

HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COUNCIL (HPPC)
Strategies and Interventions Committee
Thursday, September 7, 2006
4:00 - 5:30 pm

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Abbie Zimmerman, Alix Lutnick, John Tighe, Emalie Huriaux, Weihaur Lau, Dee Hampton, Chandra Sivakumar

Committee Members Absent: Dave Hook, Joani Marinoff

Guests: John Pabustan

Professional Staff: Israel Nieves-Rivera (HPS), Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Clare Nolan (Harder & Co.), Naomi Forsberg (notetaker)

1. Welcome and Announcements

- Emalie opened meeting at 4:06
- Abbie announced that she can't come to the next meeting

2. Public Comment

- None

3. Approval of August 3, 2006 Minutes (vote)

- There was a movement by Abbie to approve minutes. John seconded it and the minutes were approved.

4. Committee Business:

- Report from Steering Committee

- Emalie gave an update from the steering committee. There is a climate problem at the Quaker meeting house and there was discussion around having dogs or pets at HPPC meetings; both items will have a resolution at the next Steering Committee meeting. There was also a discussion about having a moment of silence at meetings and the resolution was to have one as needed and as appropriate.
- IPR was discussed and the questions that the council asked were answered and the narrative was approved. Dara and Willi are working on the gap analysis.
- Abbie and Emalie met with the co-chairs of the SFLI committee and they discussed how S&I would like to support the city's universal health care plan and SFLI was in agreement; Steering Committee agreed to write a letter in support of universal health care plan to the mayor. They also discussed the

CARE budget and how it is tenuous and how that issue should be brought up to the City.

5. Review structural change and interventions concepts

- At the last committee meeting, we talked endorsing a definition for "structural change" and "structural interventions" and some interventions that could be feasible for SF were discussed.

Definitions for Structural Change & Structural Interventions
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- Clare gave the results of the SurveyMonkey. First she discussed how there were a few definitions of "structural change" and "structural interventions." The majority liked the second definition for "structural change." Dee made a motion to endorse this definition, Abbie seconded it and it was approved.
- Abbie abstained from the vote and wanted to make the point that 2 people did not want the first one and wanted to give the space for anyone to say no. The definition was passed and it will be used in the presentation for the council as the recommended definition for structural change.
- The 2 choices of definitions for "structural interventions" were a very close call at the last meeting with a 3 to 4 vote. Everyone reread the minutes from the last meeting about this issue. Dee asked how many people were voting members of S&I and Vincent responded that there are 9 voting members with 8 votes because HPS staffs share one vote.
- Abbie said that one of the concerns for the plan was that it is not in a language that the "lay" person understands and the difference was that one of the definition gives an example in order to give context to what "structural intervention" means.
- Dee said that she doesn't like the definition with the example included because it is less clear and feels "bogged down." Israel asked whether using the language of the second definition and adding a simple example would help. Alex said it could be helpful to have it look clearer, visually. Emalie said she feels it's redundant to have an example in the definition because there will be a section in the plan of what structural interventions can be.
- John T. said that the problem with the first one was the phrase "making safer behavior easier" because it over simplifies the definition.
- Israel asked if it was clear that a structural intervention is the process that you take to get to the change rather than the change itself and how S&I can make sure that is clear and articulate in the definition. He asked for suggestions of the language people would like to see in the plan that makes it clear that the intervention is the process.
- Clare said that one thing that can happen is to use one definition and modify it, to say no to both, or to leave it for the Plan writer to write.

- Israel asked if everyone trusted the co-chairs enough to let them hear what the committee is saying and modify the second one for the presentation for the Council and then send it out over email for everyone to see first, before it is finalized.
- Emalie added, in the spirit of Joani, that we make sure that S&I include in the definition of "structural intervention" that an intervention can address larger systems of oppression and racism.
- It was agreed that it would be left to the co-chairs to craft the definition.
- Emalie moved on to the examples of structural interventions that were discussed at the last meeting and fleshed out in smaller groups.

Have condoms and lube available throughout the city

- John T. presented the structural intervention he worked on about condom and lube availability. His structural intervention was that condoms and lube be available in places in other than just bars or more "obvious" locations. Suggestions to implement the intervention were to identify the broadest range of places to make them available and also to identify other places that need them that doesn't currently have them. Another point of this was to discuss what kind of condoms were needed and also which supporting products would need to be available along with condoms.
- Abbie suggested that there should be a brainstorm of what places need them that aren't so obvious.
- Vincent also suggested visibility and availability be discussed because there are even many bars where you wouldn't know where the condoms are
- Israel suggested using a problem statement, saying "This is 2006 we know how well condoms can work and why aren't they extremely accessible?" It could be made obligatory that those with liquor licenses have condoms available, etc.
- Abbie suggested having condom companies in on this and it was added that condom machines should be put everywhere, to make it a normal part of communities.
- Clare also added that she wanted to go over why we did this exercise, which was to make people who read the Plan think about what else they can do. The Committee does not need to brainstorm.

Improve IDU access to sterile syringes in San Francisco

- Emalie and Dee worked on the IDU and access to clean needles intervention. The suggested interventions were: advocate for state funding for syringe exchange, to get local support for syringe exchange, to get secondary exchange legalized, increase/eliminate the cap on number of syringes,

expand the pharmacy sales of syringes to other venues, encourage/allow doctors to write prescriptions for syringes or remove the maximum limit you can buy at a pharmacy, etc.

Social Marketing regarding how people can test without ID, health insurance, or disclosing legal status

- Weihaur worked on the structural intervention about social marketing about medical and testing access for the immigrant population. He suggested implementing social marketing, decreasing language barriers with culture relevant services, increasing acceptance of immigrants, having more testing sites for immigrants, increasing funding for immigrant services, gaining access and information in places where there are clearly many immigrants, like where papers are processed, etc., and getting labor/immigrant rights leaders involved.
- Israel suggested tweaking it or adding examples that incorporate other funders besides the DPH and that to keep in mind what one might need to know legally surrounding immigrants and keeping in mind that you don't want to put immigrants in more danger.
- Alex said that this kind of information would be helpful for other groups besides immigrants, like sex workers.
- Dee suggested having information about anonymous testing at each community event and festival.
- Abbie said that agencies that do anonymous services should go out to the communities that would need anonymous testing, like immigrant communities or sex workers.

Reduce stigma among Men of Color through churches and religious institutions

- Vincent and Weihaur worked on an intervention for churches and religious institutions for reaching men of color. Their suggestions were: to work with HIV providers about talking with churches, getting education for religious leaders about homophobia and HIV, supporting ministers that already do education and getting those who aren't more involved to be involved, coming up with a policy about tolerance and acceptance among churches and religious communities

Expand HIV testing in San Francisco.

- Israel talked about how all San Franciscans should have access and more than one way to get tested. He suggested asking the state to

fund counseling and testing and getting health insurance companies to encourage testing.

- Alex suggested having more education about testing.

Mandate school staff training on HIV prevention, anti-transgender/homophobia and drug education

- Eiko worked on the structural interventions for public schools and the suggestions were: mandatory trainings about HIV & STD prevention and homophobia and for all SFUSD staff, to form a system to keep track and monitor the trainings to get proof that the information is relayed to the students, maintaining the trainings and insuring they are culturally appropriate and gender identity sensitivity.
- Dee suggested making it a requirement that all children are exposed to this information.
- John T. acknowledged that the other piece is making sure the trainings have quality assurance and have good information and curriculum.

Funding Feasibility Chart

- Israel went over the funding feasibility chart. This chart is a difficult thing to do because there no simple answer because it can change in a matter of a year. So when the plan is published the funding feasibility chart should be done in 2009 for the Plan, when it is published.
- Committee members agreed.

6. Next Steps, Evaluation, and Closure

- Emalie closed the meeting at 5:33.

* The minutes were taken by Naomi Forsberg and reviewed by Clare Nolan, Vincent Fuqua, Israel Nieves Rivera, Emalie Hurlaux, and Abbie Zimmerman.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2006, from 4:00 – 5:30 PM.

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