

DC Greater Washington STD Community Coalition Meeting **Minutes**

Location: Planned Parenthood Egypt Ophelia Program Center
3933 Minnesota Ave SE

Date & Time: June 14, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Tranita Gillis, Colleen Crowley, Daniel Ehlman, Melissa Sellevaag, Sherrice Wise(DCSTD); Jeremy Ogusky (MTA); Hilary Viens, Keanna Faircloth, DeAngelo Braswell (PPMW); Norm Linsky (SCAI); Stephen Hazel (NOVAM); C. Anita Robinson (co-chair)

Meeting Called 10:15am

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve as the last meeting was cancelled.

2. Coalition Subcommittee Updates:

a. Ad Hoc 501 (c) 3: Mr. Ehlman reported that a mission statement was approved by the coalition via email. He distributed a draft copy of the introduction and objectives of the coalition for review. The committee discussed and agreed upon changing the STD to STIs to ensure that the name stays current. Additionally, edits were made to the objectives which Mr. Ehlman stated he will incorporate into the document.

A motion was made to approve the objectives as revised.

Motion passed

Mr. Ehlman then introduced four suggested names for the coalition. The members narrowed the names down to two and then adopted the Sexually Transmitted Infections Community Coalition (STICC) of Metropolitan Washington by voice vote.

The Ad Hoc subcommittee agreed to meet with the pro bono lawyers to discuss the articles of incorporation by the next meeting. Movement has occurred in securing interested persons to serve on the board of directors. Dr. Furness has been able to identify two people who are definitely interested, Norm Linsky and Dr. Terry Gerace, an infectious disease specialist. Other names were discussed and the committee wanted to reiterate the need to have the board members reflective of the community along with having strong connections. Potential names were: Raymond Blanks, Big Tigger, Kevin Merida, Dr. Veronica Jenkins, Effie Barry, Sandy Allen, Stephen Sobhani, DC Allen, Ron Simmons, Gloria Braithweight and Kathy Woodward. The importance of having an adolescent medical specialist as well as a youth or college person on the board was also discussed.

b. Outreach Subcommittee: Ms. Sellevaag reported that the committee has not formally met but at the last scheduled meeting time outreach events were discussed in lieu of the full coalition meeting. The idea of having a summer event was discussed and Mr. Royster shared that the Ward 7 HIV Coalition is holding an event at Fort Dupont Park on August 10th. He stated that the park is reserved and they are currently in the

development stages of planning. He welcomed any involvement from the STD Coalition as the Ward 7 coalition is trying to incorporate STDs more completely in their work.

c. Public Policy Subcommittee: Mr. Linsky reported that meetings with the city council members are currently being scheduled with one definite and one tentative for next week. A conference call should occur prior to that meeting to ensure that a strategy is developed and clear for those meetings. Mr. Linsky provided a call in line for a conference call on Monday at 11:30am.

3. Discussion: School Based Screening Project Update and Next Steps:

Mr. Heath was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update through Ms. Sellevaag. The process continues to move forward and the next step is to have the meetings with the council members and enlist their support. Internally there is some uncertainty as to what will happen with the mayoral takeover of the schools and the appointment of a new school chancellor.

4. Coalition Survey:

Ms. Sellevaag reported that attendance at coalition meetings has been down significantly over the past couple of months. It is unclear if this is due to a busy spring with many events or if people are not interested any more. In an effort to determine the cause a survey was developed to provide coalition members the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions as well as what issues they would like the coalition to focus on. A draft survey was distributed for members to review and the co-chair asked that comments be returned to Ms. Sellevaag by Thursday, June 21 for distribution of the survey.

5. Website Update:

Mr. Ehlman provided an update on the website development. He reported that funding has been approved and a company called Issis will be contracted to develop it. Issis created the San Francisco Free Clinic's website and this one will be similar to it. There will be a link for InSpot.org, a partner notification system on line. The website will be the coalition website and will discuss the DOH SE STD Clinic but there will also be a resource page with a listing of other agencies who provide services. Mr. Ehlman with the assistance of an intern will be collecting information from community based organizations for inclusion on the website.

6. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

Mr. Hazel reported that NOVAM will be conducting HIV testing on National HIV testing day at George Mason and Northern Virginia Community College from 11-4pm.

Hillary Viens of Planned Parenthood reported that there will be a National Testing Day event at their program site to include open mic.

7. Meeting Evaluations

Adjourn at 11:15am.

Next Meeting July 12, 2007 10:00am

Please remember to complete the online survey through survey monkey. Use the link provided to go directly to the site.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9ZRrOSwZO2hxA5yXMK8wRw_3d_3d