

# Sexually Transmitted Infection Community Coalition (STICC)

## Meeting Agenda

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*Location:* PG County Health Department  
Cheverly Health Center  
Washington, DC

*Date & Time:* February 7, 2008, 11: 00 a.m.

*Attendees:* John Heath, Colleen Crowley, Paulette Jackson, Melissa Sellevaag, Tranita Anderson, Letitia Black (DOH STD); Pat Parker, Jean Wilks (DOH Healthy Start); Eric Vicks (DCPCA); Vanessa Jones, Henry Bishop (PG HD); Irwin Royster, (PPMW); Grev Hunt (community member); Valerie Hill (Howard University)  
Meeting Called 10:15am

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### **1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes**

Review of minutes from January Meeting.

Minutes approved by voice vote with no corrections or changes

### **2. Coalition Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Outreach: Valentine's Day outreach was discussed. Ms. Crowley reported that outreach will occur at five area metro stops identified by the youth as high traffic areas for youth after school. Youth along with an adult STICC member will distribute condoms at those metro stops after school. The youth will also advertise the outreach on myspace. The Go-Go bands have agreed to promote safer sex messages during their Sunday concerts. The youth will advertise this on their myspace page as well. Condom distribution will occur at the Go-Go concerts as well. Ms. Hopkins agreed to distribute condoms at the Goth Band outreach  
Mr. Briggs suggested that STICC conduct outreach at Apex on Thursday night-college night. Additionally the Fireplace can also be targeted as it is close in proximity and attracts an older crowd.  
Mr. Hunt distributed palm cards that he had made for the syphilis elimination working group in PG County. He offered these for Valentine's Day outreach.

### **3. School Essay Contest**

Ms. Sellevaag reported that the topic and flyer have been approved and are currently being distributed to all senior high and charter high schools. She asked that STICC members assist with encouraging their youth to participate in the contest. Additionally funds are being sought for sponsorship of the contest and items for the goodie bags. Ms. Parker of Healthy Start offered items for the goodie bags.

### **4. Community Agency Update**

Valerie Hill of the Genome Project at Howard University informed STICC of her project. Funded through grants from HRSA and the March of Dimes the Genome Center is working on a genetics literacy project. This project is focused on the African American community in DC in an effort to assist people in learning why it is important to understand their genetic family history. The education materials and outreach focus on assisting people in learning how to collect their family history and engage in a dialog around health at family gatherings. Ms. Hill will be working in the community and is happy to bring other agency's materials with her to distribute to the community members she encounters. She can be reached at [ValerieRHill@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieRHill@gmail.com) or 202-865-8548.

Eric Vicks of DC Primary Care Association updated STICC on some recent happenings at DCPCA. Mr. Vicks informed the group about the adolescent wellness initiative. Twenty-five students 14-22y/o meet on Saturdays and are learning how to seek out health care and impart their knowledge on their peers through peer to peer educational sessions. For a small fee students will go into schools and community based organizations and present on various health topics with the overarching mission of helping their peers learn how to live a well life. These presentations should be ready in March and the program would appreciate 2 weeks notice to ensure scheduling.

Mr. Vicks further reported that he is currently working on a Medicaid project which will provide information to the public on the addition of a new provider into the DC system. Medicaid members will be informed starting on the 2/15 that they will need to select a managed care organization again. Residents are encouraged to check with their doctor to ensure the acceptance of the MCO at their provider for continuity of care. Open enrollment will continue through April, after April 4<sup>th</sup> members who have not selected an MCO will be auto-assigned. This is to allow the new provider an equal opportunity to provide coverage in DC. There will be 9 forums held throughout the city to inform residents of this process and answer questions. Mr. Vicks can be reached at 638-0252 ext 221 or [evicks@dcpca.org](mailto:evicks@dcpca.org)

## **5. Where are we going?**

Mr. Royster stated that due to the time constraints this question will be posed over the email list in an effort to allow STICC members to identify specific goals or projects they would like to work on for 2008.

## **6. Community Calendar/Member Announcements**

Mr. Vicks reported that DCPCA has recently started its hospital diversion program. Staff members are placed in ERs and will counsel patients on how they can use a PMD more effectively and what the proper use of an ER is.

Mr. Briggs reported that DC Concerned Providers will be having their Provider's Conference on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Westminster Presbyterian Church; it is free. NOVAM is sponsoring an LGBTQ youth dance at Westminster and testers are needed.

Mr. Hunt reported that the syphilis working group has created and posted a banner ad on manhunt.com. At this time the ad has had over 10,000 views. They are waiting to see if this translates into increased traffic on inSPOT.org

Ms. Parker reported that Healthy Start will have its next health fair in the lobby of DC General on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11-3pm.

Mr. Royster reported that Ward 7 residents can come to the Ophelia Egypt Center on Saturdays to have their taxes done for free. Youth who participated in the summer youth employment program can come to the center on 2/16 to have their taxes done. For more information call 399-5036. The East of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative has daily appointments for tax help.

Adjourned 11:15 am.

**The meetings for February, March and April will be held at the Prince George's County Health Department in Cheverly MD just off the Baltimore Washington Parkway. The meetings in March and April will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month due to the CDC Prevention Conference.**

The next meeting is Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am.