

***HIV Prevention Planning Council (HPPC)
and HIV Health Services Planning Council***

**Points of Integration Between Prevention & CARE
Tuesday, June 6, 2006**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tracey Packer, Ed Byrom, Thomas Knoble, Derrick Mapp, Ken Pearce, William Blum, Michelle Bakken, and Brett Andrews

Absent: William Bland, Angie Baker, BillieJean Kanios, Matt Jennings, Colin Partridge

Guest: Doug Sebesta

Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Aimee Crisostomo (Harder+Company), and Joe Lynn (note taker)

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Co-Chair Ed Byrom called the meeting to order at 3:41, and everyone introduced themselves.

There was an announcement of an upcoming June community forum for folks over 50. A suggestion was made that a questionnaire to these folks should include questions about what the possible barriers to testing might be. Co-Chair Bill Blum said he would follow up.

At the end of the meeting Ms. Michelle Bakken announced the progress of the TARC merger into its new organization, Tenderloin Health Center, a Continuum of Care. She also said there were upcoming events to recognize the transition.

2. Public Comment

Harder+Co. technical support staff Aimee Crisostomo announced that the Planning Council had made available its laptop computer for taking notes. Mr. Blum announced an upcoming June meeting of the California HIV Planning Group (CHPG). There would also be Prevention with Positives conference in October.

Tracey Packer addressed the recent news articles on SF General's policy of getting written or verbal consent from testers. As a practical matter, it is written consent. Supervisor Fiona Ma held a hearing on an ordinance requiring written consent as a matter of law. The ACLU had become interested when an old consent form had been used through a clerical error.

3. Approval of minutes from 5/2/06 meeting (vote)

Thomas Knoble made a motion to approve the minutes and second by Derrick. The minutes were amended to reflect Joseph Cecere's presence at the 5/2/06 meeting. As amended they were adopted by consensus.

4. Committee Business:

- Report from HIV Health Services Planning Council (HHSPC)

Folks should anticipate a budget cut but perhaps not as much as previously expected. The Planning Council had voted to approve the Marin and San Mateo budgets. It had also taken positions regarding the CEAER Coalition's stand on reauthorization.

- Report from Prevention Planning Council (HPPC)

An attendance policy for community members is being looked at by the Membership/Community Liaison committee.

There is also a desire to better prioritize prevention based on the work of the Points of Integration Committee.

- Update from COE meeting (May 9th)

Bill reported that the meeting had been dynamic evidencing good will and a desire to collaborate.

- State CPG meeting-June 21 & 22 in San Francisco

See discussion above.

5. Partner Disclosure

- Thomas Knoble ,CA DHS STD Control

Thomas Knoble gave a PowerPoint presentation assisted by Doug Sebesta concerning the California Disclosure Assistance and Partner Services program. This was a new disclosure initiative that he had helped develop.

While the program is a work in progress, future discussion will center on how to get the training to care providers and learn from them what their needs are. Training disclosure liaisons would be developed to approach providers to explain to them what the program was about. There was a good deal of discussion between the committee and the presenters. One of the issues that might be added to the parking lot discussion is an in-depth discussion of the possible significance of the program. New interest in partner disclosure services, previously underused, may indicate a turning point within the culture.

The Demonstration project counters the medical model and embraces both positives and negatives. The CDC has funded models to test their policy of requiring all who can be identified to be tested. So far the demonstration projects have been failures. San Francisco is developing an approach that uses the dollars before the folks have sex. This approach would question whether partners should disclose or not, ask or not. A community forum would be held this Thursday called "Bareback Mountain" to launch the new disclosure initiative.

Some believed that there needed to be networks available for the care providers and the prevention community. Others thought too much emphasis might be

being placed on disclosure versus negotiating safe sex. Some were concerned that documentation of successes in this model might be more difficult to establish.

It was agreed that further discussion of next steps should be placed on the next agenda. Those might include presenting this to the full CARE and Prevention Planning Councils perhaps after the summer prioritization process is done. A policy statement in support of the training program might be developed. A survey of folks as to why they don't test would be helpful. Doug said there had been focus groups on this subject which he may be able to review and synopsise. Tracey Packer agreed on the importance of the information from the focus groups.

6. Follow-up Discussion on Late testers. (Possible Vote)

- Literature Review

Aimee presented in shortened fashion her review of the literature, saying that more information may be added on. Aimee focused on the definition of late testers from study to study. Significant factors for being a late tester included:

- Heterosexuals
- Older than 40, (although one study found the 18-29 group significant)
- Black or Hispanic
- Foreign born according to some international studies (some studies noted that this may be due to cultural barriers, isolation in a foreign country, and language barriers)
- High school education or less,
- Tested negative previously

Injection drug users and prison stay were less associated with being a late-tester.

Aimee reported that most studies found that illness prompted testing. This may be on next month's agenda.

7. Planning for next meeting

See above.

8. Evaluation and closing

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

* These minutes were prepared by Joe Lynn and reviewed by Aimee F. Crisostomo, Vincent Fuqua, Bill Blum, and Ed Byrom.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 11 from 3:30-5:30 PM at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Room 330A.