
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 10th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

APPROVED

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, November 4, 2010

12:18 PM - 4:14 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.- Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Campbell
John Copeland
David Giugni
Lee Kochems
Victor Martinez*
Jill Rotenberg

Juli-Ann Carlos
Trevor Daniels
AJ King
Ricki Rosales
Josh Riley
Enrique Topete

ABSENT

Michael Green (E)
Philip Hendricks (E)
Miguel Martinez (E)
Sandra Olivas (U)
Sophia Rumanes (E)
Terry Smith (E)
Kathy Watt (E)
Timothy Young (E)

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Delgadillo

Elizabeth Escobedo

Mario Pérez

I. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION

“A Comparison of Risk Behaviors Reported by Online Versus In-Person MSM in Los Angeles County”

Dr. Rosemary Veniegas of the Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) provided some background and introduced Juli-Ann Carlos, PPC member and representative for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health HIV/Epidemiology Program who provided a power point presentation.

Ms. Carlos' power point presentation explored the concept that men who have sex with men (MSM) are relying on the internet to identify male sexual partners. As more men shift their partner-seeking behaviors to the internet, it is unclear whether traditional, venue-based HIV behavioral surveillance activities are capturing the universe of MSM at risk of HIV infection. Given the steady increase of MSM using the internet each year, it is important to determine whether MSM who are on the internet are somehow different from men who are more easily accessed by researchers and prevention workers in physical venues. Los Angeles County (LAC) participated in a CDC-funded project known as Web-based HIV Behavioral Surveillance (WHBS) in 2004-2007. This multi-site investigation enrolled MSM, ages 18 years and older, using an internet based direct marketing approach with banner-ad recruitment from seven popular MSM web sites. During four months of subject recruitment, 1,234 MSM were enrolled in the WHBS and 537 MSM in the National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS). When asked about their most recent casual partner, 63% of WHBS participants reported meeting him online compared to 26% of NHBS participants. Recent unprotected anal

sex with male partners was reported 61% and 53% of WHBS and NHBS participants, respectively. The mean number of male partners for WHBS participants was 20 and 10 for NHBS participants. Eighteen percent of WHBS participants reported never testing for HIV compared to 5% of NHBS participants. Self-reported HIV seroprevalence was 10% for WHBS and 12% for NHBS. Of the 91% of NHBS participants who consented to an HIV test, 19% were HIV positive. There was a significant difference in socio-demographic characteristics such as age and race/ethnicity, and some differences in risk behaviors and self-reported HIV status across study populations were identified. The findings suggest that, while it may prove more efficient to obtain larger samples of MSM using online methods, there are specific sub-populations, such as non-White and older MSM, that are more reliably sampled in public settings. Additional benefits of venue-based studies include the ability to conduct HIV counseling and testing to engage participants in longer and more detailed risk questionnaires.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:18 PM and a quorum was present.

AJ King welcomed everyone to the November 4, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT November 4, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved.

<p>MOTION #1: Approve the November 4, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2010 PPC MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT October 7, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved.

<p>MOTION #2: Approve the October 7, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ryn Chua, APAIT, announced APAIT’s annual “Quest” (a transgender advocacy pageant) is scheduled On December 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Tickets can be obtained on line. APAIT is looking for additional applicants for candidates. Palm cards are available on the back table.
- Alejandro Ponce, Bienestar, announced Bienestar’s “Unidos en Esperanza” is scheduled on December 1st at La Placeita Church.

- Alejandro Ponce, Bienestar, announced two positions are available at Bienestar (one part-time and one full-time) for additional information, contact Alejandro Ponce.
- Susan Forrest, HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force announced the HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force has begun videotaping their trainings and will be making the videotapes available on-line. The web site is www.hivdatf.org
- Elton Naswood, Red Circle Project, read a statement from President Obama proclaiming November as “National Native American Heritage Month” and announced three events the Red Circle Project is hosting in November:
 1. “Two Spirits” film screening on Tuesday, November 11th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
 2. “Keep on Keeping On” on Tuesday, November 18th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at California State University, Long Beach.
 3. “Protect our People! Native Americans and HIV/AIDS” on Friday, November 19th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA).
- Bamby Salcedo, CHLA, thanked everyone who supported the “Angels of Change” event on October 16th and reminded everyone the 2011 Angels of Change calendars are available on-line at www.huckleberryfund.org.
- David Giugni, City of West Hollywood, announced the City of West Hollywood will be commemorating World AIDS Day on Wednesday, December 1st with a candlelight vigil and march beginning at 6:00 PM at West Hollywood City Hall and ending at Gallery 25 on La Cienega. The information will be posted on the city’s website at www.weho.org.
- Jill Rotenberg, SPA 4 SPN, announced the next SPA 4 SPN meeting is at AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) on Thursday, November 18th at 12:00 noon. For additional information, contact Ms. Rotenberg.

VI. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Elizabeth Escobedo stated Dr. Green has been reporting on the CDC funding announcement and the new grants. Grantee meetings are now taking place. This week, The Expanded Testing Initiative grantees meeting and next week it will be Enhancing HIV Prevention Planning Implementation in Los Angeles County. More information will be provided after the conclusion of these meetings.

VII. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- PPC/COH Integration Task Force Report/Update
Terry Smith shared there has not been a meeting of the Integration/Collaboration task Force since the last PPC meeting. One of the things the Integration/Collaboration Task Force agreed to work on was TLC+. The next Integration/Collaboration Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 8th.
- Update from the COH Annual Meeting
Terry Smith shared the COH Annual Meeting occurs yearly and what an Integration/Collaboration Work Plan would look like was discussed at the COH Annual Meeting.
- UCHAPS Update
Terry Smith reported there will be a UCHAPS meeting in Washington, DC immediately following HPLS.

- **New PPC Structure Update**
AJ King reminded everyone the PPC is in a transition phase of restructuring. The actual PPC meeting will become more focused on developing the Prevention Plan. The PPC subcommittees are: Steering Subcommittee, Internal Operations Subcommittee, and External Activities Subcommittee. Terry Smith encouraged the audience members to participate in the PPC subcommittees. Lastly, AJ King reminded everyone the reports and updates from the various disciplines (e.g. agencies, cities, county departments, etc.) are to be made during the “Announcements” agenda item.

VIII. INTERNAL OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Terry Smith announced Ricki Rosales was elected as Chair of the Internal Operations Subcommittee and Jill Rotenberg was elected as Deputy Chair of the Internal Operations Subcommittee.

Ricki Rosales reported the first Internal Operations Subcommittee meeting was held on October 21st with the selection of chair and deputy chair. The Subcommittee began developing a Work Plan (with 4 main goals) and agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The next Internal Operations Subcommittee meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 9th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at OAPP.

IX. EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Enrique Topete reported the first External Activities Subcommittee meeting was held on October 21, 2010 with the selection of a chair and rotating deputy chairs (Kathy Watt and David Giugni). The Subcommittee began developing a Work Plan (6 main goals) and agreed to meet on the third Monday of the month from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The next External Activities Subcommittee meeting is Monday, November 15th at 3:00 PM at OAPP.

X. NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY (NHAS) OVERVIEW AND PRESENTATION REPORT

Mario Pérez, Director of Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP), provided a power point presentation. “An Overview of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS)” which included a statement from President Obama, the key NHAS figures, estimated number of persons living with HIV or AIDS in Los Angeles County as of July, 2009, the racial/ethnic distribution of persons living with AIDS by SPA in Los Angeles County, statistics for new positives, and numerous other charts and graphs with various statistical data. The goals for NHAS are:

1. Reduce New HIV Infections
2. Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for People Living with HIV (PLWH)
3. Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities

Mr. Pérez concluded his presentation with the following five statements:

1. Resources will always be tight, and we will have to make tough choices about the use of funds.
2. PLWH have unique experiences that should be valued and relied upon.
3. Communities themselves are best equipped to make difficult trade-offs, priority-setting and resource allocation.
4. Continued investment in research is needed.
5. A commitment to innovation is needed.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

A copy of the presentation is on file and available under the presentations link on the OAPP website.

XI. BREAK

XII. DISCUSSION ON “WHAT NHAS MEANS TO LOS ANGELES?”

Following the NHAS Overview Presentation and break, the PPC Community Co-Chairs opened the floor to PPC members and the community for a dialogue and discussion on what NHAS means to Los Angeles. One of comments included developing an infrastructure for individuals who test positive to seek care. Mario Pérez responded based on statistics from OAPP, 80 individuals test positive each month, which breaks it down to 20 individuals per week. Additionally, Mr. Pérez reported that OAPP funded testing programs are under producing and under spending. Mr. Pérez shared OAPP intends to write a letter to the CDC notifying them that OAPP will be using two consecutive positive tests to link an individual to care. Mr. Pérez stated OAPP intends on using the theory of rapid to rapid to confirm viral load. Juli-Ann Carlos asked if a conversation has occurred with Doug Frye at HIV/Epidemiology because incidence reporting has always used blood draw for reporting purposes.

AJ King posed the questions:

1. Does the PPC want to respond to the NHAS Implementation Plan?
2. Does the PPC want to respond what this means to the Los Angeles Prevention Planning Process and what does this mean to the new Prevention Plan?
3. What are the next steps?

Victor Martinez shared he has copies of the NHAS documents in English and Spanish and is willing to share the documents.

Terry Smith shared that at the December 2nd PPC meeting, there will be a presentation and discussion around TLC+. It was suggested to contact Dr. Sayles to request her TLC+ presentation at the December 2nd PPC meeting.

At 4:00 PM, AJ King placed a motion on the floor to extend today’s PPC meeting for an additional 10 minutes. Terry Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #3: Extend the November 4, 2010 PPC Meeting until 4:10 PM.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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Victor Martinez recommended for the PPC to respond to the NHAS Implementation Plan document. The PPC members were polled for their position to develop a response.

Bamby Salcedo reported she attended a meeting on October 13th with representatives for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) about the HIV Strategy and some notes were generated. Ms. Salcedo stated she would provide copies of the notes if the PPC agreed to develop a response to the Strategy. PPC Community Co-Chairs (Terry Smith and AJ King)

discussed the PPC preparing a response and recommended for the PPC to develop a document and respond to the Implementation Plan. David Giugni seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #4: The PPC will develop a document and respond to the NHAS Implementation Plan.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ricki Rosales announced the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office Prevention RFP is posted at LACityAIDS.org and www.LABVU.org (under Disability).

Lawrence Fernandez announced LACADA in SPA 7 is holding its’ 2nd Annual World AIDS Day event on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at LACADA.

Enrique Topete announced that in recognition of World AIDS Day, The Wall-Las Memorias Project, Inc. will be engraving a new batch of names to the AIDS Monument in Lincoln Park. The deadline to submit names is November 24th.

XIV. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.
Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION: #1: Approve the November 4, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION # 2: Approve the October 7, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #3: Extend the November 4, 2010 PPC Meeting until 4:10 PM.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #4: The PPC will develop a document and respond to the NHAS Implementation Plan.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-1127.