

Greater Washington STD Community Coalition Meeting

Minutes

Location: DCPCA
1411 K Street, NW, Suite 400
Conference Room
Washington, D.C. 20005

Date & Time: September 14, 2006, 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:, Irwin Royster, (PPMW), John T. Heath, Colleen Crowley, Tranita Gillis, Bruce Furness, M.D., Melissa Sellevaag, Emmanuel Puplampu (DCSTD), Martha Andom (Arlington Co. HD), Dave Chandra (DCPCA), Elva Anderson (CNMC), April Dukes (PPMW), Keanna Faircloth (PPMW), Adam Tenner (MTA)

Meeting Called 10:07am

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Update of NAATS school screening project:

Mr. Royster reported that they are making progress on community mobilization within Wards 7 & 8. The community is ready to support this and is hopeful that it will happen this year. Mr. Heath reported that negotiations with the lab for cost per test with the reduced numbers are underway. The cost had to be renegotiated after the corrections facility pulled out. Mr. Heath reported that he is hopeful this will move forward by the end of October or beginning of November. He stated that work is in progress to get the support of key stakeholders. Mr. Heath recommended that a subcommittee for this project be created to help move this project forward as it will be the work of the Coalition that pushes it forward. Mr. Royster created a subcommittee: School Screening and asked for volunteers. Ms. Crowley, Ms. Sellevaag, Ms. Gillis, Mr. Tenner, Elva Anderson, Nicole Amado and Ms. Faircloth all agreed to sit on the committee; Mr. Tenner stated he will invite David Chandra from DCPCA as well. The first meeting will be Friday, September 22, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at DCPCA 3rd floor conference room.

3. Reflections of the past year and looking ahead to FY 2007

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4. Meth Documentary Screen

Dr. Furness reported that the Coalition is going to co-sponsor a screening of a documentary on Crystal Meth. The documentary chronicles the lives of men who have sex with men and are addicted to Meth and how it affects their lives. Dr. Furness saw the documentary at the STD Conference in May and feels that it is very applicable to the work of the Coalition. The creator and director of the documentary, Todd Ahlberg, has agreed to participate in a panel discussion with a provider and a former addict after the screening. At this time the tentative date is Saturday, November 18, 2006 (Friday the 17th

will be used if there is a conflict with the venue). Currently, co-sponsors are being sought; the National Coalition of STD Directors and the Great American Condom Campaign have expressed an interest. Possible venues are being explored and information will be sent out once the date and place have been confirmed. The target audience will be providers of STD services or anyone who has used or may use Crystal Meth.

5. City Council Visits:

Mr. Royster distributed draft letters of congratulations for Coalition review. These letters will be sent to newly elected council members introducing them to the work of the Coalition and the status of STDs in the DC community. The letters will be followed up with appointments to speak with each council member to discuss the work of the Coalition. Dr. Furness stated that it is important to target Council members Catania, Gray, Barry and Patterson as they chair key committees. Mr. Royster volunteered to coordinate with Mr. Tenner and Mr. Linsky to meet with council members and discuss the work of the Coalition.

6. Coalition Website

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7. Halloween Screen Community Outreach

Ms. Crowley reported that this year's Halloween screen will take place on the weekend of October 27th and 28th and target the club-going population between ages 18-35. The targeted areas will be the clubs around U St. George Washington Univ., 17th St., and Howard Univ. Teams of volunteers will be on the street handing out condom packets to include: condoms, the STD Facts pamphlets, and information on where to get tested. The insert on where to get tested is in the creation phase and will be emailed out for comments prior to printing.

Dr. Furness stated that it is important the insert be the size of a business card so that it gets put in their pocket rather than thrown out.

The goal for this year is to distribute 5,000 condom packets and she requested that members recruit volunteers from their agencies to assist with the distribution. Mr. Tenner stated that Justin Siplin of the Live Now campus awareness program has volunteers available for this type of event. Additionally, MTA program participants are able to participate but not able to go inside of clubs. Mr. Royster volunteered the assistance of his teen program participants to assist in assembling the packets.

8. Community Calendar/Member Announcements

Mr. Tenner announced that the musical artist Chingy will be performing at Howard University on October 7th. The performance is a part of their homecoming festivities and is a benefit for HIV/AIDS. There are a limited number of tables available at the event and he will distribute information as it becomes available.

Mr. Royster announced that on September 29th at 5pm there will be a grand opening of the Planned Parenthood's N.E. HIV Resource Center. Through a grant from AHPP, the center will provide information and referrals to persons both infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Royster announced that a joint event with Planned Parenthood, Unity Healthcare (lead organization) and the Ward 7 HIV/AIDS Coalition will be held at Fort DuPont Part. Food, music and information will be available. He encouraged all who want to staff a table to please do so. He will send out information shortly.

Adjourn at 10:55 am.

Next meeting October 12, 2006 DCPCA 1411 K St NW 10:00 AM