

Sexually Transmitted Infection Community Coalition Meeting

Minutes

Location: Healthy Start Program Site
1900 Massachusetts Ave SE

Date & Time: July 12, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Tranita Gillis, Colleen Crowley, Paulette Jackson, Nicole Amado, Daniel Ehlman, Melissa Sellevaag, Emmanuel Pupilampu, Sherrice Wise, Asha Farrah (DCSTD); Jeremy Ogusky (MTA); Irwin Royster (PPMW); Leticia Black (MPCA DOH); Martha Andom (Arlington Co); Pat Parker (DC Healthy Start)

Meeting Called 10:04am

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from June Meeting.

Minutes approved by voice vote

Mr. Royster formerly thanked Mr. Ogusky for taking the lead on crafting the op-ed article in the Washington Post in May.

2. Coalition Subcommittee Updates:

a. Ad Hoc 501 (c) 3: Mr. Ehlman reported that the mission was approved at the last meeting and the objectives had been revised as approved at the June meeting. He encouraged members to share this information page with people to introduce them to STICC. An electronic copy is available for distribution as well. The 501 (c) 3 status is contingent upon the formation of a board of directions and identifying the leadership of STICC. Dr. Furness and Mr. Linsky continue to identify persons who may be interested in serving on the board. Dr. Furness spoke with DC Allen who expressed cautious interest. Some of the previously mentioned persons with political connections have been put on hold while the coalition reviews the risks associated with involving a politically aligned person. Mr. Royster agreed to follow up with Raymond Blanks, Big Tigger, Kevin Merida, Dr. Veronica Jenkins, and Gloria Braithweight.

c. Public Policy Subcommittee: Mr. Royster and Mr. Ogusky provided an update for this subcommittee. Members of STICC met with three council members (Wells, Thomas and Catania) and the staffer (Schwartz) of another one. Council member Wells was supportive but encouraged STICC to discuss this matter with Council member Catania. Council member Thomas was also supportive but wanted the DC Recreation centers included in the initiative. Council member Catania was receptive to the idea but wanted it incorporated into a larger health message. He verbalized his struggle with the HPV vaccine legislation that recently passed the council and at this time he is not willing to push this cause through. He also had some discrete questions about the program such as how the program would work with other DC agencies that are in the schools, the nurses through Children's National Medical Center and Unity Healthcare. He does not want this

to be a stand alone program and would like to see increased collaboration both with agencies and the community as a whole. He identified people he would like to see STICC discuss this program with. The Council member also requested information on the budgetary items for this program.

Mr. Royster facilitated a discussion around who would be responsible for contacting the identified stakeholders. Ms. Parker informed the group that she is on the board of one of the neighborhood based collaboratives and is happy to contact the East of the River and South Washington Collaboratives to arrange for a presentation to the board of directors of those agencies. Additionally, Ms. Parker works closely with the Woodson Health Clinic and agreed to arrange for meetings with the staff at that clinic. Ms. Sellevaag reported that she has left a voicemail for the head of the DC Parent Teacher Association. Both Planned Parenthood and Metro Teen AIDS are involved with the Recreation Centers, Mr. Ogusky agreed to discuss this with the staff at MTA who are working with the Recreation Centers and Mr. Royster agreed to contact Kevin Mayo of the Recreation Department. Ms. Crowley suggested the idea of holding a town hall meeting by ward to discuss the idea of screening at alternative locations.

Action Items

By the September meeting it was agreed that:

A meeting will be scheduled with the two identified collaboratives

A meeting with the director of the Recreation Centers

Inviting Kevin Mayo to the monthly meetings

A discussion with the PTA

3. Coalition Website Development Status

Mr. Ehlman reported that the website is currently under development. The contract has been approved. There will be links to each of the member agency's websites. He encouraged people to forward information to him that they would like posted on the website. Mr. Ehlman is hoping to have a draft version to share with the coalition in a few months.

4. Coalition Survey:

Ms. Sellevaag reported that only 14 people responded to the survey. The majority of the respondents reported that they would like STICC to become more formal in its structure and develop a strategic plan. Additionally, the survey indicated that members would like the coalition to re-engage with the surrounding jurisdictions (NoVa and PG county). As far as items that people would like to see STICC focus on; school screening, integration of services between HIV and STD, and expansion of screening opportunities were the most identified topics. Finally, the respondents indicated that STICC could become more effective in fulfilling its mission if it became more representative of the community, engaged more CBOs and NGOs, and had a more significant presence at community events.

5. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

There was discussion around the location of the meetings. Several members stated that it is important that the location have ample parking. Coalition members also suggested visiting No. Virginia to show commitment to collaborating with that jurisdiction. Ms. Andom of No. Virginia Arlington County Health Department offered a conference room at her site for the August meeting.

Ms. Andom of NoVa Arlington County Health Department informed the group that VA is now offering disclosure assistance services. She will email an information flyer to the coalition to provide further information on the new program. Ms. Andom also offered the site at Northern Virginia's Arlington County Health Department for the next meeting.

6. Meeting Evaluations

Adjourn at 11:15am.

Next Meeting August 9, 2007 at the Arlington County Health Department the Fenwick Building, located at 800 S. Walter Reed Dr., Arlington, VA 22204 main number (703) 228-5266 . Once you enter the building, ask the receptionist to direct you to conference rooms 227/228 on the 2nd floor