

Sexually Transmitted Infection Community Coalition (STICC)

Meeting Agenda

Location: Planned Parenthood Ophelia Egypt Center
3363 Minnesota Ave NE.
Washington, DC

Date & Time: December 13, 2007, 10: 00 a.m.

Attendees: Colleen Crowley, John Heath, Melissa Sellevaag (DCSTD), Irwin Royster (PPMW); Gwen Anderson, Vanessa Jones (PGSTD); youth coalition members through PPMW

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1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from October Meeting.

Minutes approved by voice vote with correction. DOE was changed to DCPS under school screening update

2. Coalition Subcommittee Reports

- a. Ad Hoc 501 (c) 3: There were no updates from this committee,
- b. Outreach: The outreach events for Valentine's Day were discussed. Several youth were present and discussed the popular go-go events. The group expressed interest in holding an event in conjunction with a go-go and to offer testing. The youth informed the group that myspace.com is an effective way to communicate with the youth of DC about outreach events.

Ms. Crowley offered to work with the youth to create a myspace.com page for STICC

Ms. Crowley offered to work on the Valentine's Day outreach event with the youth.

Mr. Royster suggested that STICC partner with WPGC and Justine Love to hold an event for youth around Valentine's Day.

3. Website

Mr. Ehlman was unable to attend but provided information on the STICC website as well as inSPOT.org. The STICC website is live and members are encouraged to visit the site and provide feedback. All upcoming events can be listed on the website so as events are scheduled for member agencies please notify Mr. Ehlman who can provide the information to the web hosting agency.

Mr. Ehlman supplied business cards for the inSPOT.org. The DOH is in the process of creating an implementation plan for inSPOT. The intake forms are in the process of being updated. Mr. Ehlman encourages all to visit the website and make themselves familiar to it.

4. Essay Contest

Ms. Sellevaag reported that topics for this year's essay contest are currently being collected. If anyone has ideas please submit them as quickly as possible. The topic will be finalized in the next few weeks and advertising will begin in January. Members will be asked to help distribute flyers to area high schools to ensure participation. Anyone who is interested in scoring essays should let Ms. Sellevaag know. Additionally, donations for the goodie bags are always needed and ideas/items should be forwarded to Ms. Sellevaag.

5. School Screening Update

- a. Screening has begun in Friendship Collegiate Academy. Around 360 students have been screened at this time with the remainder of the school to be screened in January. Mr. Heath is currently working with DOH administration to approach Chancellor Rhee about the project and begin working with DCPS high schools.

6. Update on strategic planning/community involvement

Mr. Royster reported that the STICC Meeting in January will be the post holiday party/luncheon at the Sumner School and will offer a chance to reflect on accomplishments and goals for STICC. Community members are encouraged to attend. At the January meeting Mr. Royster will have additional information to report on strategic planning including an update on the engagement of the faith community.

7. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

Ms. Anderson and Ms. Jones reported that PG County is testing every other Thursday in Temple Hills and Oxon Hill, specifically for syphilis.

Adjourned 11:45 am.

Join us for the New Year Celebration on January 10, 2007 at 11am. A meeting will be held at the Sumner School with a luncheon immediately following.