

Seattle HIV/AIDS Planning Council

Monday, August 11, 2008-- 4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Note: Different location: Chinook Building—401 5th Avenue, Seattle, 98104

REVISED AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome, Introductions & Announcements | 4:00 |
| II. | Meeting Agenda (2 min)
➤ Action: Review and Approve | |
| III. | Minutes: (3 min) 📎 Attachment: White
➤ Action: Review and Approve | |
| IV. | Update on Administrative Specialist II Hiring (Jesse) | 4:07 |
| V. | Grantee Updates (Barb and Jeff)
•Including a report on the AIDS Housing Committee Retreat | 4:15 |
| VI. | Update on Black MSM Needs Assessment (Committee members) | 4:35 |
| VII. | Introduction to Prevention Prioritization (Erick)
•What the Council does and how it does it
•What is prevention?
•Discussion of various views of prevention | 4:50 |
| VIII. | Break | 5:20 |
| IX. | Prevention Prioritization (Erick, Bob) 📎 Attachment: Blue
•Timeline for Steering Committee, Interventions Workgroup & Prioritization
•Top Populations Workgroup
•Interventions training
➤ Action: Recruit participants for the Steering Committee
➤ Action: Recruit participants for Interventions Committee | 5:35 |
| X. | Care Letter of Assurance (Jeff)
➤ Action: Approve Care Co-Chair signatures on the letter of assurance | 5:45 |
| XI. | Committee Reports
•Membership (Gerrie, Jodie)
•AACT (Ron, Bill, Higinio) | 5:55 |
| XII. | Update on Black MSM Community Consultation (Barb) | 6:05 |
| XIII. | Brief Overview of the International AIDS Conference (David R., Erick) | 6:15 |
| XIV. | Other Business/Next Meeting
•September and October Council meetings will be back at the 2100 Building | 6:25 |

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Minutes ☿ August 11, 2008
4:00pm - 6:30pm
Chinook Building 121 & 123 1st Floor

Council Members Present: *Amy Bauer, Charles Curvin, Philip Doles, Kate Elling, Brandie Flood, Melinda Giovengo, Bill Hall, Gerrie LaQuey, David Lee, Higinio Martinez, Eric Miles, Andrew Murphy, Ruth Njoroge, Kris Nyrop, Ron Padgett, Kevin Patz, Jodie Pezzi, Tony Radovich, Michael Raitt, David Richart, German Rodriguez, Pam Ryan, Bob Wood*

Council Members Absent: *Richard Aleshire, Lina Ali, Shireesha Dhanireddy, Sarah Kent, Kieu-Anh King, Marcos Martinez, Arthur Padilla, Erick Seelbach, Angela Williams,*

Planning Council Staff Present: Jesse Chipps, Don Mueller (minutes), Diane Ferrero

Health Department Staff Present: Jeff Natter, Barb Gamble

Guests: Justin Hahn, Courtney Speigner, Brian Tinsley

Italics denote Planning Council Membership.

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Jesse welcomed everyone. She expressed need for Council members to fill out profiles and have their picture taken. Having these is very helpful for new members, who are often intimidated by the large group. Also, anyone willing to be part of a group picture for recruitment, please see Diane at the end of the meeting.

II. Meeting Agenda

- Item VII won't happen since Erick is ill.
 - Item XII will become part of the Grantee Update due to Barb needing to leave early.
 - Bob will present on the new CDC estimates
- The agenda was approved as amended by acclamation.*

III. June Meeting Minutes

The June minutes were approved as written by acclamation.

IV. Administrative Specialist Hired

Courtney Speigner was introduced and welcomed. She will start on Tuesday, August 20, 2008. Give a call and welcome her.

V. Grantee Updates

Jeff:

- HRSA has issued grant guidance for the fiscal year 2009 Ryan White Part A funding. Jeff is working to complete the application and announced that he was going to request 5% more than the Council prioritized in each category.
- On the local level the Ryan White RFP will be out on September 4th. It will be due back to Public Health Seattle-King County on October 14th. The biggest change is that the RFP will now go

through King County's procurement office for the first time and not through the HIV/AIDS program. This is to standardize all RFP processes across the county.

- The AIDS Housing Committee had a retreat in July that was very successful. This Committee is comprised of representatives from all the AIDS Housing programs, funded by HOPWA and Ryan White, as well as other agencies. It is Co-Chaired by the Ryan White Grantee and the HOPWA Grantee. The Committee came up with five main goals for the next several years. These are:
 - 1 Determine the purpose/focus of the AIDS housing system,
 - 2 Create more low-barrier service-enriched housing,
 - 3 Maintain and refine centralized housing system through Lifelong and to eliminate all barriers to placement,
 - 4 Obtain more set-asides with SHA and KCHA,
 - 5 Re-focus collaboration between programs in the HIV/AIDS Continuum.
- At the end of this month there will be an All Grantee meeting in DC (August 25 through the 28th). Jesse and Higinio will be representing the Planning Council and Jeff and Becca Hutcheson will be representing the Grantees. Jeff will be sitting on a panel that will present the findings of John Snow Incorporated who did the site visit several months ago regarding reauthorization.
- We recently reissued MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) awards. The renewal funding for the three medical case management programs are renewals of the 2007 awards. Those are the POCAAN Konnect II program, Madison Clinic, and Consejo.
- Standards have been completed for all service categories. At a recent meeting they finished developing the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Standards (CLAS).
- There will be a grant writing training for all interested agencies on August 22.

Barb

Barb began by listing the release of an RFP and the Community Consultation:

- To begin with, there was a Community Consultation Planning Group. They met to discuss "What to do with 3MV" and "How do we improve the ability to provide services to Black MSM?" The Planning group felt that those were two discreet issues. Therefore, the Grantee will go ahead and release an RFP for the "Many Men, Many Voices" intervention with Black MSM. The new process for RFPs will entail more bureaucratic steps both for assembling the RFP and the for the applicant agencies. The anticipated release date is Thursday, August 14, 2008 and the anticipated due date is Thursday, September 4th @ 2:00PM. This is much shorter than most RFPs but it is felt that since the intervention is proscribed it should be sufficient time.
- With regard to the due date Barb wants to point out that the application goes directly to Procurement Services and must be in by 2:00 pm or it will not accepted. She is looking for people for the Review Panel. The following criterion is to be used to staff the Review Panel:
 - 1 Personal/professional knowledge of HIV/AIDS (especially as it pertains to Black MSM)
 - 2 Non conflicted as determined by the King County board of ethics
 - 3 Representative of the population at risk (Black MSM).
- The panel recommends funding to the director of Public Health who then makes the final decision. There is a very proscribed technical assistance process. And because the turn around time is so brief there will not be a bidder's conference. Any discussion about the RFP must be with Procurement Services and not Barb or Karen. The optimistic start date is October 1st. The RFP will be listed on the Procurement Services web site.
- In the past, the Many Men, Many Voices intervention has successfully been implemented by Seattle Black Pride. They had waiting lists and filled all their workshops. They also had personal responses of how it had changed peoples' lives (positively).
- The applicant must show this can be up and running quickly by having trained facilitators on hand. Future Prevention applications will be required to follow this procurement process, including those for next year. Procurement Services' role ends once the contract is awarded; they will not monitor

the contract. They will handle any public disclosure requests, so are thereby the repository for all procurement process material.

- This RFP is specifically for Black MSM but another a similar intervention for Latinos is being carried out through Entre Hermanos and is based on the same methodology.
- It is desired that the allocation panel be well represented by Black MSM.

The Community Consultation has not taken place because the planning group did not feel a summer date would work best. It was felt that a thoughtful, well-planned consultation during a time when fewer events were happening would work better. For this reason a two day meeting was selected: Friday October 10th in the late afternoon/evening meeting (tentatively from 3 to 8) and then Saturday 11th in the middle of the day (10 to 4). The theme will be “Can We Talk, Speaking Our Truths About HIV in King County’s Black Community”. The facilitator chosen, Tim Vincent, is with the HIV/STD Prevention Training Center and is one of the trainers for the 3MV curriculum. He has done a lot around Black MSM and HIV and shame and stigma.

- The first day will be a meeting of members of the Black LGBTQ communities talking about the barriers to providing services to Black MSM and how those barriers can be overcome. It is hoped that the group will produce very concrete ideas which can be implemented. The convener for this first day is Public Health Seattle-King County.
- The convener for the second day is the Black Leadership Council. The second day is open to all interested members of the Black community including participants from the previous day. Representatives of King County government, Public Health, churches, and community organizations will be strongly encouraged to attend. The focus for this day is how HIV and non-HIV organizations can work individually and together to address HIV prevention issues among Black MSM. The issues of shame and stigma are to be addressed head. This is so that organizations in the Black Community taking some ownership of this issue.
- Invitations will be given to such organizations as the Urban League, NAACP, representatives of Ron Sims’ office, Larry Gossett’s office, and many churches. No venue has been determined yet, but hopefully that will be determined within the next week.
- There is a specific list of people to be invited but this does not mean that if a person is not on that list that they wouldn’t be permitted to attend. Logistics is one of the hampering factors to having the Consultation completely open. Barb would like to be informed if someone invites additional attendees.

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🔦 **ACTION ITEM:** Add Top Population Principles for September Planning Council agenda item.

🔦 **ACTION ITEM:** Kris asked that there be an up-date on the new IDU program added to the September Planning Council agenda item

VI. Update on Black MSM Needs Assessment.

Amy reports the Needs Assessment committee met and determined that limiting the study to just crack use would not provide enough data, so they decided to expand the study to all Black MSM. The questions they decided to ask dealt with sexual risk and drug use behavior, as well as where Black MSM meet their partners, and where they are getting their health information. Next Wednesday morning they will meet again and review the initial draft of the questionnaire.

A job announcement for Interviewers has been placed on the King County Web site that is “Open until filled”. So far there have been 22 applications received. The majority of the applicants do not have the qualification of having inroads into Black MSM communities. The commitment would be ten to twenty hours per week for 13 weeks.

🔦 **ACTION ITEM:** Jesse will send copy of the job announcement to several members

The next Needs Assessment Work Group will be meeting Wednesday August 13 in the Yesler Building.

VII. Prevention Prioritization

Jesse and Bob gave an overview of the Prioritization process using the Blue handout (attached to official record). In addition to Bob Wood and Erick Seelbach the following volunteered to be on the Steering Committee: Kris Nyrop, Brandy Flood, and Melinda Giovengo.

The Interventions Group will be determining appropriate interventions for each of the Top Populations. This will involve reading journal articles and may be a little confusing, but this year Barb Gamble and Erick Seelbach will do a training in advance of the process to get people up to speed. The goal is to have as diverse a group as possible to determine the intervention. They may want to specify specific interventions and not leave it up to Public Health as happened last time. Those who commit to being on the Steering Committee need to also commit to being on the Prioritization. Those who do Interventions don't necessarily need to commit to do Prioritization.

The following volunteered to do the Intervention Committee: Kevin Patz, Bob Wood, Kris Nyrop, Ron Padgett, Philip Doles, Kate Elling, (Solomon Tsegaselassie's name was suggested).

Prioritization volunteers for January through March were: Kevin Patz, Bob Wood, Higinio Martinez, Kris Nyrop, Philip Doles, Ron Padgett, Melinda Giovengo, Brandy Flood, and Amy Bauer.

VIII. Care Letter of Assurance

Jeff discussed the Care Letter of Assurance and explained the green sheet's "Comparison of FY 08 Planning Council Allocations with Public Health Contracts". This letter, which should be signed by the Care Co-Chairs, Higinio and Tony, and states:

1. The Grantee's procurement is responsive to the Council's categorical allocations
2. That the Planning Council followed its own policies during the year
3. That the Planning Council's membership meets the membership parameters set forth by HRSA.

Jeff explained that the Council could vote not to approve the letter and the possible ramifications of such a vote. He showed that all categories met the allocation or, in two cases, exceeded those allocations. The reason to increase the "Medical Case Management" category was that the money needed to be given to Snohomish as part of the Pooled Parity Model to meet the contract already pre-planned in Case Management. An extra \$30,000 of unspent money found in Quality Management was allocated to Oral Health Care. Jesse asked if there were any questions and none were forthcoming.

MOTION: Gerrie moved to have the Co-Chairs sign the Letter of Assurance. Eric seconded. There was no discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP:

Gerrie reported that the Membership decided not to meet in the month of August because they had no pending applications. They are still recruiting to fill a couple of gaps, namely HIV+ White and Latino

men and a Black MSM. She also explained the Process Cards and how they were used to ease the way for new members at Council meetings.

AACT:

Ron shared that Jesse gave an introduction to regional Consumer Voices training. Regions 5 and 6 will receive their training on August 20. He announced that the next meeting will be on August 18th at 4:00 PM in the Bill Ford room of the Yesler Building and be used to discuss any “left over questions” about the revised CDC estimates and the International AIDS Conference. In addition they will examine the “Now That You Know” booklet so everyone can become more informed and engaged participants in their care.

X. International AIDS Conference

- David and Erick attended the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City last week. They attended a two day pre-conference on MSM. Such a meeting has never happened as part of an International AIDS Conference before. Also unique this year is that the conference was opened by a government official who also is an MSM. Never before has there been an acknowledgement that this needed to be addressed as a problem. The presentation was effectively emphasized by the use of bar graphs that displayed the global epidemic and contrasted the numbers of Heterosexual and MSM according to continent. In each case the difference was dramatic with MSM being significantly greater. The “take away” from this is that MSM, sex workers, and IDUs are driving the epidemic still to this day around the world and only now in 2008 are they being discussed. David’s conclusion was that until homophobia is abated and legal reassessment regarding homosexuals, sex-workers, and drug use occurs, the epidemic won’t end.
- He observed that the previous “politicalization” of the conference has been re-examined and now has quieted down. Lifelong will begin a “medication recycling” program by providing boxes for unused meds to be sent to third world countries. AMFAR, the fund raising organization, will be coming to Seattle in September for two presentations around the International AIDS Conference. Bob shared that Kaiser Network recorded much of the conference and is available by going to <http://www.kaisernetwork.org>. Phil inquired how the “medication recycling” would be different from the programs already taking place around Puget Sound. David replied that AID for AIDS sent their medications to Latin America. Kevin asked if they had a plan to get the word out so that others could contribute. David said that they would put it out on web site, in their newsletter, and in flyers.
- Bob has been invited to a WHO consultation in September to be held in Geneva on HIV prevention for MSM. This is the first WHO sponsored meeting on this topic of which Bob is aware. It appears that the globe is finally acknowledging that the epidemic is being driven in many parts of the world by the MSM group. He is volunteering to give a report at the October meeting on the meeting. He’ll be gone from September 10th through the 20th.
- David also shared that when they were at the meeting that the directors of GMHC, APLA, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Lifelong, and Chicago AIDS Foundation congregated to strategize about what needed to be done, from a political point of view, about the new numbers that were coming out. It turns out that Congressman Waxman called for a hearing on HIV prevention at the congressional level in September. These groups intend to go to Washington DC to present and solicit for more money for prevention.
- Jesse discovered when she attended the Prevention Conference in Detroit that providers in various parts of the country were reluctant to fill out sexual orientation on lab reports. They would only list the gender and maybe race. Risk behavior was not always collected, either. Bob also noted that most of the STD clinics around the country don’t inquire about the sex of the partner so there is no way of knowing how much of the STD epidemics are related to same sex behavior.
- The topic of sex workers was followed up by noting that Lifelong made it a point to connect with a network that is organized so that the local groups can begin dialog about the epidemic. Now that the topic has been breached it seems that various organizations such as The Gates Foundation

and AMFAR are finally funding programs for MSM. There has been a shift in the awareness of what is going on, and the data can't be denied.

- Bob then went over the new estimates produced by the CDC and his handout "Update on HIV Incidence in the USA". Bob was somewhat surprised that none of the media inquired about the new estimates. He described the STARS (Serological Testing Algorithm for HIV-RS) method as using left over blood samples from positive HIV tests and doing a standard and a "weakened test" (it's weakened because it is diluted and not incubated as long). Should this subsequent test show negative then most likely the person is a recent infection. The data comes from twenty-two states for the year 2006. The results show that there were roughly 56,300 new infections as opposed to the 40,000 that had been previously estimated. The new data does not indicate a balloon in infections but a more accurate estimate. The graph shows a leveling off of the numbers of new infections since 1989/1990. The confidence intervals are from 48,200 to 64,500 which means they are very confident (within 95%) that the true number is within this range and the 56,300 as the best guess. It's beneficial in that the magnitude of the problem is more apparent and perhaps will be addressed with more funding. He went on to share highlights of the statistics listed on the handout. The national statistics showed a little over a third (34%) of the new infections occurred in persons under the age of 30 while here in King County the highest number of new infections occurs in those in their early 30s. Locally the estimate is that about 700 new infections occur here in Washington State each year. This information was published on Saturday, August 6, 2008. The STARS testing is performed only on those for whom we have easy access to their blood. There are only a handful of labs that are participating with Public Health. This has been occurring for the past four or five years.

Next Meeting: Monday, (September 8, 2008), 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the **2100 Building, 2100 24th Ave. S., Seattle 98144**

The meeting adjourned.