

Prevention and Care Strategy Committee

Salus Center
3545 Lafayette Ave.
Room #1412D

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Minutes are recorded

Members Attending: T. Hampton (co-chair), L. Lewis (co-chair), S. Donovan, L. Friend, D. Gassett, J. Jones, N. Myers, E. Williams, J. Allen

Guests Attending: A. Ritz, J. Beshears, I. Sharif, K. Ballard, J. Robinson, J. Martin, J. Ferguson, N. Myers, K. Jupka, C. Saurberry, S. Donovan, R. Rafter, L. Wilson, E. Hooper, N. Torres, F. Thomas, D. Guest

Staff Attending: R. November, D. Stepney

All members are referred by first initial and last name.

Topic/Discussion
Welcome, Introductions & Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Roll Call
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1/08/2019<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Minutes approved by consensus.
Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) Workgroup Sign-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The goals of the EIIHA initiative are to present a strategy for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Identifying individuals with HIV who do not know their HIV status;○ Making such individuals aware of such status and enabling such individuals to use the health and support services; and○ Reducing barriers to routine testing and disparities in access and services among affected subpopulations and historically underserved communities.• A sign-up sheet was distributed so that individuals who are interested in joining the workgroup could sign-up.
Ryan White Part Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates provided.

Linkage to Care Report

- The initial 2018 MO Linkage to Care Report was
 - Out of the 5 clients missing their 1st medical visit for Quarter 4, two have medical appointments scheduled in the next couple of weeks.
 - The finalized report will be provided in May to reflect additional client who've been linked.
 - The 2019 Quarter 1 report will also be provided in May.

Recommended updates for Service Standard

- R. November explained the recommended updates for Service Standards to ensure the service standards compliant with Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) 16-02.
- The following items need to be added to the service standards:
 - Unallowable costs
 - Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
 - Service caps
 - Client eligibility
 - Service unit definition
- The Committee agreed to develop a workgroup that is specifically dedicated to working on the Service Standards.
 - PC Support Staff will send out a Doodle Poll to see who would be interested in participating in a Service Standards Workgroup. The committee is looking for 6 or 7 members to participate.
- There will be 2 or 3 services that will require a Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2020.
- Grants Administration is looking to release those RFPs for services in May so those service standards will need to be updated by then.
- The service standards will work with the Recipient to define service units.
- The workgroup will be responsible for getting the standards into compliance and then they will move to a monthly review.

Prevention Program Enhancements Report *(full report available upon request)*

- K. Ballard presented enhancements from the St. Louis Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan Enhancement 2018. The plan includes:
 - **Prevention for Positives**
 - African American Men Who Have Sex with Men
 - White Men Who Have Sex with Men
 - Latinx Men Who Have Sex with Men
 - African American High-Risk Heterosexual Females
 - **Community Testing**

- **Condom Distribution & Marketing**
- **Prevention with High-Risk Negatives**
 - African American Men Who Have Sex with Men
 - White Men Who Have Sex with Men
 - Latinx Men Who Have Sex with Men
 - African American High-Risk Heterosexual Females
- **Regional Population**
 - A. African American High-Risk Heterosexual Men
- Enhancements are listed below:
 - **Prevention for Positives**
 - HIV(+) White MSM
 - Healthy Relationships Intervention cycle revised to 1 to reach a minimum of 4 individuals.
 - Mpowerment Intervention Core Group revised to 1 cycle.
 - HIV (+) African American High-Risk Heterosexual Females
 - Shanti LIFE Self-Management 101 and/or 102 intervention revised to reach a minimum of 20 individuals.
 - **Community Testing**
 - The Outreach goal for the number of clients to reach was revised to 3,000.
 - **Condom Distribution**
 - Number of condoms to be distributed for the following target populations was revised to the following:
 - African American MSM: 47,000
 - White MSM: 47,000
 - Latinx MSM: 5,000
 - **Prevention for High-Risk Negatives**
 - African American MSM
 - Outreaches- the total number of individuals to reach was revised to:
 - Group-level intervention: 150
 - A group level intervention is any education or talk about HIV at a group level. An example is HIV 101 for DEBIs.
 - Community-level intervention: 250
 - A community level intervention is if it's an event and you have a table. An example is PRIDE.
 - White MSM
 - Mpowerment Core-Group was revised to 1 cycle.

- Latinx MSM
 - The minimum number of total individuals to reach through a community-level intervention was revised to 50.
 - African American High-Risk Heterosexual Females
 - The SISTA intervention is not supported by the CDC meaning they will not be training anyone else on it, however, the State is ok with continuing the intervention.
 - HIV (+) and HIV (-) African American High-Risk Heterosexual Males
 - Nia is no longer CDC supported.
- There weren't a lot of changes made but the plan can be updated within the program year.

Other Updates/Reports *(if available)*

- **MSM Subcommittee**
 - The MSM committee met at the end of January and discussed upcoming plans for National Observance Days. The committee will also be planning for PRIDE.
- National Observance Day activities for Black History Month and the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Days
 - **Wednesday, February 6th**
 - St. Louis City Department of Health - 1520 Market Street (1st Floor)
 - Free testing, informational booths, games, give-a-ways
 - **St. Louis Effort for AIDS**
 - Testing with the St. Louis College of Pharmacy
 - Testing with the Wellston Community Coalition
 - **Wednesday, February 13, 2019**
 - Be PrEPared Registration: <https://bit.ly/2FWgsP8>
 - Women only
 - Dinner provided
 - William J. Harrison Education Center - 3140 Cass Ave
 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 - MO Griot Museum-Free HIV/Hep C Testing
- **WOC+MP Subcommittee**
 - The WOC+MP Subcommittee meeting is February 8th at Project ARK to discuss National Women & Girls Day event.

- The National Women and Girls Day event, Sex in the City pt. 2, is scheduled for March 10th.
- **Viral Hep Subcommittee**
 - The Viral Hep Subcommittee met last month and are still working with the state on getting a letter to providers on making testing recommended.
- **PrEP Workgroup**
 - The PrEP workgroup is working on a brochure to show how to access PrEP in the region.
- **SAMHSA Empowerment Project**
 - Washington University received two prevention grants.
 - Testing, outreach, and counseling to young gay/bisexual men. Counseling services are open to all African American youth and support around risk taking behaviors is provided.
 - The SAMHSA grant “Prevention Navigator” specifically looks at how to provide prevention case management services to individuals not living with HIV. A PrEP navigation component was included.
 - Williams & Associates also receives funding from SAMHSA. They are hoping to do expand testing.
- **Condom Distribution**
 - The City of St. Louis Department of Health completed the audit for 2018 for all the sites in the system.
- **Case Management Liaison Update**
 - No current update
- **Case Management Capacity Report**
 - *Full available upon request.*
 - MO case management is over capacity. The PC will be working to address this issue in 2019.
- **MAI Workgroup Update**
 - The MAI workgroup reviewed client survey results to look at service needs for transgender individuals, young Black MSM, African American Women, Older African Americans, and Latinx populations.

New Business

- No new business.

Adjourn

- T. Hampton adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Salus Center- Room #1412D.