

**Prevention Planning Group Meeting
December 13-14, 2007
Quorum Hotel
Tampa**

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Gilda Roman Nay Torres welcomed the members, conducted roll call and established a quorum. Gilda asked the group to recognize a moment of silence for individuals who recently passed away from the epidemic. She reviewed the packet and self introductions for guests were made.

Larry Osband motioned to approve the Prevention Planning Group meeting minutes from August 9-10, 2007. Minutes were accepted and approved unanimously.

Tom Liberti, Chief of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS

Tom Liberti provided the following updates:

- The state of Florida will break the record of HIV Testing with over 320,000 tests conducted in 2007
- ADAP Meeting was held December 11, 2007 in Tampa, FL
- Out in the Open Community Forum was held December 12, 2007 in St. Petersburg, FL
- Introduced Program Coordination and Service Integration (PCSI)-Best example is the jail program.
- The Bureau is putting things in place now to avoid larger problems with the budget in the future regarding funding cuts or limitations.
- The Bureau is asking the state to come up with the most creative ways to test folks for HIV/AIDS. Driver's license bureaus and dog tracks were two suggestions.

Stefanie White, Surveillance Update

Stefanie provided an overview of the HIV Incidence Surveillance Data for the state of Florida. Stefanie explained that the CDC estimates will be announced soon and wanted to provide background as to how the numbers are calculated.

Nominations for Community Co-chair

Larry Osband nominated Gilda Roman Nay Torres
Shane Bailey nominated himself

Nominations were closed and the nominees were asked to provide a brief background of their experience in community planning and their commitment to HIV Prevention and community planning. The members voted by ballot.

During the calculation of the votes, it was determined that there was an issue regarding the membership eligibility of one of the member nominees. Shane Bailey's term ends in April 2008 since he is a member of an odd number area he is still eligible to run for the position of co-chair and would fulfill that role should he be elected. However, since Gilda Roman Nay Torres does not represent an actual seat as a prevention planning group representative/member, she is not eligible to run as co-chair.

Much discussion ensued regarding how the process unfolded and what the member options were in terms of voting for a new community co-chair. It was suggested to review the At-large seats and look for vacancies. It was reiterated that although there may be vacancies, Tom Liberti appoints the At-large seats based on the nominations. Therefore the At-large nomination

process could not be resolved until the next meeting or affect the co-chair election during this meeting.

A motion was made for a procedural vote to stop the discussion on the issue of voting. Motion passed unanimously.

Edmond Kurt Sumpter motioned to select Shane Bailey as declared by acclimation. Motioned failed.

Sylvia Hubbard motioned to change the Youth At-large position to the Substance Abuse Youth At-large position. Motion was not voted on during this discussion. It is revisited later in the meeting.

It was suggested to nominate additional members to run against Shane Bailey to fill the seat of Community Co-chair. Sylvia Hubbard nominated Charles Martin. Melitta Mills-Kendrick nominated Michelle McKinney. Leisha McKinley-Beach stated that both are eligible to run.

Bobby Davis explained the eligibility, nomination and voting process to the members and ballots were distributed.

Gilda expressed concern for the way the voting process was handled and suggested revisiting the bylaws for future clarifications when it comes to eligibility of members.

Bobby explained that to avoid future issues with voting that a list of the eligible members accompany the ballots during the nomination and election process.

The members voted and elected Charles Martin as the New PPG Community Co-chair.

Ken Bargar suggested reviewing the bylaws and clarifying gaps and holes regarding membership. As an alternate member, he suggested doing quality assurance for bylaws committee. Ken Bargar, Yul Knighten & Marni Woodson agreed to review the bylaws.

(For meeting minute summary purposes only—the presentations are noted below to assist with the continuation and flow of the previous voting discussion.)

Shane Bailey, HIV Prevention Leadership (HPLS) Update

Shane presented “How to Effectively Implement an HIV Internet Outreach Prevention Project” which was a roundtable session that was presented at the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit, held May 20-23,2007 in New Orleans.

Alberto Santana, Latino Statewide Coordinator Out in the Open Presentation

Alberto provided an update regarding the Men Who Have Sex with Men Out in the Open Report for the state of Florida. Michelle Scavnicky will send the PowerPoint presentation to the members.

Bobby Davis offered to share a one page summary document and agreed to email it to Michelle for dissemination to the members.

Friday, December 14, 2007

Gilda Roman Nay Torres conducted roll call and established a quorum.

Bureau of HIV/AIDS/Prevention Update

Leisha McKinley-Beach

Leisha McKinley-Beach provided the following highlights:

1. Black Women's Conference will be held in Orlando on June 20-22, 2008. The Theme is Sisters Organizing to Survive (SOS).
2. Minority Media Campaign-Anston Stoner (Radio, TV, Print, Internet, Public Relations and Community Relations (sponsorships of local events)
 - a. Placing ads in Black and Hispanic newspapers around numerous observance days in 2008
 - b. Internet search engine marketing, key words that pertain to HIV/AIDS
 - c. Mobile advertising, (van that travels around, cell phone text messaging, text your zip code to 46246
 - d. Live 15 seconds reads (ads) at the Orlando Magic games.

Marie Hobbs asked about the in-spot. Leisha explained that the postcards and in-spot (electronic e-mails) let you notify if you were exposed to STD's and HIV. Charles Martin explained that Miami is only doing the STD's, not HIV.

Latino Advisory Group Update

Gilda Roman Nay Torres

Gilda Roman Nay Torres provided the following update:

Gilda announced that she is the chair for the Latino Advisory group. She explained that they want a way to identify people from Puerto Rico because of IDU usage. She also explained that the Group will have an update on the call to action and that Alberto was the delegate that attended the meetings regarding Latinos with CDC. Gilda explained that there will be a meeting as well as hill visits conducted in Washington, DC on January 28-30th, 2008 regarding a general call to action on Latino issues.

Peter Bright asked if the HIV 101 update is available on DVD in Spanish. Leisha reported that it is currently available on VHS and the Bureau is planning to make them available on DVD soon.

Black Leaders Group

Charles Martin

Charles provided the following highlights:

1. The Black Leaders group is working with the Latino Advisory group and the National Black Gay Men Advocacy Coalition as well as meeting with the National Gay Black Women. The groups discussed many issues with gay men and gay women and the similarities/differences with the issues.
2. The black leaders will travel to the rural areas and discuss relevant issues by hosting town hall meetings.
3. The leaders recently met with the Bureau and highlighted issues and concerns with the budget.
4. Prevention is the key, because a cure is not in sight. The leaders feel that there will be a negative backlash when new CDC numbers come out. There has to be a strong focus on Prevention.

The Workgroups (Methodology, Needs Assessment and Special Projects) met to discuss conference call schedules and upcoming assignments.

Marlene Lalota reported on the African American Testing Initiative (AATI) that the Bureau applied for funding from CDC. The Bureau could only apply for \$5.1 million, however received \$4.85 million on September 30th.

Marlene provided the following detail regarding AATI:

- Distributed among 10 counties based on data related to Silence is Death (SID): Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Manatee, Collier, Duval, Orange, Pinellas and Hillsborough
- Funding will be used for SID to keep it moving forward.
- Top ten counties have a combined total of 24,414 persons who are unaware that they are infected of which approximately 12,500 are in the Black communities.
- Primary goal of grant is to increase testing in clinical settings.
- Allocation of funding - at least 80% for clinical settings and 20% to CBO's. Only CBO's that have 2% or greater positivity rate over 18 month period to qualify.
- 7 CBO's and the clinical sites include one substance abuse center, three community health centers (4 primary care clinics and 2 urgent care centers), 10 STD clinics, 11 correctional facilities, 12 hospitals (9 are emergency departments, 3 primary care clinics and 1 hospital based mobile unit) and 3 additional sites are being negotiated.
- Before AATI, only one emergency department conducted rapid testing and now there could potentially be 11 emergency departments conducting rapid testing.
- Goal is to test 150,000 people and get 2,000 positives
- \$200,000 funding goes for overtime of testing in STD offices.
- Primarily the purpose of the grant is for Rapid HIV testing
- Have the ability to pay for STD and HEP testing at the AATI sites.
- Media plan to promote AATI - \$500,000 given to media firm.
- HIV testing should be routine and reduce stigma.
- Persons either positive or negative will link to proper caseworkers through the ARTAS Program
- Funding for ARTAS provider's
- AETC was given \$100,000 for training of providers.
- The prevention grant can now test for other STD's

Much discussion ensued regarding the concern for testing individuals through the AATI program but the question is about the care for them once they are diagnosed. It was suggested to work with Patient Care and discuss key players with regards to funding within the areas.

Leisha McKinley-Beach announced the Request for Application and distributed a handout regarding the funding process for Evidence Based Interventions. The RFA included the following categories: Category I-Evidence-Based Interventions, Category II-Demonstration Projects, and Category III-Social Networking. It was encouraged that each intervention includes an outreach component, youth-focused and emphasizes training.

Much discussion ensued regarding training for interventions and many of the challenges in getting the trainings to the community based organizations versus the health department employees. The priority goes to the directly funded organizations and health departments, not CBO's willing to provide the training.

It was motioned to write a letter to the capacity building branch at CDC about the issue of training. Motion passed unanimously.

The letter should emphasize and discuss linkage and separation of funding regarding training. There was an in depth discussion about problems with training. There is difficulty in getting trained due to location and time constraints.

Gilda Roman Nay Torres suggested putting the topic of training on future PPG conference calls to encourage questions and feedback.

Open Forum

Gilda asked if there are any items to discuss that were not on the agenda.

Charles Martin motioned to change the Youth At-large position to Substance Abuse position. Motion approved unanimously.

Bobby Davis acknowledged Gilda for serving as Community Co-chair and thanked her for her years of service to the planning body.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53AM.