

Sexually Transmitted Infection Community Coalition (STICC)

Meeting Agenda

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

Date & Time: January 10, 2008, 11: 00 a.m.

Attendees: John Heath, Colleen Crowley, Gonzalo Saenz, John Coursey, Paulette Jackson, Melissa Sellevaag, Dan Ehlman, Letitia Black (DOH STD); Katherine Ramirez (OLA); Jean Wilks (DOH Healthy Start); Anthony Cook (Unity); Elizabeth Hopkins (AU student); Eric Vicks (DCPCA); Vanessa Jones (PG HD); Carlos Murrell, Mark Timberlake (ERFSC); Irwin Royster, Mary Blackford, Christopher Garner, (PPMW); Jeremy Ogusky (MTA); Giovanna Chesler (AU); Rev LaVerne Harley (various org.); Vicki Stovall (MD DHMH)

Meeting Called 11:15am

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1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from November Meeting.

Minutes approved by voice vote

2. Coalition Subcommittee Reports

- a. Outreach: Valentine's Day outreach was discussed. Condom distribution will occur throughout the area. Members were encouraged to submit materials they would like to be distributed to Ms. Sellevaag by the week before Valentine's Day. Ms. Jones stated they will be on their mobile unit on Valentine's Day and will distribute information in the Oxon Hill area. Ms. Hopkins stated that she can distribute condoms in the clubs that she had contact with. Ms. Crowley reported that she has not been able to meet with the youth coalition regarding Valentine's Day outreach at this time but a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16th at 1pm. Mr. Royster invited all who wanted to attend to this planning meeting. Subsequent meetings will be held at 4pm to accommodate the youth who are in school. Ms. Ramirez requested that a meeting occur on the NW side of the city to ensure that youth from across all 4 quadrants are represented. She offered space at the Reeves Center for the next meeting. Ms. Wilks also suggested that simultaneous meetings occur on both sides of the city and folks communicate via phone and email to update. Mr. Cook, Ms. Ramirez, and Mr. Timberlake offered to assist with the youth efforts.

3. Website

Mr. Ehlman reported that both STICC.org and inSPOT.org are live and operational. He encouraged members to submit upcoming events and materials to be posted on the STICC.org website. Ms. Ramirez inquired if the sites were language accessible and if free clinics were listed. Mr. Ehlman reported that the sites are only in English at this time

but there are free clinics listed. Ms. Wilks suggested that the location and schedule of mobile units be posted. Mr. Ehlman encouraged her to submit the information.

4. Essay Contest

Ms. Sellevaag reported that a topic has been selected pending DOH approval: “Sexually Transmitted Diseases, So what’s the catch: How can teens prevent the spread of STDs?”

Ms. Sellevaag met with Reginald Quantez Martin, a youth at PPMW, and he agreed to design the flyer for the essay contest. Upon its approval it will then go through the DOH approval process. Flyers will be distributed to high schools and youth serving organizations. All members were encouraged to have their youth participate. If anyone is interested in being a judge please contact Ms. Sellevaag. Additionally sponsorship for the event and goodie bag items are being sought.

Mr. Ehlman reported that ISIS, the agency that supports our website, sponsored a contest this year in which youth created short PSAs on STDs and a \$3500 prize was awarded. People were encouraged to think about this for the following year.

5. Web Channel Project

Ms. Chesler introduced herself as a visiting faculty member from American University. She is introduced her project “HPVBoredom.com” and stated that her class on communication and social change will be working on this project during the semester. The class will build and promote the web channel in which people will contribute stories of their experiences with HPV and videos inspired by these stories will also be posted. This project hopes to expand to a network of other STD channels that can provide information and support to people related to STDs. She is seeking people willing to meet with her students and “be interviewed” about their knowledge of the area, experiences in the field, and methods of communicating with different populations of people. She also offered the help of her students with the writing of press releases and as interns.

6. Where have we been/where are we going

Mr. Royster reported that since January 2007 a lot of progress has occurred with STICC. The coalition changed its name from the STD Community Coalition to STICC and created a mission statement and objectives. At this point last year the coalition was working hard to develop a strategy on how to bring about school screening in DC; since then STICC has met with members of the council and started testing in a public charter school. Last year over 20,000 condoms and testing information were distributed at the Valentine’s and Halloween events. The strong outreach efforts should continue.

Mr. Royster hopes that STICC continues to work to engage the community in its work. He would like to see the committees become more organized and active to ensure that the work of the coalition is progressing. Mr. Royster also stated that advocacy should continue to be a strong part of STICC’s work. He would like to see STICC help the Arlington and PG County Programs develop a school screening program modeled after the DC Program.

7. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

Mr. Timberlake announced that the East of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative is beginning its next session of parent classes with an orientation on Monday, January 14th at 6pm.

Ms. Wilks announced the winter DC Healthy Start Health Fair on Tuesday January 29th from 11-3 in the lobby of the DC General Hospital. Free health screenings will be available.

Ms. Wilks also announced that it is National Folic Acid Awareness Week.

Mr. Timberlake and Mr. Ogusky both announced that the Center for Minority Studies is having a planning meeting for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on January 23rd at Kelly Miller school.

Mr. Ogusky further announced that Metro Teen AIDS is expanding their clinical services to include more work with infected/affected youth. They are also developing a social marketing campaign that will be seen around the city focusing on youth and HIV.

Adjourned 12:15 pm.

The meetings for February, March and April will be held at the Prince George's County Health Department in Cheverly MD just off the Baltimore Washington Parkway. Directions, a phone number and meeting room location will be sent out asap. The meeting in February will be held on February 7th to accommodate planning for Valentine's Day. The meetings in March and April will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month due to the CDC Prevention Conference.