

r HIV Planning Group Meeting Minutes
 Park Inn Mechanicsburg
 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
 September 13, 2017

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<p>Call to Order: DOH Co-Chair Jill Garland called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM and announced that Mike Hellman and Sharita Flaherty are sick. Janae Tyler will serve as community co-chair for this meeting. Chris Kuphick resigned from the HPG due to competing obligations but hopes to join again in the future.</p>	<p>Meeting commenced at 9:04am</p>
<p>Introductions: HPG Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p>Members Present: Aaron Arnold, Dr. Teresa Lowery, Leah Maganotti, Miriam DeGroat, Chris Garnett, Lou Ann Masden, Jess Netto, Rob Pompa, Janae Tyler, Michael Witmer, Clint Steib, Steven Nazaro, John Easter</p> <p>[Members Absent: Mike Hellman, Sharita Flaherty, Jamal Jackson]</p> <p>Planning Partners Present: Shirley Murphy (MAAETC), John Haines (SPBP Advisory Council), Nicole Johns (Philly HIV Planning), Trisha Mader (Mental Health), Nicole Risner (Medical Assistance), Joanne Valentino (HOPWA), Michelle Rossi (STD Program), Jamie Durocher (TB Program), Dr. Godwin Obiri (HIV Surveillance), Barbara Quinn (Drug & Alcohol), Gregory Seaney-Ariano (RW HRSA Part A Grantee), Nicholas Slotterback (Education), Doris Gascot (Mental Health), Charlie Howsare (Viral Hepatitis)</p> <p>Planning Members Absent: David Saunders (Office of Health Equity), Richard Wenhold (Corrections), Joanne Valentino (HOPWA)</p> <p>Guests: Jeremy Sandberg (PEHTI), Kelly Sebastian (DHS), Megan Snowater (AIDS Care Group), Jim Ealy (AIDS Care Group)</p> <p>Department of Health Staff: Jill Garland, Julia Montgomery, Sara Luby, Monisola Malomo, Cheryl Henne, Marijane Salem-Noll, Kyle Fait, Cindy Findley, Sean Hoffman, Janine Strick, Whitney Kerr, Lisa Petruscu</p> <p>University of Pittsburgh Staff: David Givens, Sarah Krier, Brian Adams, Daniel Hinkson</p>	<p>Began at 9:06am</p>

<p><u>Review of September 13th & 14th Agenda</u> Jill Garland</p>	<p>Began at 9:10am</p>
<p><u>Approval of July Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>Correction: Lou Ann Masden asked that her name be corrected in the minutes from Lori Ann (typo) to Lou Ann. Sorry, Lou Ann!</p>	<p>Began at 9:13am Motion to approve: Lou Ann Masden Second motion: Aaron Arnold</p>
<p><u>Announcements/Updates</u></p> <p><u>Division of HIV Disease DOH:</u></p> <p>Mari Jane Salem-Noll (Prevention Section):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We submitted the Integrated Surveillance and HIV prevention Grant as of yesterday. Most of our focus has been on this grant for the past three months. • We’re doing monitoring of our health departments this fall, starting in October. • We’re wrapping up monitoring reports of our 19 test providers. We did site visits late spring/early summer. • My old position...we wrapped up the interviews. We will probably be making a recommendation towards the end of the week to fill that position. Hopefully by the next time we meet, you will get to meet the new, what I’m calling, the “Grants Management Program Administrator” for Prevention. <p>Monisola Malomo (Epi DOH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are awaiting news from two providers to support the data to care initiative..... <p>Julia Montgomery (Care Section):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a HRSA “Reverse Site” visit two weeks ago- everything you ever wanted to know about Part B. It was like “drinking from a firehose in legislation and requirements around the Ryan White program. We had 6 staff attend who are relatively new to the HRSA oversight • Suzanne and I went to the U.S. conference on AIDS. Nancy Pelosi was one of the keynote speakers during the conference. She is a huge advocate of Ryan White, HIV Programming, HIV Services, and it was very refreshing to hear that she is very dedicated to ensuring that funding is maintained for the services we provide. • Staff are beginning to schedule and half schedule monitoring visits to the regional sub recipients. • We’ve almost completed “Subsequent Available Funds” documents for all of the regions to put out more Ryan White dollars and more Ryan White eligible services. • Whitney is our new Program Officer for several of the Ryan White Care sub-recipients. 	

- We are working to implement a data to care initiative within the Division of HIV Disease – you utilize the data for people living with HIV to link them into care and to reach out to find them and reengage them in care. We are hiring a coordinator to do this and will be working with Bureau of EPI. We will be working to develop policies and protocols.
- Leonard Janson is no longer working with us – your data concerns can be sent to me in the meantime.

Janine Streck:

- Program service standards have been completed and sent out and you also have a copy – if you have questions or comments you can email me. This is part of our requirement of HRSA to make sure our funds are distributed in a standard manner.

Cheryl Henne (SPBP Program Manager):

- Medicare Part C and D Enrollment phase- letters have been sent out
- Assurance Premium Assistance Initiative- slated to begin providing coverage in January 2018. More info coming as we get closer
- The online application process has been tied to the premium assistance and is being worked on.
- We are working on putting together a policy and procedure book – we are creating a document that will be helpful in one composite documents and flow to that.
- We are developing monitoring tools for MAI in response to HRSA visit, monitoring the PA Department of Aging, and also Magellan Health Services.
- Some enhancements to the customer service line are being made- Gets customer service rep to customer’s file faster to expedite the process.
- Activities – we had some folks from SPBP attend the reverse site visit.
- Upcoming Events:
- Monitoring process will begin for MAI beginning in October
- Will have representation at the Pennsylvania Inter-Professional HIV Conference

Sara Luby:

- October is LGBTQ history month at DOH and we have a bunch of activities for lunch and learns.
- A lot of promos and marketing will be placed around the Commonwealth

Kyle Fait:

- Sara Luby has been facilitating our meetings so we’d like to thank her.
- We are doing a spirit day with purple shirts.
- We are having a Pitt Acceptance Journeys event in Strawberry Square.
- We are doing a transgender veterans panel.
- Dr. Levine will do a panel discussion.
- We will do one more event on Intersectionality.

- We are also hoping to do a proclamation from the Governor – working on that now.
 - Continuing to build on what we did last year
 - If anybody in the area could attend the events or spread the word about these events once the information comes out, that would be great!

Jill Garland (Director, Division of HIV Disease):

- If you're a Ryan White Part B provider
 - As of the 2017 federal fiscal year, we are required to have written service standards that we ensure all services provided by Ryan White Part B funds are provided in a standard manner
- Currently the Program Services Standards is entering its final draft
 - We are asking for feedback before implementation
 - These will be part of the requirements of the new grant with the regions and providers that go into effect July 1st, 2018 (start of new grant year)
- The latest federal budget proposal does fund CDC and HRSA at level funding.
- HOPWA - we will see a small increase in funding from them.
- We have permission to post this integrated plan on our website – it was approved to be posted and will have it posted as early as next week. There will also a link to it from StopHIV.
- We are working on spending plans – we prepared our state fiscal 2018-2019 to really look at our plans and make changes where necessary in light of our new structure.
- “New Structure”

Through the SPBP we collect a significant amount of rebates through drug purchases

- Over the years, the accounting/payment structure didn't allow us to use rebate dollars prior to using Ryan White dollars
- “New structure”- made some changes moving forward that will allows us to use the Ryan White dollars prior to drawing down any grant dollars
- Because we get a large number of rebate dollars we are determining how to use those.
- This will help us get the dollars out in advance so we are not spending funding at the last minute
- That means we will be able to put additional funds into providing services and resources to clients.
- We are pleased to have this mechanism in place for RW eligible services.
- We've been in discussion with NASTAD lately over trying to redefine what eligible Ryan White services are

- Traditionally: services for individuals who are HIV positive, eligible, and in the Ryan White Program
- Trying to explore other opportunities, like early intervention and disease intervention work

Epidemiology:

Dr. Godwin Obiri (Epi DOH):

- Our annual report has been approved and is on our website.

Monisola Malomo (Epi DOH):

- We are awaiting news from two providers to support the data to care initiative.

HIV Prevention and Care Project (HPCP):

David Givens: (University of Pittsburgh);

- Want to recognize our staff member Deb Dennison, our Capacity Building Lead Trainer for Prevention and Cultural Competency around the state
 - Was recently recognized by the CDC- her training materials were incorporated into official CDC training materials for the Willow Prevention
 - She was also asked to speak the U.S. Conference on Aids (USCA) for a panel on successes in Faith Initiatives around HIV prevention
- Filled Project Coordinator position
 - We are pleased to welcome Michael Zolovich who will be joining us later this month
 - You will all get to meet him in November
- Also hiring a new planning position for our team
 - Have submitted a name to Pitt
 - You will hopefully get to meet them in November as well
- Enrollment for ACA will start on Nov.1 and end Dec.15th which is half the time and is not being communicated. Please spread the word.

Sara Krier: (University of Pittsburgh):

- We will be doing an AJ event on Wednesday October 18th, from 10-2
- The Massey family from Acceptance Journeys will be joining us to share their story and experiences with this intervention

Philadelphia Planning:

Nicole Johns (Office of HIV Planning):

- We received feedback on our plan and we will address a few minor changes.
- We did complete allocation process for fiscal 2018 and planning group approved that.

- Prevention Committee started work in July on Prevention related activities
 - Will hopefully be able to fill you in more in November
- The Prevention Committee going to be introducing a PrEP working group to get more community input on PrEP in the area- hopefully it gets approved
- We are doing analysis of consumer survey to have report written by end of next month.
- Positive Committee released a newsletter for the first time in several years last month that focused on food service access for consumers as well as introducing them to community planning
 - Available on our website- www.hivphilly.org

Community Members:

Aaron Arnold (Prevention Point Pittsburgh):

- Spoke at last meeting about written information on syringes and syringe laws people could use for tabling
 - Have packets for everyone with that info that talks about the rationale for changing the policy around syringes in PA- what needs to happen and why
 - Also have copies of a blank document you can fill out and send to legislators
 - Also have documents in the back from AIDS United- good to hand out in community or educate staff
- Received suggestion from the governor's office that there would probably not be executive action on this particular issue until after the upcoming election
 - We applied for funding from the Drug Policy Alliance- also received a grant from them
 - We will be hiring a legal intern to create a legislative package that would be the ideal way to actually amend the laws in PA
 - We are working with partners in Philly and Pittsburgh for that.

Planning Partners:

Shirley Murphy (MAAETC):

- Brochures on the back table of upcoming trainings
 - One is collaboration with the Venango County Drug Overdose Task Force
 - Please try to promote these events in your county, especially those in western central PA
 - Two day program in State College Marilyn mentioned last month
 - Will be October 24th and 25th
 - There is a registration fee
 - Are 2-3 offering scholarships to HIV positive attendees
 - If you have someone who would be eligible, please let us know

- We've also made arrangements with a pharmaceutical company to do an update the evening of the first day
- Brochures on back table about upcoming webinars
 - Focusing on a topic each month, rather than a few topics a year
 - Mini-series also available
- Have copies of the toll free numbers clinicians can use if they have questions on various topics, like PrEP, Substance Abuse, or Hepatitis C

John Haines (SPBP):

- We have an intern named Tatiana from the Temple School of Pharmacy for 6 weeks.
- The next advisory council meeting is on October 26th from 10am-3pm

Nicole Risner:

- We are implementing Community Health Choices programs
 - Moving from Paper Service Model to a Manage Care Model
 - Community Health Choices will be modeled after Manage Care Physical Health Choices
 - Three handouts in back about what members will be responsible for
 - Department of Human Services just rolled out new website
 - www.healthchoicespa.com
 - Let them know if anything such as providers, programs, or services are missing
 - Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback

Michelle Rossi:

- STD and HIV programs have been working on an integrated testing PPA
 - Prior to this contract: STD testing had a PPA, some places just did tests for certain STDs or just HIV, etc.
 - Some organizations had a contract for each one of those things
 - We put them all in one- called an integrated PPA
 - Have that and also a PrEP component to help get those services out in the community
- We're working 3 different counties on our PrEP initiative
 - We get a list of potential PrEP referrals every morning and we assign our DIS field staff to talk to these individuals about PrEP and get them situated with a provider in that area
- On October 19th and 20th in State College we are having a meeting for HIV/STD nurses and employees to network and help with some of new initiatives we are rolling out.

Jill Garland:

- We submitted a demonstration project application yesterday to support this data to PrEP initiative.
- Designed to be a very focused project- looking at Allegheny county
- The PPA will help to expand access to PrEP across the state.
- Demonstration project will help us determine the impact of this model

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More updates to come in a few months <p>Nicholas Slotterback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last month, I attended training from CDC in Washington, DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They wanted to use two success stories from our 1308 Dash Grant with our schools here in PA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last year- 7 school districts, including 13 schools, hosting 28,101 students who are now receiving comprehensive sexual health education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 schools in 2 districts are pending approval upon their sexual health curriculum---audience would be an extra 6,541 students ▪ Second story- will be written, published, and presented at CVC conferences going forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year- had 7 schools put in an on-site health center for their students which provides testing, resources, and referrals to outside agencies • Included 17,379 students from grades 9-12 • Two districts pending approval of onsite clinics- would reach 6,951 students 	
<p><u>Overview of the Plan and Summary of HRSA/CDC feedback</u> David Givens, HPCP</p>	Began at 10:20am
<p><u>Subcommittee breakout</u></p>	Began at 11:05am [lunch from 12:00-1:15pm]
<p><u>Subcommittee breakout and election of subcommittee chairs</u></p>	Began at 1:15pm
<p><u>Subcommittee report out</u></p>	Began at 2:18pm [break from 2:23pm]
<p><u>Status of DOH IHPCP Activities</u> DOH staff presentation</p>	Began at 2:43-3:15pm
<p><u>Wrap-up and end for day</u> Jill & David</p>	Began at 3:15-3:35pm
<p>[Adjourn at 3:35pm]</p>	

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Philadelphia Planning Overview	Began at 9:10am.

Nicole Johns	
<u>Subcommittee Breakout – Break as needed</u>	Began at 10:00am [lunch from 12-1:07pm]
<u>Overview of Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Grant</u> Marijane & Dr. Obiri	Began at 1:08pm
<u>Subcommittee Report Out</u> Subcommittee chairs	Began at 1:37pm
<u>Final Announcements & Wrap up</u> Jill Garland: We have learned that the letter of concurrence for this year is no longer a requirement by the CDC. You may also receive an email to put out a request to serve on the nominations and recruitment group. We will update application and survey so that we can hopefully have new folks on board in January. Julia: If planning partners missed the May meeting and the orientation components, please contact HPCP to get those materials. Charlie Howsare: We have a day-long seminar for the 27 th of September in Monroeville focusing on opioids and infectious disease. Go to Community River Alliance to find out more info. Cheryl Murphy: MAETTC will be hosting a conference on Women and Opioids in Pittsburgh this Spring.	Began at 1:46pm
[Adjourn at 1:55 pm]	