

HIV Prevention Community Planning Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Rice Auditorium, Indiana State Department of Health

2 North Meridian Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Member Attendees

Anna Urias Hail
Adriana Torres
Brian Fisher
Debra Stanley
Delbert Harmon
Diana Bowden
Dolly Lozano
Gregory Scott
James Holzman

James Howard
Jeff Lane
Jesus Vesga
Kelly Armstrong
Larry Pasco
Laura Prado Reyna
Lois Carnicom
Mark Hughes
Nicolas Foreman

Ramon Morton
Ramona Gilmore
Regina Lowery
Rev. Donald Archey
Richard Nash
Ronald Haas
Ryan Nix
Shola Ajiboye
Tony Gillespie
Wendy Woods

Non-Attending Members

Cydrisse Dooley
Jean Gifford
Paula French

Staff Attendees and Technical Advisors

Andrea Perez, ISDH Staff
Jerry Burkman, ISDH Staff
Larry Harris, ISDH Staff
Erika Chapman, ISDH Staff
Cheryl Percy, ISDH Staff

Robin Henry, CPG Staff
Cindy Clark, ISDH Staff
Candace Mitchell, ISDH
Staff

Carrie Radabaugh, ISDH Staff
Aaron Mettey, Bellflower Clinic

State Staff Not In Attendance

Cathy Archey-Morgan

Jim Beall

General Information

1. The meeting began at 10:10 a.m. due to lack of quorum. The group began with introductions, the purpose of community planning, and the Ground Rules.

Minutes

2. Larry Pasco discussed a sentence in the minutes regarding needle exchange. Mr. Pasco went on to provide what he felt was a clarification regarding the sentence.
3. The minutes were accepted utilizing the consensus method.

Self-Assessment Form

1. Dolly Lozano discussed the comment that stated that everyone must have a hidden agenda otherwise they would not be here. Mrs. Lozano feels that maybe she interprets a hidden agenda as something totally different than the message conveyed in the statement.
2. Jerry Burkman shared that here definition of a hidden agenda is when you are trying to get someone to do something and you have not inform them of the intent of your influence.
3. Anna Urias Hail does not agree with the comment and she feels that a hidden agenda is when you are trying to be sneaky about accomplishing something.
4. Donald Archey discussed the comment in 35 F regarding the fact that the individual felt that passing out a legal document regarding a group was inappropriate to do during a CPG meeting. Mr. Archey feels that it was appropriate to bring the issues in the document before the planning group.
5. Ryan Nix admitted to writing the comment he did not feel that it was appropriate to pass out at the monthly CPG meeting. Mr. Nix feels the CPG has no role in that. The CPG is here to represent their population.
6. Mr. Donald Archey went on to share that the document was public and he had a right to pass the document around. Mr. Archey went on to add that he spoke with the CDC officer Ted Forbes and he told him he could pass out the document.
7. Ramona Gilmore asked if a flyer is passed out does it have to go through CPG staff.
8. Robin Henry informed her that membership does not need to allow her to peruse every flyers prior to dissemination if they disseminate those flyers during the proper time during the meeting. Ms. Henry went on to add that Mr. Archey could have placed the document he passed out on the back table and discussed the contents of the document during the proper time on the agenda and provided any interested parties the opportunity to take the document if they so chose. Ms. Henry felt that Mr. Archey usurped the authority of the co-chairs as well as CPG staff by acting on his own accord and not informing them of what he was going to do.
9. Self assessment was accepted through the consensus method.

General Attendance

1. James Holzman felt he had a proxy for February and March meetings.
2. CPG staff informed him that the issue would be looked into.

Executive Committee Attendance

1. Ryan Nix wanted to know why he was marked absent if he is currently a member of the intervention committee and his responsibilities to the public policy and procedure committee have been delegated at this time.
2. Ron Haas informed him that the proper corrections would be made.

Executive Committee Minutes

1. Ron Haas asked CPG staff if both months copies of the executive committee minutes were sent out in the mailing.
2. Mr. Haas was informed that they were not, however they would be sent out in a subsequent mailing.
3. Donald Archey asked a question regarding a comment in the executive committee minutes about membership reduction. Mr. Archey wanted to know if the membership numbers were reduced who would decide what membership will be removed and what membership would remain.
4. Ron Haas informed him that if the numbers were reduced currently no one would be removed. The comment was a point for discussion not a formal recommendation.

General Information

1. Ron Haas informed the group about a letter the Executive Committee decided to draft and send to Mr. Pasco. Mr. Haas went on to add that Mr. Pasco wanted to read his rebuttal before the group.
2. Ryan Nix wanted to know if the original letter could be provided to the group.
3. Donald Archey requested that the original letter be read prior to Mr. Pasco reading his letter.
4. Ron Haas agreed and read the letter originally drafted to Mr. Pasco from the Executive Committee.
5. Ron Haas informed the group that Larry Pasco contacted him and informed him that he would create his rebuttal in writing.
6. Larry Pasco read his letter out loud.
7. Mark Hughes asked what the next steps are after the letter writing process.
8. Ron Haas informed him that he, Larry and Lois will sit down and see if they could find middle ground.
9. Mr. Pasco informed the group that he will work with the Executive Committee but he wanted it to be public. He went on to discuss his platform.

Division Update

1. Debra Stanley asked if the first item under services discussing contracts is care coordination.
2. Mrs. Stanley was informed that the contracts being discussed were regarding care coordination.
3. Cheryl Pearcy spoke of her program
4. Lois Carnicom introduced her new staff and the new asst. Div. Director
5. Andrea Perez discussed the Black and Minority Health Fair and reiterated the fact that the community planning budget will not be providing any financial support.
6. James Holzman asked for a re-cap regarding the Division Update.

7. A recap was provided.
8. Wendy Woods asked for Unity Conference information and Lois Carnicom informed her that she will speak with her later because Mrs. Morgan was not present to answer questions.
9. Robin Henry informed the group that they were given two spots for Unity Conference and they would have to vote on which two members to send.
10. Jerry Burkman informed the group that Executive Directors of funded and unfunded projects were sent a letter informing them that they can invite two members from their project to attend the conference so she would provide the list later during the meeting.
11. Wendy Woods stated that there is supposed to be a Unity Ad-Hoc committee but there was no communication with the CPG until today. There was a possibility that individuals or agencies would have been willing to pay to attend.
12. Jerry Burkman agreed that communication has been lacking.
13. Larry Pasco voiced concerns that taxpayer dollars are being used but the public is not invited.
14. Anna Urias Hail asked what the main cost issues are and if someone local who took care of their own food could attend.
15. Jerry Burkman said that Lois Carnicom would look into it and get back to the group.
16. Ryan Nix voiced concern about the exhibitors.
17. Donald Archey stated that the conference has been poorly organized and asked who made the decisions as to who would be invited.
18. Jerry Burkman acknowledged that the conference has been poorly planned and stated that the executives of the Division made the decision as to who to invite. She also stressed that Unity is a training session and not a general conference or business meeting.
19. Ron Haas said that the meeting needed to move on and that additional questions should be addressed to Division staff during lunch or break.
20. Ron Haas commented that the conference should not be called "unity" since that title doesn't fit this particular year.

Status of HIV Cases in Marion County (given by Aaron Mettey)

Co-Chair Findings

1. Lois Carnicom informed the group that Ron Haas is the new community co-chair.
2. Ron Haas informed the group that the original ballots would be kept on file by CPG staff.

Gang Project Presentation (given by Beth Yoder)

1. Debra Stanley asked what the translation was on the gang names in the power point.
2. Mrs. Yoder informed her that the Spanish Vice Lords are a spin off of the African American Vice Lords, the Nortenos are from northern California so the name connotes where they are from the Serenos are from southern California, and etc.
3. James Holzman asked if the guy that taught her about the gang life did time and is that when he decided to give up the gang life.
4. Beth Yoder informed the group that he gave up gang life two years after he got out of prison.

Public Comment

1. No one gave comment.

Old Business

2. Ron Haas informed the group that Mrs. Perez had to have a root canal and would not be able to speak before the group.
3. Mr. Haas moved on to discuss the Unity Conference issue.
4. Debra Stanley asked if an entity could give one of their slots away.
5. Lois Carnicom informed the group that individuals on the list have the opportunity to accept or decline their slot.
6. Wendy Woods and Debra Stanley did not understand her answer.
7. Lois Carnicom passed the floor to Jerry Burkman.
8. Jerry Burkman asked did Debra Stanley receive two slots.
9. Lois Carnicom informed her that she has not looked at the list yet.
10. Jerry Burkman informed the group that she may invite someone from another organization as long as she did not attempt to move the slot to another organization.
11. Ron Haas informed the group that the two spots representing the group will be filled by someone that is not a part of an organization.
12. Ramon Morton, Wendy Woods, and Ramona Gilmore, wished to be sent to Unity Conference. Ramona Gilmore gave her spot to Wendy Woods therefore Wendy Woods and Ramon Morton will represent the CPG at Unity Conference.
13. Robin Henry will fill out your registration form and get back with you on the Unity particulars
14. Tony Gillespie was upset that the letter to Mr. Pasco was sent on Department of Health letterhead and not CPG letterhead which raises a lot of issues for him. Tony Gillespie asked why Mr. Pasco's name was not reflected in the Executive Committee minutes
15. Ron Haas informed him that the full group decided not to place individuals specific names discussed during the executive committee call in the minutes. Mr. Haas went on to inform the group that Mr. Pasco wanted to read his letter to the group.
16. Tony Gillespie's concern is that the letter is on department of health letterhead and the assertions are based on someone's view of what happened overtime and there is a conflict resolution policy and the issues with Mr. Pasco should not have progressed to the seriousness of this level. Mr. Gillespie wants to move to things that can concretely be addressed because the letter can be taken as a personal attack. The Executive Committee is a reflection of the body and the conflict resolution policy does not speak to this. All community planning members have engaged in some manner of responsibility and irresponsibility and something that can be misinterpreted.

17. Ron Haas felt that at this point the conflict resolution policy was exhausted. The letter sent to Mr. Pasco was done so because of comments on self assessment forms as well as comments stated to Executive Committee members themselves.
18. Tony Gillespie feels that a policy and a definition of conflict should be created.
19. Ron Haas requested that Mr. Gillespie allow Mrs. Carnicom and himself to do some research surrounding this issue.
20. Tony Gillespie feels that this letter is a big step.

New Business

1. Ron Haas discussed CPG representation on CHSPAC. They would like to have that representation again because there is currently an open CPG seat on the services planning body. They meet the Wednesday after CPG. CHSPAC is the CPG equivalent on the services side.
2. Tony Gillespie asked if the seat automatically goes to a CPG member or is there some sort of criteria.
3. Donald Archey feels the same way Tony Gillespie feels. They could turn CPG membership away.
4. Brian Fisher, the CHSPAC person on the CPG, added that the CPG seats are designated and there is no criterion other than they sit on the CPG.
5. Ron Haas went on to inform the group that they have a homework assignment regarding populations and the CDC is asking for more information. At the present time there is no really good resource guide. So the CPG is asking that each group in their region put together information for every prevention serving entity in their region. Huge amounts of detail are not needed. Ron Haas will send an email out by Friday and again on July 3. It is important to poll regions for the information.
6. Debra Stanley asked what does that do to the current research guide does she take what she is doing and turn it over to someone.
7. Ron Haas informed Mrs. Stanley that this does not take away from what she has already done.
8. Debra Stanley informed the group that they flipped it and it is now by services.
9. Donald Archey asked what would stop an organization from providing misleading information.
10. Ron Haas informed the group that there is nothing that can be done about that the list will give us a start.
11. Ron Haas discussed AHP and informed the group that they would like to form a work group containing CPG and CHSPAC for ideas on how to integrate prevention into testing.

Celebrations/Announcements

1. Regina Lowery announced that on June 28th the Evansville Housing Authority will be collaborating with other entities for get tested day.
2. Wendy Woods informed the group that she will be working with New Life this Saturday from ten to two to provide testing in Fort Wayne.
3. Adriana Torres informed the group that Latinos Against AIDS and HCNI will be doing testing on June 27th, and there will be a health fair at Three Fountain Square Apartments this Saturday.
4. The Archey AIDS foundation in collaboration with partners will be having a health fair tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned 3:50 pm