

**HIV Planning Group Meeting Minutes**  
 Park Inn Mechanicsburg  
 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050  
 March 14, 2018

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<b>Call to Order:</b> Michael Hellman called meeting to order at 9:02 am	Meeting commenced at 9:02am
<p><b>Introductions:</b> HPG Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p><b>Members Present:</b> Sonny Concepcion, James Davis, Sharita Flaherty, Michael Hellman, Teresa Lowery, Shannon McElroy, Steven Nazario, Jessica Netto, Robert Pompa, Clint Steib, Herman Wilson, Michael Witmer</p> <p><b>Members Absent:</b> Aaron Arnold, Miriam DeGroat, John Easter, Jamal Jackson, Leah Magagnotti, Zack Ways</p> <p><b>Planning Partners Present:</b> Jamie Durocher (DOH TB), Doris Gascot, Kristine King (DOH STD), Bonnie Krampe (DOH), Kalene Morozumin (MAAETC), Godwin Obiri (EPI), Barbara Quinn (PADDAP), Mari Ross-Russell (Philly Office of HIV Planning), Gregory Seaney (AACO), Nicholas Slotterback (PA DOE), Joanne Valentino (DOH HIV), Nicole Risner (DHS), Jim Davis (NE HIV Planning)</p> <p><b>Planning Members Absent:</b> David Saunders (Health Equity), Linda Frank (MAAETC)</p> <p><b>Department of Health Staff:</b> Kyle Fait, Cindy Findley, Cheryl Henne, Sean Hoffman, Diane Kennedy, Monisola Malomo, Julia Montgomery, Marijane Salem-Noll, Jonathan Steiner, Sara Luby, Christine Quimby, Don Price, Jill Garland, Janae Tyler, Don Price, Michelle Clarke, Michelle Rossi, Justin Hentz</p> <p><b>University of Pittsburgh Staff:</b> David Givens, Brian Adams, Sarah Krier, Corrine Bozich, Michael Zolovich</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Jeff Funston (DHS), Jeremy Sander (PHETI), Susan Thompson (MAETC), Linda Stoss (SCDO DOH), Laura Taylor (Philly Housing), Liza Conyers (PHETI), Lou Montefiore (CCN Pharmacy), Howell Strauss (AIDS Care Group), Ann Furgeson (AIDS Care Group), Rebecca Geiser (Pinnacle)</p>	<p>Began at 9:03am</p> <p>Ended at 9:08am</p>

<p><b><u>Review of March 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda</u></b> Mike Hellman</p>	<p>Began at 9:09am</p>
<p><b><u>Approval of January Meeting Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Correction: Jill asked that the word “borough” be changed to “bureau” in the fourth line down on the second page</p>	<p>Ended at 9:10am</p> <p>Began at 9:11am</p> <p>Motion to approve: Approved at 9:13am</p>
<p><b><u>Announcements/Updates</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Division of HIV Disease DOH:</u></b></p> <p><b>Jill Garland (Director, Division of HIV Disease):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please remember to try to refrain from using acronyms in front of new members</li> <li>• 18 members Department of Health STD field staff has previously worked under another bureau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Now they are under the Division of HIV</li> <li>○ Wanted to have one community health supervisor, but we will actually hire two to monitor 18 people- one person in eastern part of the state and one in the western</li> <li>○ We are actively trying to get these positions filled</li> <li>○ Are also trying to get field staff to cover the north west</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Mari Jane Salem-Noll (Prevention Section)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on closing out CDC grant that ended 12/31/18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Final report for 2017 and entire grant</li> <li>○ Due by March 31<sup>st</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Working on new grants for the health departments that will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> and last for 3 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We got more funding for the grants, which we haven’t been able to do for a while- yay!</li> <li>○ Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, with some additional requirements such as referral for PrEP and HIV navigation services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Starting to implement work plan objectives as part of the grant that started January 1<sup>st</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prevention partners and contractors are working with us to implement those</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michelle Rossi- our PrEP coordinator. She will try to expand HIV Navigation program for our section</li> <li>○ Justin Hence- new Public Health program administrator- took over for Katina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will be a project officer for some of the health department grants and the testing PPAs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Julia Montgomery (Care Section)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Quality Manager position open in the department of health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Was Janine Strick’s position</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Public Health Program Assistant Administrator</li> </ul>	<p>Began at 9:14am</p>

- Will serve as a Project Officer for the regional agreements we hold
- Waiting for a start date for the individual we have selected
- Staff trying to renew and finalize 2018/2019 grants for seven areas across the state that provide support services
  - Trying to include Ryan White, HOPWA, and state dollars in them
- Finishing up regional monitoring of each region next week
- Been traveling across the state to meet with each region on their program standards
  - Ryan White document is a working document- will be taking revisions
- Notice from HRSA- 2018 award will be a partial award and will start on April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Will receive the remaining balance later of the full award later in the year
- Joanne Valentino submitted 2017 report for HOPWA
  - Annual report of all services we provided in PA

**Cheryl Henne (SPBP Program Manager):**

- Customer service line (CSL) that works directly with clients
  - In the process of moving towards a new vendor
  - Staff has demo set up to see potential changes
- Have an annual ADR (Adapt Data Report) that is due in June (soft deadline in April)
  - Complete report on client services that we have provided- drug claims, clients, breakdown of demographics, who we've helped, how we've spent our dollars, etc.
  - Sean has been working on that
- We had to put together policy book, as per our last visit
  - We've rearranged it and reformatted it and are putting it together now to make it more user friendly
  - Will help those new to the CSL
  - Want to eventually use it for case managers and clients themselves- maybe even post it on website
- Medicaid back billing
  - As per our site visit
  - If a client became Medicaid eligible and we provided any medication during that time, we have to reconcile with Medicaid and receive funding back on those meds
  - Collecting data on that now to get a sense of what amount it is.
- Insurance premium program
  - Looks to pay for insurance premiums for clients rather than straight claims
  - Ran into some legal considerations and some insurance providers who are willing to carry those with HIV aren't so eager to sign on
  - After the legal proceedings, we will look at the providers
- MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) program
  - Tries to tie minorities back into service and enroll them in ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program)

- Jewish Health Care Foundation out of Pittsburgh helps us-processing RFPs (requests for proposals) currently and trying to finalize them
- Hopefully we will have new people who want to provide these services
- Agreements would be effective as of July
- Express application
  - Finally ready to roll out
  - First mailing on April 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Group who reenroll in May will be the first to use it
  - It is a one page document
  - If nothing has changed, they sign it and send it back. If something has changed, they just provide documentation and send the application back
  - Clients must fill out full application annually and the express application every 6 months
- Full application...
  - Online application is progressing slowly
  - Each of our staff will be assigned a sandbox- they will be able to go in as if they were a client enrolling and make sure everything is working how it should
  - Programmers will be on site and will see any changes immediately
  - Hopefully this will be in the summer
- Rebates from drug manufacturers is where a lot of our funding comes from
  - Gilead has put out a new agreement
  - We will fall somewhere between losing 30 million dollars and losing nothing
  - We will keep our eye on this

**Jill Garland (Director, Division of HIV Disease):**

- Some of us attended the 340B conference in San Diego
  - 340B- federal discount drug program
  - Learned about possible changes to the program while we were there
- Rebates- large part of what supports our program
  - Come from federally mandated 340B program
  - After our site visit from HRSA (who gives us Ryan White dollars) our rebate dollars have to be used as if they were Ryan White dollars
  - Has allowed us (along with EPI and our allocation resource model) to increase funding all over the regions according to need
- 5 million dollar cut in governor's new budget plan
  - Since we have rebates to spend, it does look like we might be able to survive the cut if it does happen
  - Might have to scale back a couple new issues but might not have to cut anything completely
  - Hepatitis initiatives funding might see a cut
- Trying to Viral Hepatitis Coordinator position
- Partial award Julia mentioned is not uncommon

- Waiting on HOPWA award
- 5 year spend plan- a result of HRSA visit after we accumulated a large pile of money
  - Want to expand dollars over the course of five years
  - Identified some big-ticket items we want to address with those funds
    - Wanted to do a media campaign
    - Representative will be in later today to hear what we want in it
- Julia Montgomery is retiring on April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Been with Department of Health over 22 years, and Division of HIV over 14 years
  - We'll miss you, but we wish you well! Congratulations, Julia!

**Epidemiology:**

**Dr. Godwin Obiri (Epi DOH):**

- Reporting regulations
  - Proposed change in HIV reporting regulations
    - Would require reporting of all viral load test results
    - As of this week, we were able to send package and get it under review
    - It's already been approved by one person- a lot of progress!
    - Secretary of Health approves next
    - We are very happy!
- HIV investigation currently underway in Beaver county
  - Increase in HIV diagnoses and gonorrhea
  - More than usual number of HIV diagnoses
  - Current grant that started in January requires us monitor areas that are affected
- CDC requires us to monitor data to care
  - Trying to fill position to monitor it
  - Once we have that, we will be fully staffed to move forward
- Sent a draft of MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) last year
  - Unfortunately, it was rejected by Department of Human Services
  - Since then we have been informed of additional information- the effort at the national level to encourage collaboration between the Department of Health and Department of Human Services
  - Hopefully new info will compel them to let us have access to the information
  - MOU is for our need to Medicaid data
    - Need the data to augment the data we currently have
    - So when we do data to care, we will have sufficient data to move forward

**HIV Prevention and Care Project (HPCP):**

## **David Givens: (University of Pittsburgh)**

- Announcements
  - We take careful note of the announcements (and minutes) to share with all of you and our stakeholders across the state as part of our stakeholder engagement plan
  - This is one way to help keep more people informed of the good work the HPG is doing
- Evaluations
  - We want to know how we are doing and how the meetings are going
  - Please do them and return them to anyone from Pitt! We want to know how you feel about the meetings
- AIDS VU
  - Tracks national data and now PrEP data!
  - It's available for the state of PA. Check it out online at [aidsvu.org](http://aidsvu.org).
- Silk Allentown
  - In the news recently; see our handout. This diffusion was recommended by the HPG.
- AIDS Free Pittsburgh
  - We have been supporting their PrEP campaign
  - It will be doing a lot of PrEP programs and messaging/billboards in Pittsburgh, especially during Pride
- Ron Johnson was a founding member of our group. He passed away recently
  - December 12<sup>th</sup> is Ron Johnson day in Pittsburgh
  - We want to remember him and his work [Clip of Ron Johnson Day, Pittsburgh City Council]
  - HPG members spoke about their memories of Ron and his work

## **Philadelphia Planning:**

### **Mari Ross-Russell and Gregory Seaney**

- Planning office completed consumer survey report- find it on back table
- In the process of updating integrated plan- entering baseline data so we can measure from one point forward
- Updating [hivphilly.org](http://hivphilly.org)
  - Has a searchable database for services in our nine county area
  - Can search services, insurance type, zip code, county, etc. and it will list all services available
- Institute Training at the end of this month
  - March 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>
  - For middle to upper management from community based organizations providing HIV prevention and treatment care services
  - Called "No New Infections"
  - Will focus on strategic alliances, resource development, And sustainability issues

- Philly announced on January 23<sup>rd</sup> that it will be encouraging private sector development of comprehensive user engagement sites for individuals who experiencing substance abuse disorders
- Department of Health launched a campaign encouraging residents to carry and use Naloxone

**Community Members:**

**Rob Pompa**

- What is Gilliad doing differently?
  - Cheryl
    - They claim they need to right size the rebates they're providing or the discount
    - We reimburse at the full price then turn around and let them know how many claims we've filled
    - They are challenging the right to receive a rebate on something we didn't contribute enough to
- On attestation form, if I receive a 2% increase but am still below the poverty line, do I still need to report it?
  - Cheryl- Any change that happens needs to be provided
- On the 340B, is there any way we can add inclusion riders?
  - Jill- HRSA Ryan White grant says that any rebates generated through our ADAP program as a result of the federal Ryan White program have to be utilized prior to RW grant dollars.
  - Because of that, the dollars must follow the same Ryan White grant rules (same services, eligibility, etc.)
  - Rebates themselves are generated as a result of the 340B program
  - This is our requirement, but if an entity receives RW part B dollars, that does enable them to potentially be a 340B entity. They must go to HRSA and apply on their own. We have no involvement in how they run
- Will try to discuss inclusion riders during subcommittee time

**Planning Partners:**

**MAAETC**

- maaetc.org
  - If you sign up you can attend webinars or have access to any past webinars
- Women's health Conference on April 18<sup>th</sup>- 30 minutes north of Pittsburgh
  - Will look at HIV, PrEP, Hep C, and substance use in women
- March is Minority health month- have two webinars
  - HIV Care for Foreign Born Women- March 21<sup>st</sup> at noon
  - How to use Trauma Informed Care to Address Health Disparities with HIV - March 28<sup>th</sup>
- May 15<sup>th</sup>- evening update in Erie
- Will cover STIs and PrEP

- Can sign up on website. There is a small fee
- WAD (World AIDS Day)- planning now since it's the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our grant
  - Trying to make it big
  - Doing a poster session this year. Call for abstracts is out

### **Guests/ Miscellaneous**

#### **MMP (Medical Monitoring Project)**

- We randomly take a sample of people diagnosed with HIV and take a questionnaire for the CDC- inquire about their live, if they're in care, what services they need, etc.
  - We used to go through providers- now we try to contact them directly via cold calling
  - Need 10 more people to meet our goal, have two today
  - CDC takes our numbers and puts out a report. Hopefully Moni can use the 2015 data we just got back
  - Please let us know if there's anything you want on the questionnaire
  - Gave out \$75 gift cards for taking up people's time
- Rob is going down to the CDC and talk to our people at the end of December
- Jill- thinks we can learn and partner more with MMP since they work with people who have HIV
  - This might provide some unique opportunities for us to work together and it may help us to learn about experiences that will inform the work we do
  - Looking forward to working more closely with them

#### **Jeremy Sandberg (PA Expanded HIV Testing Initiative)**

- CDC funded collaboration with PA Department of Health to implement the CDC's 2016 recommendations on expanded HIV testing and the 2017 recommendations on integrated HIV testing
- Work with corrections and clinical sites across PA to provide support, training, and reduced testing cost or free testing for care providers
- Are looking to cover the map, so if you know of a region then let Jeremy know
- Looking to incorporating PrEP into our message- will be working with Mari
- Please come speak with us

#### **Johnathan Steiner**

- Contract for 60 second test has been approved by Department of General Services
  - Will be looking to state providers to use it
  - It is an antibody only test
  - Not FDA approved yet

#### **Sara Luby**

- LGBTQ History Month Planning team



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In observance of LGBTQ health awareness week, we are holding a mini health fair in the capital building on Thursday, March 29th from 10am-2pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Kristine King</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April is National STD Awareness month</li> <li>• We focus on providing more education community based organization, getting the word out on our website, and taking every opportunity that comes our way to present a greater push for awareness</li> </ul>	<p>Ended at 10:24am</p>
<p><b><u>BREAK</u></b></p>	<p>Began at 10:25am</p> <p>Ended at 10:40am</p>
<p><b><u>The History of the HPG Presentation</u></b> Sharita Flaherty</p>	<p>Began at 10:41am</p> <p>Ended at 11:20am</p>
<p><b><u>HPG Members &amp; Partners Icebreaker</u></b> Sara Luby</p>	<p>Began at 11:21am</p> <p>Ended at 11:36am</p>
<p><b><u>HPG Member, Roles, and Responsibilities</u></b> Mike Hellman</p>	<p>Began at 11:37am</p> <p>Ended at 11:55</p>
<p><b><u>LUNCH</u></b></p>	<p>Started at 12pm</p> <p>Ended at 1:06pm</p>
<p><b><u>Division of HIV Disease Overview</u></b> Division Staff</p>	<p>Began at 1:07pm</p> <p>Ended at 2:32pm</p>
<p><b><u>HPG Support Staff Overview</u></b> HPCP Staff</p>	<p>Began at 2:33pm</p> <p>Ended at 2:53pm</p>
<p><b><u>BREAK</u></b></p>	<p>Started at 2:54pm</p> <p>Ended at 3:05pm</p>
<p><b><u>HPG Focus Group: PA Anti-Stigma Campaign</u></b> April L. Hutcheson, Communications Director, PA Department of Health Communications</p>	<p>Started at 3:06pm</p> <p>Ended at 4:03pm</p>
<p><b><u>HPG Welcome Reception</u></b></p>	<p>Started at 4:04pm</p>

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**HPG Steering Committee**

Began at 3pm  
Ended at 4pm