

Rhode Island Community Planning Group for HIV Prevention Minutes

Minutes recorded by: Alison Merkman UPTYME Prevention Services

Date: May 12, 2005

Time: 4:00-8:00PM

Location: 260 West Exchange Street Suite 301 Providence, RI (DATA Training Center)

Taskforce Updates:

Meeting Objectives Lorraine Kaul, CPG Facilitator reviewed the meeting objectives as follows: Members will: vote for new members, be updated on PSI testing campaign plans, learn how to use the task force workbook and be updated on Committee and Task force progress.

Present: Elisa Delbonis, Paul Loberti, Lucille Minuto, Stephanie Howie, Philip Kane, Jeremy Giller, Susana Rhodes, Derrill Isom, Vinnie Velazquez Deb Davis, Allison Merkman, Lorraine Kaul

Roll Call: Excused Dee Dee Williams, Pat Threats. Unexcused Midge Sabatini and Tina Shepard.

Elisa DelBonis, Co-Chair Chair called the meeting to order.

PSI Report: Jennifer Leny and Shannon Sansonetti presented their testing campaign concepts and plan. Phase I will be a general awareness campaign of Rhode Island's HIV Hotline and website using a combination of billboard, postcard and radio advertising. Phase II will target all at-risk populations, that will include MSM, IDUs, Women and Youth. The members provided feedback for consideration in the campaign.

Vote on New Members: Deb Davis, Empowerment Committee Chair presented five new candidates for membership.

Jacinta Pena- Works at Progreso Latino HIV prevention, knowledgeable in HIV, has support of the agency will represent Progreso Latino, interested in being a voice for the Latino's. Jacinta identifies as Latino, female in her 40's.

Eleanor Brown McSwain (Candy)-Founder and Director of Destiny house, interested in improving accessibility & availability services to youth, experience as a trainer/facilitator, multicultural-cape verdean, Native American and black. Candy identifies as female over fifty. Candy will be joining as a community representative.

Emanuel J. Brown, Jr.-Has worked in substance abuse field, very knowledgeable in HIV, desires to empower and advocate for persons living with virus, multi-lingual-proficient in Japanese's, French and Spanish. Emanuel identifies as black male living with virus. Emanuel will be joining as a community representative.

Donald Laliberte-TMH-Project Bridge-Clinical social worker/clients are HIV positive, works hard for causes to which committed to. Previously worked at the providence center. Don identifies as white, gay male in his forty's. Don is still deciding whether he will be a community or agency representative. He will speak further with his agency.

Francine Knowles- Psychiatric nurse practitioner-mental health and substance abuse professional, previous member of cpg, experience in community planning. Francine identifies as white female over fifty. Francine is joining as a community representative.

The members voted to accept all candidates as new members.

- ⌘ Candy Unanimous
- ⌘ Jacinta Unanimous
- ⌘ Emanuel one abstention
- ⌘ Don two abstentions
- ⌘ Francine Knowles Unanimous

Elisa reviewed Orientation training plan scheduled for June meeting, she asked everyone to be on time. She reminded the members, that the meeting will be long, we have 5 new members attending, Steve will be presenting the EPI profile, and there will be no July meeting. Jen distributed and reviewed the CPG Orientation training curriculum guide. They discussed the order of the presentations.

All agreed to have the Epidemiology information presented after the Orientation training.

Task force workbook training- Paul distributed taskforce workbooks and copies of his PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the workbook steps in detail.

MSM: No new update

Woman: No new update

IDU: Lucille reported that Frank Spicola is interested in becoming a member; The Committee has been discussing needle exchange and a community pilot program. Encore and MAP will be working together to get syringes into the community.

Youth: Lorraine reported that the Youth Task force is now back together again and will be meeting next week.

Committee Updates:

REACH: Jenn distributed fall training dates and the spring 2005 training summary.

Empowerment: Requested a leave of absent for Geneva Brown from July until August. Vote was taken 5 yes's, 2 abstentions. Geneva Brown will be granted the leave.

Community Programs Updates: Candle light May 15, 2005 6pm-8pm at Episcopal Cathedral of St Johns 275 N Main street Providence. Walk for Life 6-5-05. Black Tie Event May 22, 2005. Paul will be going to China on May 20, 2005 for two weeks.

Community Presentation Schedule: Lorraine reviewed the tentative community speaker schedule as proposed by the Co-chairs. Vinnie agreed to speak for MAP at the August meeting.

Proposed Community Speaker Schedule for 2005

MAP	AUG
URBAN LEAGUE	SEPT
SOJOURNER HOUSE	OCT
YOUTH IN ACTION	NOV
NEEDLE EXCHANGE	DEC
THUNDERMIST	JAN
CROSS ROADS	FEB
DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS	MAR

New Business: Susanna Rhodes reported that the Clarendon group will e-mail the website design draft for feedback. Also Clarendon Group was received first place honors in the Lamplight Award for the design of the RICPG 2004 Plan Summary. Susanna announced that it was a shared award with the RICPG.

Lorraine announced that members that are participating in the Stipend program should complete their own stipend form and include the dates of attendance in Committee meetings.

She said that this would help expedite the check turnaround time.

Review of Meetings Objectives:

Lorraine reviewed the meeting objectives. The members agreed that all objectives were all met. Written evaluation forms were completed and returned to Lorraine.

Meeting adjourned -7:30PM