

Greater Washington STD Community Coalition Meeting

Minutes

Location: Planned Parenthood Metropolitan Washington
3393 Minnesota Ave NE
Washington, DC

Date & Time: January 11, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:, Irwin Royster co-chair, Keanna Faircloth, Linda Esah, Catrina McLaughlin, Sherwin Felix (PPMW); John Heath, Tranita Gillis, Colleen Crowley, Daniel Ehlman,, Melissa Sellevaag, Nicole Amado, Emmanuel Puplampu (DCSTD); Martha Andom, (Arlington Co.), Norm Linsky (SCAI), Mark Timberlake (ERFSC), Elva Anderson (CNMC), Pat Parker (DCHS), Anne Wiseman (MTA); Bruce Kitt, Terrence Young (CEG); Ann Marie Coore (YAA)

Meeting Called 10:12am

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved without change by voice vote.

2. Coalition Subcommittee Updates:

a. Public Policy: School Screening: Mr. Heath provided the update on the school screening project. He reported that the public health lab is structured to provide the urine based testing and the employees are currently involved in the training process. Dr. Furness and Mr. Heath are scheduled to meet with Ms. Whitmore and Dr. Cano from Maternal and Family Health Administration on Wednesday January 17, 2007 to secure MFHA support for the project. Additionally, the meetings with the city council members are progressing.

Mr. Royster provided background information on the testing campaign for those who were not aware of it.

b. Outreach Subcommittee: Ms. Sellevaag reported that the committee met in December to discuss the Valentine's Day outreach event. The committee is scheduled to meet immediately following the full coalition meeting today and welcomes anyone who would like to stay and attend. At this time the committee was tasked to find outlets for the outreach and was planning on targeting specific events that are happening and enlisting the support of the sponsors/hosts in the efforts.

c. Ad Hoc 501 (c) 3: Mr. Linsky reported that Dr. Furness, Mr. Ehlman, and he have been working on this project. The initial background information on the requirements has been collected and Dr. Furness has a lead on a pro bono attorney to assist with the filing. The identified next steps are to 1. Refine the mission statement; 2. Draft the articles of incorporation with the assistance of an attorney; and 3. Elect a board

of directors. The Coalition charged the committee with developing a mission statement to bring back to the coalition at the next meeting.

Mr. Ehlman distributed information on starting a charity and mission statements. He asked that members identify appropriate people to sit on the board of directors, communicate with those individuals to gauge their interest, and bring those names back to the coalition in February. Additionally, he asked that members look over the mission statements and supply comments to the committee.

3. Updates on motions from the previous meeting:

Mr. Heath stated that if a subcommittee designs the shirts then there will be money available to purchase the shirts. He could not guarantee \$5000 but he did commit to purchasing shirts. The coalition decided that a poster contest could be a part of the essay contest and the winning submissions could be turned into a t-shirt. Ms. Wiseman, Mr. Timberlake, Mr. Kitt, Ms. Sellevaag, Ms. Faircloth, and Ms. Anderson agreed to assist with this process. Additionally, the coalition will need to agree on a final name for the coalition to use.

Mr. Ehlman reminded members that he will be taking pictures at the next meeting for the Identification cards.

4. Woodson Students School Testing.

Christopher Garner and Mary Paris of Woodson Senior High School's Business and Finance Academy spoke with the coalition about their testing campaign. They are seniors in the academy and have decided for their senior project to have a seminar on STDs and HIV that focuses on peer pressure, sexuality, relationships, and abstinence and encourages students to get tested. The students are hoping to not only provide education that day but also to have testing on site.

The program at Woodson will be in the library on February 9th. The principal is helping them draft their proposal for approval. The students invited the participation of the member agencies present.

5. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

- NBC 4 Your Health and Fitness Expo 1/13-1/14 at the Washington Convention Center-DCSTD will be present with a booth screening for syphilis.
- Healthy Start will have their Health Fair on Tuesday January 30th from 11-4pm in the lobby of DC General. There will be multiple screenings available including HIV and STD.
- National Black HIV Awareness is February 7th. PPMW is hosting an HIV/STD Jam from 6-8pm.
- East of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative has started their health marriage initiative. A program is underway in which couples can receive a 3:1 match for a down payment upon completion of the program. The program is designed to encourage marriage and there is a \$50,000 income cap.
- Mr. Linsky reported that he will ask a member of David Catania's staff to attend the next meeting.

6. Meeting Evaluations

Adjourn at 11:10 am.

Next meeting February 8, 2007