



MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group
NOV. 3, 2017 1:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Evanski, AFAN (via phone)	Preston Tang, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada
Cheryl Radeloff, Southern Nevada Health District	Robert Thurmond, Planned Parenthood (via phone)
Christopher Reynolds, AHF (via phone)	Rosita Castillo, Planned Parenthood
Jim Foley, The Center (via phone)	Todd Dickey, The Center
Lyell Collins, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada	Xavier Foster, Southern Nevada Health District

NON-VOTING MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT

April Jackson, Huntridge Fam. Clinic	Michele Shingu, Southern Nevada Health District
Joshua Montgomery, Southern Nevada Health District	
Joyce Castro, Southern Nevada Health District	

ALL MEMBERS ABSENT

Brenda Hernandez, Planned Parenthood	Cassandra Martinez, Community Counseling Center
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VISITORS/PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Chelsi Cheatom, TracB (via phone)	TaMara Griffin, The Center (via phone)
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of LV (via phone)	
Kelli Morning, UNR (via phone)	

I. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Chair C. Radeloff called the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The Affidavit of Posting, Mailing of Agenda, and Public Notice of the Meeting Agenda were executed in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items appearing on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chair C. Radeloff asked if anyone wished to address the group pertaining to items appearing on the Agenda. Seeing no one, she closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

III. ADOPTION OF THE Nov. 3, 2017 AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member L. Collins, seconded by Member P. Tang and was unanimously carried to adopt the Nov. 3, 2017 agenda as presented.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group which may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per group member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

1. APPROVE MINUTES/SOUTHERN NEVADA HIV PREVENTION PLANNING GROUP MEETING: July 21, 2017

Corrections to be made on members present. A motion was made by Member L. Collins to approve with corrections, seconded by Member J. Foley and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

V. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

The Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group may take any necessary action for any item under this section. Members of the public are allowed to speak on action items after the group's discussion and prior to their vote. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

A. NOMINATE & VOTE FOR NEW MEMBER: - (for possible action)

Chair C. Radeloff had the new nominee (April Jackson) to tell a little about herself. Chair C. Radeloff asked for a motion to vote April in as a new member. A motion was made by Member L. Collins and seconded by Member C. Reynolds. Motion was carried unanimously to approve April Jackson as a new member.

B. NOMINATE & VOTE ON CO-CHAIR: - (for possible action)

Member L. Collins stated that the group needs to fill the last remaining year of the former Co-Chair. Should be previous Co-Chair. Chair C. Radeloff asked Member R. Castillo if she would be willing to fill the remaining year that was left by the previous Co-Chair. Member R. Castillo accepted the position.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. ONGOING EVALUATION OF INTEGRATED HIV PLAN/UNR CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION STAFF:

Kelli Morning from UNR went over the 1st HIV Prevention Care Plan update (Power Point). There will be an early update in early 2018 and there will be updates on a regular basis. They will make sure that the Integrated Plan stays on task in the coming years. Member L. Collins asked about the possible provider meeting in February 2018. Ms. Morning stated there are not a lot of details yet however they are working on coming up with a Provider meeting in early 2018. Chair Radeloff thanked Ms. Morning for the update. Ms. Morning stated that hopefully there will be more positive updates coming soon.

B. NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS:

Chair C. Radeloff, Member M. Shingu, Member J. Montgomery & Member P. Tang all spoke about the National Conference on AIDS they attended that took place Sept 7-10, 2017. Member R. Castillo asked where the next conference will be held. Was told Florida. Member L. Collins spoke about the new grant (181803) there are a lot of changes with HIV prevention. There are 11 components (4 in the last grant). CDC to provide more tools and work

closer to get data. 2 policy objectives...the decriminalization of HIV regarding Dr's to offer HIV testing during routine visits. The State can't really push public policy, they have to work in the background. Need public support to get legislation.

Chair C. Radeloff stated also the decriminalization of sex workers.

C. SYRINGE EXCHANGE & TRACB:

Chelsi Cheatom from TracB explained what the TracB Exchange is and went over a Power Point presentation.

Member L. Collins asked how many syringes have been distributed through the Vending Machines?

Ms. Cheatom stated that they have distributed 5000 through the vending machines. They have signed up 200 people to use the vending machines.

Chair C. Radeloff asked Ms. Cheatom to talk about the "safer sex kits" as well as the "wound kits".

Ms. Cheatom explained how they came up with the "wound kits". She also explained what the "safer sex kits" were.

Member C. Reynolds asked about when AHF is doing outreaches and someone wants an "overdose kit", do you do education along with it?

Ms. Cheatom stated that when they hand out the "overdose kits" they do a ten-minute presentation to teach people about the signs and symptoms of an overdose.

Member P. Tang asked how many clients were signed up with the syringe exchange program?

Ms. Cheatom stated there are 1000 coming into the TracB store and 200 using the vending machines. They know that there are people that exchange for others due to people are nervous about coming into the store front and they aren't used to the idea yet.

Member Radeloff asked about the number of people that are securing for others.

Ms. Cheatom stated that there are a large number of people that are getting for other people.

Member J. Montgomery asked if there is anyone taking the needles and selling them on the street?

Ms. Cheatom stated that they have heard of dealers coming in and getting their syringes and selling them with the drugs they are selling. She stated that they have also heard rumors of clients giving the naloxone to dealers in exchange for drugs.

Member M. Shingu stated that there are even people selling the bus passes that SNHD DIIS' give their clients.

Ms. Cheatom stated that they are trying to do more outreaches and get more vending machines out into the community to make it easier for people to access.

Chair C. Radeloff asked Aronca Williams if she would like to speak about the machine that is in AFAN and there are also kits that are given out at The Center.

Ms. Williams stated that the machine at AFAN is filled with all the kits that Ms. Cheatom spoke about. When someone comes in they fill out a short questionnaire. The questionnaire is mostly demographic information. They then get a card that will give them access to the machine anytime AFAN is open. Ms. Williams also stated they have been very busy, the machine needs filling a lot.

Member T. Dickey stated that The Center has been giving out "harm reduction" kits, which are kits that enable someone to clean a needle for reuse. They also include enough to take care of a small wound. All the information is also included in the kits for TracB. These kits are available when TracB is closed. It is more desirable to get clients to TracB.

Chair C. Radeloff asked if those kits are available at the Clinic as well as in the Condom Closet?

Member T. Dickey stated yes, they are.

Member C. Reynolds stated that AHF also has syringe kits and bleach kits available not only in their clinic but also when the mobile unit is out.

Member J. Montgomery asked Ms. Cheatom has TracB thought about putting a vending machine at the homeless shelters?

Ms. Cheatom stated they have been considering a lot of places, still need to work out where the machines will be utilized best and what organizations want the machines. They definitely want to put one in Henderson because they have a lot of people that come in from Henderson. Homeless shelters and downtown are good places as well.

Member L. Collins asked if the vending machines need internet capabilities?

Ms. Cheatom stated they must be connected to WiFi and they need to be inside.

Member L. Collins stated the State just submitted a grant to CDC and it has in the budget to purchase 2 vending machines for placement in Esmerelda & Story Counties, which have been identified by CDC as potential outbreak zones for HIV. When the whole vending machine/needle exchange hit the papers all around the country, CDC called and were very impressed with the program.

D. UPDATE FROM THE HIV CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES, VAN TESTING SCHEDULE ETC:

Member R. Castillo spoke about National Latino Awareness Day. She thanked The Center for letting them use the space. The Center was great. They had a great year and they want to continue doing this event. There was a good message that went out to the community. Families were talking together, parents were talking to their kids.

Chair C. Radeloff asked how many people attended the event?

Member C. Reynolds stated close to 200 attended the event. It was a very well attended event.

Member R. Castillo stated that every year Walgreens provides 75 or more vouchers for free flu shots however this year they were unable to give out the vouchers for free flu shots. The cost was \$35 so not many were given out.

Member C. Reynolds stated the Oct was Gay Pride. The MTU was only able to do HIV testing this year due to SNHD not partnering with them. The goal was 400 tests (last year was they tested 363), they did 511 HIV tests. This is the first year they did "CHAMP" where everything was electronic registering people up front. Great turn out for Pride. October has been their best month. Their monthly goal for testing with the MTU is 300 however they did 964 tests for October. AHF has expanded testing. At first, they were only testing at 5 regular locations every week and now they have 15 regular testing locations they go through every month along with new requests they get.

Member L. Collins asked if there were any positives out of Pride?

Member C. Reynolds stated three and they were all linked to care. Actually, for the month of October out of the 964 there were 7 reactive that were new that were linked to care, and in their STD clinic they had 3 positives that were linked to care, so a total of 10 for the month of October

Coming up on November 14th (Tuesday) they have Project Homeless Connect (used to be Stand Down). They are encouraging people who are homeless to pre-register at different sites. They already have over 3000 people pre-registered. For the amnesty day for the court system they have 800 already registered. There will be a wide variety of testing venues in November. This year for World AIDS Day, one of the ideas is instead of trying to plan an event that would compete with other events, they use the consortium to help advertise and promote all the other events that are going on. They know that every year AFAN turns the Welcome to Las Vegas sign red that morning. There will be a meet & greet that day from 2-5 at Golden Rainbow and Community Counseling Center to premier the new "living room" which is a space above Golden Rainbow. AHF will be hosting an event that night at the MOB museum at 7pm. They will be premiering a documentary about AHF's 30th year, title "I am AHF". Trying to get a table at that event for the consortium members. AFAN is working with some of the strip properties turning their marquis red for World Aids Day.

Ms. Williams stated that she didn't think AFAN was going to turn the Welcome to Vegas sign red this year out of respect to the 10 October memorial.

Member C. Reynolds also stated that after World Aids Day, AHF will be planning for their next event to be February 2018, which is Black HIV Awareness Day. They will be having a "wrap up meeting" on the 9th at 4:30, so if anyone would like to attend this will be the wrap up meeting for NLAD (National Latino Awareness Day) and the planning of World Aids Day and then also be talking about the next event (National Black HIV Awareness Day).

Member J. Montgomery asked if all this is part of the Consortium group?

Member C. Reynolds stated yes, the Consortium is a group of Non-profit agencies that deal with HIV. Individuals who live in Las Vegas can also be members of the consortium, you don't have to be a representative of an agency.

Member T. Dickey stated that there is a Facebook page that people can follow for information.

Chair C. Radeloff asked if the Mobile Testing Unit schedule is on the AHF website?

Member C. Reynolds stated no it's not, if anyone would like the schedule, just email him and he will send it out.

E. NEXT & UPCOMING TRAININGS:

Chair C. Radeloff informed the group of the 2018 HIV Rapid Testing, Counseling, Safety & Certificate Program schedule. There is a training scheduled for Nov 13-17, 2017, however it is full. There is a tentative training for February 2018 in Reno. Chair C. Radeloff informed the group of all the 2018 trainings that are scheduled (Jan., Apr., July, Oct.).

Member X. Foster informed the group that in collaboration with Family Planning, there will be a youth "walk-in" clinic ("be thankful for choices") for 13-19 y/o on Nov 22nd from 8-4:30. There will be a dedicated room for exams. Flyers will be sent out

Member L. Collins asked if I.D.'s will be checked?

Member X. Foster stated they will be checking I.D.'s

F. 2018 CALENDAR (MEETINGS & FUTURE AGANDA SETTING):

Chair C. Radeloff stated that the SoN HPPG group needs to meet quarterly (4 times at least), could schedule along with the same time frame as the HIV 101 schedule (Jan, Apr, July & Oct).

Chair C. Radeloff asked if the day and time should change?

Member L. Collins stated to keep the day and time as it is.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the group's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

Member T. Dickey went over and explained The Center's Condom Distribution Summary. The Center has given out a tremendous number of condoms over the year and has only 8000 condoms left. If anyone can provide information on funding so more condoms can be acquired, it would be helpful. Hopefully they will get funding for next year.

Member J. Montgomery asked if The Center is still receiving condoms from AHF?

Member T. Dickey stated no, not at this time

Member X. Foster stated he would give The Center 3 cases of non-latex condoms.

Chair C. Radeloff introduced a new member of The Center, Dr. Ta'Mara Griffin the HIV Services Manager.

Dr. Griffin told a little about herself, her qualifications and her plans for the future.

Ms. Williams spoke about Dr. EZ's clinic, Nevada Care Program closing down. They are working with UMC Wellness, UNLV and the case managers at SNHD to get their clients into care. UMC Wellness has a temporary pediatric clinic set up at the Wellness Center.

Member A. Jackson spoke about Huntridge still doing outreaches at the "Lounge". Also, Huntridge has their PrEP clinic every Friday.

Member R. Castillo stated that Planned Parenthood is working on expanding their HIV Program with the emphasis on PrEP. Member R. Thurmond is the manager for that. Planned Parenthood is also looking for a bigger space.

Member R. Thurmond stated that he and the Planned Parenthood team from New Mexico is going to attend the Biomedical Conference in New Orleans in December.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair C. Radeloff asks for a motion to adjourn.

Member P. Tang motioned to adjourn, Member J. Foley seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:26.