

Sexually Transmitted Infection Community Coalition Meeting

Minutes

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

Date & Time: September 13, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Emmanuel Pupilampu, Paulette Jackson, Nicole Amado, Colleen Crowley, John Heath, Melissa Sellevaag (DCSTD), Letitia Black (DCDOH) Irwin Royster (PPMW); Martha Andom (Arlington Co HD), Kenya (Unity), Victor Robinson (Alexandria HD)

Meeting Called 10:12am

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from August 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 was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written update. There have been no changes in the previously identified board members. At the August meeting members were charged with identifying possible board members from Maryland, Virginia, a female and someone with children's health/advocacy experience. No members reported identifying anyone to add to the list. Additionally, members were charged with identifying new people to recruit for STICC's general membership. Ms. Sellevaag reported that she has discussed joining STICC with a representative of Prevention Works! as well as Sasha Bruce Youthworks, both had conflicting meetings this month. No other suggestions were identified.

The outreach subcommittee was called to convene after this meeting however, as a result of the small number of attendees outreach was discussed during the regular meeting time. Halloween is on a Wednesday this year and representatives from VA and DC were charged to identify if events were happening on the day of Halloween or the weekend before. *Ms. Andom and Mr. Robinson agreed to identify some locations that youth will frequent on this holiday, Mr. Pupilampu will check with Ms. Stovall of Montgomery County Maryland and Ms. Sellevaag will identify areas in DC.* Halloween condom packets will be assembled and distributed in the different jurisdictions; youth will help with all aspects of this process. Agencies and clinics should feel free to include their information in the packet. *The group will meet via conference call on the 27th to discuss progress.*

3. Coalition Website Development Status:

Mr. Ehlman reported via written report that the website continues in its development phase. On both the STICC website and the InSpot.org site there will be links to the websites of each member agency. When the websites are finalized and functional Mr. Ehlman will contact each agency to confirm their information and that they agree to have it displayed. InSpot is in the review phase and should be operational soon.

4. School Screening Update:

Mr. Heath reported that the committee is currently finalizing documents and determining what steps need to be completed to move forward.

5. Strategic Planning for STICC

Mr. Royster facilitated a discussion around the strategic plan. Mr. Royster suggested that a two day retreat be held over a weekend to develop the strategic plan. The group suggested that it start on a Friday and continue on Saturday morning. Mr. Royster stated that to hold this retreat grant funding will be necessary to pay for the space, food and facilitator.

Mr. Heath suggested that STICC look at other successful coalitions and assess what makes them successful and able to retain members. He offered that members need to feel as if they are benefiting by attending and that other coalitions are able to leverage resources. Ms. Crowley commented that STICC is a community coalition but the community is not represented on the coalition, how we engage the community-do we need to look at the time and location. *Ms. Amado offered to update the current membership list.* Several members identified not being clear about how their agency benefits from attending but continue to come as their agency requests them to. *Ms. Crowley suggested that the Steering Committee meet to discuss strategic planning and identify next steps.*

7. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

Mr. Royster announced that Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington was collaborating with APRA for the Step-Up Be Ready Event in NE on September 29th at Hunt Pl NE. There will be STD/HIV testing.

Ms. Andom reported that Arlington County will be conducting a health fair in the Nauck community of Arlington on Saturday September 15th.

The DC Mayor's office on Latino Affairs will be hosting a health fair on Saturday September 15th at 18th and Columbia Rd NW, the DC STD Program will be testing.

Adjourn at 11:12am.

Next Meeting October 11, 2007 at the Arlington County Health Department the Fenwick Building, located at 800 S. Walter Reed Dr., Arlington, VA 22204. Main

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