Tranita Gillis, Colleen Crowley, Bruce Furness, M.D., Daniel Ehlman,, Melissa Sellevaag, Paulette Jackson (DCSTD); Gray Border (WWC); Martha Andom, (Arlington Co.), Norm Linsky (SCAI), Mark Timberlake (ERFSC), Elva Anderson (CNMC), Tyrone Taylor, DeAngelo Braswell (PPMW), Pat Parker (DCHS), Derrick White (Unity)

Meeting Called 10:05am

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved without change by voice vote.

2. Coalition Subcommittee Updates:

a. Ms. Crowley provided the update for the NAATS School Screening Project. She stated that the documents continue to be reviewed and modified by the committee. The next meeting is Monday, December 18, 2006 at 717 14th St. NW, Suite 750. Dr. Robinson asked for questions and comments from the larger group, she also asked if members of the committee felt as if the process was progressing well. Dr. Furness stated that the tasks were getting accomplished but the process was taking too long. Specifically there was difficulty in developing a unified plan of how to engage DCPS. Mr. Heath will be scheduling a meeting with him, Dr. Furness and the two top people at Maternal and Family Health as they have the school nurse contract.

Dr. Robinson asked if we had thought about the cultural differences between NYC and Philly and here. The culture of the parents is different and that should be carefully considered as we proceed. She asked if a focus group of parents was going to be convened. The committee reported that it has been discussed but the exact timing of it had not been ironed out.

Mr. Royster reported, by proxy, that a group of students at Woodson approached PPMW to request help in doing a screening campaign at their school in the Business Academy. This was identified as a possible mechanism for gathering student and parental support.

b. Outreach Subcommittee: Ms. Sellevaag reported that the committee has met and ideas for the Valentine's Day outreach were discussed. The group decided that instead of doing a club outreach effort members would find out where the private parties

are and engage the host/esses in the safe sex campaign. Members decided to do some investigative work and reconvene after the first of the year.

c. Ad Hoc Clothing subcommittee: Mr. Ehlman reported that two needs have been identified: 1. street outreach and 2. professional presentations. For the street outreach ID badges was investigated. For a relatively limited amount of money ids with pictures can be printed and then Kinkos will laminate. This will provide legitimacy for the volunteers when doing street outreach. Additionally, baseball hats and/or vests will also allow for visibility. For the professional presentations and health fairs it was decided that polo shirts would provide a professional representation.

A motion was passed requesting money from Mr. Heath to secure products. Mr. Linsky agreed to address this issue with Mr. Heath.

3. Spring Essay Contest

Ms. Sellevaag reported that the planning has begun for the April Essay contest with DCPS school children. Two contacts within DCPS, one with the HIV and Health Department and one with student affairs; both contacts are willing to work with us and provide assistance with advertising and student involvement. The two outstanding issues are an essay topic and funding for the luncheon. Topic ideas related to peer education and social consequences of STDs was identified as possible topic areas. The junior coalition will also act as a planning body for the essay contest. Ms. Faircloth agreed to get the junior coalition together in January to discuss essay topics, the creation of flyers, and advertising. Ideas were offered for funding: Dr. Furness suggested calling Dr. Sankar to discuss the pharmacy representatives that conduct business with the clinic to fund the luncheon. Additionally, there are two medications that are used for gonorrhea and chlamydia and those drug companies may offer funding. Dr. Robinson suggested Merck as they are doing the HPV vaccine. Mr. Border stated that the Merck rep does a lot of work at WWC and he is willing to ask her if she interested in supporting this project.

Possible essay topics suggested during the discussion:

- Social and political stigma of testing and treating STDs
- Why my future is important being STD free
- Do you know your ABCs of HIV/STDs
- You can't have the sauce & be a boss

4. Establish a calendar of planned events for the next 3 quarters

Discussion was tabled due to Mr. Heath's absence.

5. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

Dr. Furness requested that the coalition revisit the issue of 501(c) 3. Mr. Linsky agreed to help out with this process. **A motion was passed to form a subcommittee to investigate this process.**

6. Meeting Evaluations

Adjourn at 10:50 am.

Next meeting January 11, 2007

Happy Holidays