

Sexually Transmitted Infection Community Coalition (STICC)

Meeting Agenda

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

Date & Time: March 20, 2008, 10: 00 a.m.

Attendees: John Heath, Colleen Crowley, Melissa Sellevaag (DOH STD); Pat Parker (DOH Healthy Start); Gwen Anderson, Vanessa Jones, Henry Bishop (PG HD); Irwin Royster, (PPMW); Dr. Anita Robinson (Navy Med); Bill Briggs (NOVAM); Anthony Cook (Unity)
Meeting Called 10:15am

Agenda:

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from February Meeting.

Ms. Parker informed the group that her health fair for April was postponed.

Minutes approved by voice vote with modification

2. Coalition Subcommittee Reports

Outreach: Ms. Crowley reported on the metro outreach on Valentine's Day. Six metro stops had coverage by teens and adults with several thousand condoms being distributed. She reported that the condoms were well received at Gallery Place and the teens were enthusiastic about the event. The suggestion was made to do this outreach again before Proms. Ms Parker suggested that the teens who participated be trained and used as peer outreach workers. The outreach committee agreed to meet via conference call to discuss STD Awareness Month on April 10th at 10am. Several ideas were suggested: PPMW will be having a testathon, youth will be testifying before Councilwoman Yvette Alexander, and outreach at APEX.

3. School Essay Contest

Ms. Sellevaag reported that entries are being submitted with most of them occurring in the form of posters.

4. CDC Report on Adolescents and STDs, STICC's response

The report from CDC on the rates of STDs and female adolescents was distributed and reviewed. Mr. Royster posed the question to the group about STICC's response and action plan to this report. Dr. Robinson requested time to review the report and see the data. It was suggested that this report may provide the support and publicity to get DOH to move forward with school screening. Mr. Royster suggested that we create a document and put

it on the website highlighting the work STICC has been doing to reach out to the Adolescent population and the action plan for continued outreach.

The group decided it was important to focus on several points:

- Boys are at risk also

- Chlamydia is often asymptomatic-spread the message that burning is not required

- Young women often get infected by older men

- Older women are often partnering with younger men

- Socio economic status impacts risk factors-it is not just a race issue.

The group discussed the option of holding town hall meetings to discuss the report and a community response. Mr. Royster expressed the need for STICC to document and formalize what we are doing. Mr. Heath suggested that STICC may want to look to other foundations to obtain funding to old these expanded outreach and social marketing campaign. He suggested looking to Robert Wood Johnson foundation and the Gates Foundation among others. Ms. Sellevaag inquired if local policy makers know about STICC and what it is doing. Mr. Briggs stated that the Virginia CPG is aware. Ms. Anderson stated that MD and PG County is aware through the syphilis elimination campaign.

It was decided to have the legislative committee meet before the April meeting:

- Give order to the ideas

- Create a press release for April National STD Awareness Month

- Create a plan of action to get the message to elected officials

- Make sure STDs stay on everyone's radar

Mr. Briggs suggested that STICC jump on board with other national days and events such as Pregnancy awareness month, and National HIV Testing Day.

6. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

Ms. Sellevaag reminded everyone that the STICC website is live and members should be encouraging the community to use the site. Any events that are scheduled in between meetings should be provided to Dan Ehlman or Melissa Sellevaag for posting to the site.

NOVAM is having a GLBT Conference on Saturday March 29th from 9am-11pm at the Little River church. More information can be found at novayouth.org

Mr. Royster reported that PPMW will be holding a testing blitz for teens in Ward 7. More information can be found at 4teenonly.com

Ms. Parker reported that Healthy Start's health fair on the 27th has been postponed. The health fairs will now take place on the 5th Tuesday of the month. She will send out more information on the next health fair.

Mr. Heath asked that we had the HPV vaccine to the agenda for April. He stated that it is important that STICC have a position on the vaccine.

He also wanted to add the 501 (c)3 back to the agenda to make that a priority.

PG County reported that the syphilis banner ads are up on manhunt, gaychatlive and the next meeting is 3/25 at 2pm at PG County Health Department

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 3rd Thursday of the month due to the CDC Prevention Conference.

The next meeting is Thursday April 17th at 10am.