

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

**Points of Integration between Prevention & CARE
Monday, October 30, 2006**

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Bill Blum, Tracey Packer, Michael Discepola, Ed Byrom, Thomas Knoble, Ken Pearce, Michelle Bakken, Billie Jean Kanios, Derrick Mapp, John Melichar, and Angie Baker

Absent: Colin Partridge, William Bland

Staff Present: Michael Paquette (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Joseph Cecere (DPH), Aimee Crisostomo (Harder+Co/notetaker)

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

- Vincent Fuqua is back from leave.

2. Follow-up Draft motion based on Recommendations from late & non-testers (vote)

The Committee agreed to approach the draft recommendations one by one as they had previously done at the last meeting. They proceeded where they left off at the last meeting.

A. Risk assessment/risk reduction training for non-HIV medical providers

The group acknowledged that medical providers would not be able to attend a long training; however, it is important to include this recommendation. The Disclosure Initiative may address this recommendation by offering a 2-hour training for providers that is currently in the planning stages.

Motion to adopt the draft, after amending the term “POI is concerned” to read “medical providers”, was passed unanimously.

B. Reaching late and non-testers through disclosure services

The disclosure recommendations should be referenced.

Motion to adopt the draft, after amending the rationale to read “Existing studies suggest that one reason...” and reference to the disclosure recommendations to be included, passed unanimously.

C. Social marketing strategies for immigrant communities

The group discussed whether certain subpopulations should be prioritized based on BRPs. However, while data shows where the epidemic has been, but it is good to look at future trends as well. For example, we do not want to miss women who may be at risk because their male partners are having sex with men. The group further discussed the need for rapid assessments to determine which specific groups HPS should provide outreach to.

Motion to adopt the draft, after amending the phrase “prioritize the development” to read “develop” and addition of the term “at-risk” and “based on local data”, passed unanimously.

D. Reaching non-testers of color through non-traditional, community-based HIV testing sites.

The group discussed the use of the word “indigenous” in the introductory paragraph for “Recommendations Regarding People of Color”. “Indigenous” organizations refer to those organizations that have a long-standing relationship with the community. A suggestion was made to use another word that more people can understand. A suggestion was made to use the word “established” to refer to the idea that organizations do not have to be from within the community in order to provide services for the community. There are such organizations that are still able to provide culturally competent services.

The group discussed whether examples of community-based sites should be provided. Some of the examples may appear stereotypical. The group decided to remove the examples.

Motion to adopt the draft, after amending the term “indigenous” to read “established” in the introductory paragraph; addition of the phrase “based on assessments with the target population” instead of examples, was passed unanimously.

E. Partnerships with people of color faith communities that serve high-risk congregants

The group discussed ways to make the title clearer. They agreed to add same gender loving (SGL)/MSM to the recommendation.

Motion to adopt the draft, after amending the phrase “people of color faith communities” to read “faith communities reach people of color” in the title; addition of the phrase “can provide” in the rationale; and addition of “SGL/MSM” in the recommendation, was passed unanimously.

F. Social marketing campaigns for women of color

The group talked about making sure that the language throughout the document is consistent. As such, they made changes to the wording in the recommendation. They also agreed that specifying at-risk women based on demographic data and a rapid needs assessment is necessary.

Motion to adopt the draft, after addition of the phrase “at-risk women, based on demographic driven rapid needs assessments” in the rationale, and amendment of the term “prioritize” to read “develop” in the recommendation, was passed unanimously.

G. Providing services for women of color

The group decided to develop recommendations in this area for next year.

H. Collaboration between prevention and care

The group discussed the importance of this recommendation to be included. There’s room for DPH to strengthen the partnership between prevention and care. There was a suggestion to amend the language in the rationale so it is more strength-based.

Motion to adopt the draft, after amending the term “perpetuate” to read “decreasing the incidence of delayed HIV testing” in the rationale, and addition of “to strengthen the linkages between testing and care” in the recommendation, was passed unanimously.

3. Planning for next meeting

- **Review November HPPC Presentation**

A draft of the committee’s presentation was distributed and reviewed. The group agreed to include the late-testers preliminary recommendations as a motion for the Council at the committee’s presentation on Nov. 9 along with the disclosure recommendations. The committee will emphasize that the late-testers recommendations are preliminary and that they will be revisited once the needs assessment is completed. The group agreed that they are presenting a lot of information, however, they feel strongly about the work they’ve done. The group brainstormed ways to present all the information, including taking a break between the two motions. The group agreed that it may be helpful to Council members if they received the two sets of recommendations for disclosure and late-testing prior to the presentation so that they can review the information and be clear about what they will be asked to vote on.

Co-chairs, HPS, and Harder+Co. will continue to work on the presentation to include the committee’s discussions today.

4. Evaluation and closing

The meeting ended at 4:35 p.m.

* These minutes were prepared by Aimee F. Crisostomo and reviewed by Eileen Loughran, Vincent Fuqua, Bill Blum, and Edward Byrom.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Room 330A