

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE
600 South Commonwealth Avenue 10th Floor – Los Angeles, Ca. 90005-4001

APPROVED

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMARY

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Members Present:

Josh Riley, Enrique Topete, Kathy Watt, David Giugni, Scott Campbell, Rryn Chua, Grissel Granados, Michelle Enfield

Members Absent:

Victor Martinez (E)

Others Present:

Shoshanna Scholar, Clean Needles Now; Jason Wise, APLA; Aaron Fox, APLA; Alexis Rivera, Transgender Services Provider Network; Elizabeth Escobedo, OAPP; Kyle Baker, OAPP

Enrique Topete called the meeting to order at 10:23 AM and a quorum was present.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Enrique Topete welcomed everyone to the External Activities Subcommittee meeting and self introductions were made.

II. Review and Approval of March 23, 2011 External Activities Meeting Agenda

The draft March 23, 2011 PPC External Activities Subcommittee meeting agenda was reviewed and Scott Campbell seconded the motion to approve the March 23, 2011 External Activities Subcommittee meeting agenda. The motion passed by consensus.

III. Review and Approval of February 14, 2011 External Activities Meeting Summary

The draft February 14, 2011 PPC External Activities Subcommittee meeting summary was reviewed. Grissel Granados' name was missing from "Members Present". Josh Riley seconded the motion to approve the February 14, 2011 External Activities Subcommittee meeting summary with the addition of Grissel Granados name to "Members Present". The motion passed by consensus.

IV. Public Comment

Alexis Rivera, Transgender Service Provider Network (TSPN) announced the TSPN has been reviewing the Transgender Recommendations and shared she wants to work with the PPC to prevent the Transgender Recommendations from sitting on someone's desk for another two years. Additionally, Ms. Rivera announced the TSPN are discussing Transgender issues including: data support, data collection, legal issues (e.g. name and gender changes, issues regarding "condom carrying"), and program practices and policy.

The recommendations developed by the African American Men who have Sex with Men (AA MSM) were developed into an Addendum to the Prevention Plan. After two years, the Transgender Recommendations are “just sitting” somewhere between the PPC and OAPP. Since the PPC has approved the Transgender Recommendations and forwarded them to OAPP, the following concerns were expressed:

1. What message is being sent to the Transgender Community, because the PPC and OAPP have done nothing with the Recommendations?
2. Referring to the February 14, 2011 External Activities Subcommittee Meeting Summary, how can specific recommendations (e.g. dollar amounts and percentages) be developed, as there is no current data for the Transgender population in Los Angeles County?
3. A recent example of an HIV positive woman who refused to seek treatment because of the stigma associated with HIV positive Transgendered individuals was provided.

Kathy Watt suggested to Ms. Rivera that she contact the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) LGBT Liaison regarding the condom issue (carrying two or more Condoms can be considered solicitation by law enforcement).

Josh Riley shared he has met with Miguel Martinez regarding the Transgender Recommendations and will assemble a small group of individuals to work with the TSPN to finalize the recommendations.

Enrique Topete suggested resuming the conversation under the Transgender Recommendations agenda item.

At 11:28 AM, Enrique Topete placed a motion on the floor to extend the meeting for an additional thirty minutes. Kathy Watt seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

V. Syringe Exchange Presentation

Shoshanna Scholar, Clean Needles Now, provided a power point presentation titled “HIV Prevention with IDUS: Syringe Exchange & Access in LA”. Additionally, Ms. Scholar distributed listings of City of Los Angeles Needle Exchange Sites and County of Los Angeles Needle Exchange Sites. There was a question and answer period following the presentation.

A copy of the power point presentation titled, “HIV Prevention with IDUS: Syringe Exchange & Access in LA” and a copy of the Needle Exchange sites in the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles are on file.

VI. Policy 101 Presentation

Jason Wise and Aaron Fox, APLA, facilitated a conversation/open discussion on Policy Issues. Mr. Wise apologized for the incorrect name of “Policy Planning Committee” instead of “Prevention Planning Committee” on the handout.

Policy making is about education and the epidemic is changing and growing. When speaking and/or presenting, target your audience. Every office that sponsors legislation/bill has a fact sheet for that piece of legislation/bill.

The conversation/discussion included: The Money Trail (sources of funding – where the money comes from), listing of the Important Players, Advocacy 101 (listing of potential advocacy efforts), and the current state of the government (Federal, State, Los Angeles County, and the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office). The conversation included the fact that AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) is part of the California HIV Alliance and APLA is working in a coalition with other providers. Kathy Watt suggested that when staff is hired, the agency/organization should provide the staff with some education/training on funding streams and policy to better inform the new hire of their role in the organization and the impact in the community. In an attempt to inform agencies/organizations and the community, there has been talk about forming a Listserv for information sharing purposes. Kathy Watt requested that UCHAPS be added to the list of Important Players.

Aaron Fox mentioned all of the documents that were distributed.

It was recommended to allow time at the next External Activities Subcommittee Meeting to discuss the Policy 101 Presentation.

VII. Task Forces/Subcommittees

- **Latino Task Force**

Elizabeth Escobedo reported the Latino Task Force continued to work on their Implementation Plan during their last meeting and Enrique Topete will follow up with Victor Martinez and Sergio Aviña on the status of the Latino Task Force Recommendations.

- **Transgender Recommendations**

Josh Riley shared OAPP wants a trimmed down version of the Transgender Recommendations with the top recommendations being actionable items for OAPP. Alexis Rivera shared the TSPN has identified three priorities. Elizabeth Escobedo shared the development of an Executive Summary and/or Implementation Plan might be helpful for OAPP.

Ryyn Chua expressed concern because the Transgender population is not included in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Josh Riley responded it is a shame that the Transgender population is absent from the National HIV/AIDS Strategy but he does not think the National HIV/AIDS Strategy is prescriptive down to the local level of what is to be included in the Prevention Plan. Language from the Transgender Recommendations can be incorporated into the Prevention Plan.

Alexis Rivera and Ryyn Chua invited Miguel Martinez and Josh Riley to work with the Transgender Service Provider Network (TSPN) on the Transgender Recommendations. The TSPN meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and the TSPN Policy Group meets in the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

- **Joint Public Policy**

Due to time constraint, there was no discussion on Joint Public Policy.

VIII. Announcements

Michelle Enfield announced the Native American AIDS Awareness Day “Pow Wow” held on March 19th was a success.

Scott Campbell thanked the External Activities Subcommittee for changing the meeting day and time to the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Josh Riley announced the UCHAPS meeting in Los Angeles was a great opportunity to learn about other jurisdictions and a report will be given at the April 7th PPC meeting.

Josh Riley announced Friends Research Institute is seeking a Transgender individual for a Program Coordinator position.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:45PM.

MOTION SUMMARY		
Motion #1: Approved March 23, 2011 PPC External Activities Subcommittee meeting agenda.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
Motion #2: Approve February 14, 2011 PPC External Activities Subcommittee meeting summary.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
Motion #3: Extend the meeting an additional thirty (30) minutes.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
RECOMMENDATIONS		
Recommendation #4:	Allow time at the next External Activities Subcommittee Meeting for a follow up discussion on the Policy 101 Presentation.	

Recommendation #5:	Enrique Topete will follow up with Victor Martinez and Sergio Aviña on the status of the Latino Task Force Recommendations.
Recommendation #6:	Miguel Martinez and Josh Riley work with the Transgender Service Provider Network (TSPN) on the Transgender Recommendations.
Recommendation #7:	Allow time at the next External Activities Subcommittee Meeting to discuss the status/progress of the Transgender Recommendations.

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP).

Materials Distributed:

Draft Meeting Agenda for March 23, 2011 PPC External Activities Subcommittee Meeting
Draft Meeting Summary for February 14, 2011 PPC External Activities Subcommittee Meeting
External Activities Subcommittee Roster
March 2011 and April 2011 PPC-COH Combined Calendar
Power Point presentation titled “HIV Prevention with IDUS: Syringe Exchange & Access in LA”
Listing titled “County of Los Angeles Needle Exchange Sites”
Listing titled “City of Los Angeles Needle Exchange Sites”
Fact Sheet titled “AB 604 – Skinner Syringe Exchange Programs
Handout titled” Policy Planning Committee – External Activities 3.23.11 Policy 101”
Handout titled “Survey Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor HIV/AIDS Issues”
Handout Sample SB41 (Yee): Support Letter
Handout titled “California HIV Alliance”
Handout titled “California HIV Alliance – 2011 Budget and Policy Priorities”
UCHAPS Best Practices Issue:1|October 2011 Syringe Access