

Rhode Island Community Planning Group for HIV Prevention Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2006

Time: 4:45-7:45PM

Place: Dept of Corrections Administration Building-A Conference Room

Present: Paul Loberti, Phil Kane, Stephanie Howie, Don Lalibere, Lorraine Kaul, Lucille Minuto, Nathalie Mena, Jenn Steinfeld, Jeremy Giller, Jamie Hull, Dee Dee Williams, Deb Davis,

Call to Order: Dee Dee Williams called the meeting to order at 4:55PM

Introductions: Lorraine Kaul began with an icebreaker activity.

Roll Call: Candy Brown-Mcswain (excused) Pat Threats (excused) Vinnie Velasquez (excused)

Quorum Announced by Lorraine Kaul:

Lorraine reviewed the objectives for the Meeting.

Program Updates: Melissa and Gail from Miriam Hospital spoke to the group about vaccine trials, how they are hoping to get a vaccine for HIV-AIDS. They reviewed the process of their study and then had a question, answer and dialogue session at the end.

Taskforce Updates:

IDU- Lucille reported that the taskforce met on May 8th, the last meeting they looked over IDU data and found a lot of problems with insurance coverage for Mental Health and Substance Abuse. They discussed access to care issues.

WOMEN- Dee Dee reported no new information since last report the task force will be meeting May 17th at 12:00 at the Dix Building more information to follow.

MSM- Phil reported that the MSM task force have not met. They are in the process of regrouping. Lucille stated MSM has a program on testing, and that JSI will be working with them. Update to follow.

Youth-Nathalie reported that the Youth task force has been working on recruiting. Their application, cover letter and fliers will be out in June. At the next meeting Nathalie will go over her survey. The next youth meeting will be on Wednesday 17th at 4:00PM at Casey Family Services downstairs.

Community Capacity Committee Discussion: Deb Davis reported the CCC met on April 27,2006, they set up three interviews for potential new members there was one no-show, one cancellation, and one interview. Also they discussed the membership gap they are looking recruits from the following groups.

- 1) HIV Posiitive
- 2) African American Males
- 3) African American Gay/ MSM
- 4) IDU In Recovery.

They also discussed the charter revision. They are also still working on correcting items that were repeated in the Rules of Order document. The group voted to get rid of that section since the information was repeated in other places. The next CCC meeting is on May 25, 2006 from 6:00PM - 8:00PM at the North Providence Library.

Vote on New Member: Deb Davis reported they interviewed one candidate Antonio Rodriguez he identifies as a Youth Latino and has personal experience with HIV in a family member. Deb made motion to accept Antonio as a new youth member. The Motion was 2nd by Phil. The motion was accepted by unanimous vote.

2007 Plan update: Lucille reported that the group needed to begin placing this discussion on their agenda. They will need to be making decisions about what data they will look at to determine priority populations. In August Lucille and Paul will start working on 2007 Plan they will look at programming, funding, community assessment and gaps. They will bring the results of their work to the group.

Annual Event/RRR: Paul spoke about the RRR. He proposed the idea to consider focusing on Legislators this year. He said he was open for any other ideas, comments or suggestions. Discussion ensued on where to have the rally, what time of day, who to invite, if there should be food etc. This will be put on the agenda the next meeting.

Reach Training: Jenn passed out information on potential training classes for Fall 2006. She reviewed with the group some information on past training. Also she talked about hosting a gathering like *Brown Bag Lunch* exchange. She will budget in the Top six requests and follow up further discussion about the training offerings at the CCC meeting.

Old Business: Lorraine asked the members to accept the assignment to recruit specific people to fill the membership gaps. All agreed. Nathalie said, she did not have personal connections with this population, but that she would place a recruitment announcement at school. Lorraine concluded that if all members follow up on this assignment that it's a high probability that we will have our gaps filled within a few months.

Lorraine announced that Midge was not able to come to this meeting but will attend the next meeting to say good-bye to everyone.

New Business: The Ryan White Act is being voted on and not looking good for City. More information will be available on the close of business on Friday.

Lorraine announced that she had sent an e-mail out announcing that Elisa has resigned; due to responsibilities with her new job, she is not able to make the meetings.

Dee Dee announced that there will be no CPG meeting in June do to the Retreat and Summit.

Review Objectives & Evaluation/Adjourn:

Lorraine reviewed the meeting objectives and requested that the people complete the meeting evaluation form. There was a verbal consensus that the meeting was informative and all the objectives were met.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

The meeting closed with the traditional Red Ribbon Raffle

