

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

**Points of Integration Between Prevention & CARE  
Tuesday, November 21, 2006  
3:30 – 5:30 PM**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Tracey Packer, Ed Byrom, Derrick Mapp, Ken Pearce, Michelle Bakken, Angie Baker, Billie-Jean Kanios, Colin Partridge, Susan Phillips, John Melichar

**Absent:** Brett Andrews, William Bland, Michael Discepola

**Staff Present:** Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran(HPS), Joseph Cecere, Michael Paquette(HPS), Aimee Crisostomo(Harder & Co.), and Joe Lynn(minute taker)

**Guest:** Clayton Robbins, Shanti

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Committee Chair Ed Byrom called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Aimee Crisostomo gave a brief progress report on the needs assessment on late testers. While recruitment posed some initial problems, the project is moving forward.

SHANTI LIFE program will be looking at outcomes in the near future.

Ken Pearce will be arriving late.

Tenderloin Health is now testing for Hepatitis C as well as HIV.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of minutes from 10/17/06 & 10/30/06 meetings (vote)

**Motion (Kanios/Mapp) to approve the 10/17/06 minutes passed unanimously with Colin Partridge abstaining.**

**Motion (Kanios/Mapp) to approve the 10/30/06 minutes passed unanimously with Colin Partridge abstaining.**

#### 4. Committee Business:

- Report from HIV Prevention Planning Council (HPPC)

Ed reported that this committee's presentation at the last HPPC meeting went well.

A work group was convened to review the Council attendance policy. The group met twice. Israel and Michael Paquette are in the process of writing up the groups recommendations. The recommendations will go to co-chairs for approval.

Most of the new Council members were present at this meeting. Ed pointed out that Michelle Bakken is a new HPPC member.

- Report from HIV Health Services Planning Council (HSPC)

HSPC Co-Chair Billie-Jean Kanios reported that there are no new developments in reauthorizing the Ryan White Act. The Council is planning a steering retreat in January. The group is preparing a needs-assessment focused on women.

There was a short discussion of the committee structures of each council. A joint meeting of the two councils is planned for February or March.

#### 5. Debrief 11/9 HPPC meeting (possible vote)

- Follow-up on Recommendations

There was a consensus that the presentation to the HPPC went well. The group agreed that there was no contentious debate generated. Members believe that this was due to the thorough preparation for the meeting. Harder & Co., committee co-chairs, and HPS took a proactive approach in preparing for the presentation. A member reminded the group to remember that the recommendations are preliminary and subject to review once the needs assessment results are known.

The committee expressed appreciation for the support from Harder & Co. and HPS staff.

#### 6. Follow-up Panel Discussion on Serosorting (possible vote)

Some committee members suggested that the panel discussion should be presented again either to the full council or as a community forum. It was also recommended that a follow-up panel discussion with input from some other experts would be interesting, and perhaps show a different perspective.

Future topics of discussion should include the various ways men negotiate sex.

The discussion has moved from the relationships of positives to other positives. It now includes a discussion of the practices of negatives.

Some warned against DPH telling the community to do what they already do. The conversation needs to be around when one gets tested and other related issues. An old campaign -- "how do you know?" -- was recalled.

Serosorting needs to be discussed in the context of safe sex and common sense practices.

Others in the group suggested that serosorting is a part of an expression of identity in order to evade judgment or rejection. It is a strategy used so that people don't have to talk.

A member explained that a serosorting campaign was not to sell folks on serosorting but to explain to them that the issue needs to be talked about.

A serosorting campaign would confirm positives' behavior not negatives'.

The community must also know that serosorting does not prevent against other STDS. A member pointed out that according to recent data, 61% of new syphilis cases are found in HIV positive men.

There was also a discussion of when to hold the follow-up panel discussion.

Aimee suggested that Harder & Co. conduct a literature review on the topic. There was a consensus that a review of the literature would be helpful.

#### 7. Planning for next meeting (possible vote)

- Next steps: Harder & co/ HPS follow-up items

Harder & Co. will begin the literature review.

HPS staff will arrange for a presentation by Susan Buchbinder, and other suggested presenters to continue the serosorting discussion. Due to the holidays, this will be planned, and then scheduled for January.

There was a discussion concerning the lack of a co-chair from the HIV Health Services Planning Council (HSPC) since Bill Blum has resigned. Billie-Jean Kanios agreed to represent HSPC in planning the next meeting. Vincent & Eileen will send out an email to schedule that meeting.

#### 8. Evaluation and closing 5:25-5:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 4:57.

These minutes were prepared by Joe Lynn, and reviewed by Eileen Loughran, Vincent Fuqua, Ed Byrom and Billie-Jean Kanios.