

Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council (RHAC)

Minutes from January 16, 2008, Regular Meeting of RHAC

Charlotte County Health Department Punta Gorda, Florida 9:30-11:00AM

Attendees:

- I. Dillard Larson sat in for Bill Little. Dillard called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves to the group.

- II. Prevention Presentation
 - A. Marlene LaLota, the Prevention Program Administrator from Tallahassee, gave a presentation on a brief overview of prevention. Marlene touched on many key points in regards to HIV Prevention in Florida. She covered past HIV prevention to present HIV prevention strategies. Including making HIV testing a routine part of medical care, implementing new models for diagnosing infections outside of the medical settings, preventing new infections by working with individuals infected with HIV, and reducing perinatal HIV transmission. On the NASDA's website a new plan was released in 2007 that included a new blueprint and policy agenda along with a call to action piece. The new plan's action steps are to adequately fund the CDC's prevention program, to invest in services that work to decrease the HIV epidemic, and to invest in programs that support HIV prevention. In the future of HIV prevention, full coverage of services and tools that prevent infections would like to be provided, the HIV prevention arsenal should be expanded, all people living with HIV/AIDS should be encouraged to know their status, there have been 4.85 million HIV-infected persons diagnosed, 80% in clinical settings and 20% by CBO. In the future, individuals should be linked with quality HIV/AIDS care and treatment; work should be done to eliminate disparities based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, and class (Silence is Death, RMAC, Mobilization, Out in the Open, etc.). The complexities of individual's lives should be considered. The structural level of interventions should be used to effect change. Continuous education of the mass public by media outlets, community planning, and comprehensive education are important also. Jim McCloud asked about rapid testing in the state of FL. Rapid testing is much more expensive than the oral test, Orasure. Orasure is much easier to use and can be done at anytime, anywhere. Rapid testing is done in about 30 out of the 67 counties in FL. Sarasota has one rapid testing site located in CAN. Dr. Hartner questioned the aspect of pre- and post test counseling that is required in FL. The state must follow CDC protocol for the state to continue funding. Another question brought to Marlene's attention was the time it takes to get the results of the tests back from the labs. Pressure must be put directly on the labs for changes to be seen. Prevention in schools was discussed. This issue needs to be taken locally; it is not a choice of the DOE to make changes to the sexual education. Area 8 has many programs and events for prevention in the area, however, not enough. There are many great programs that have been started but there is no funding for continuation.

- III. It was determined that quorum was present. The minutes from the December 5, 2007 meeting were presented. Pat Dobbins motioned that the minutes be approved as

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presented and Jeff Trout seconded the motion. The minutes from the Dec. 5 meeting were approved.

IV. Lead Agency Report

- a. Financial Reports – Mike Waite presented the RW Budget from 4/1/07-12/31/07. The total monies received in the beginning of the contract were \$1,685,184.00. The YTD RW budget is 1,263,888.00. The dollars remaining in the budget is 485,208.78. The budget is underspent by 5%. The RW contract runs from 4/1/07-3/31/08, the money is on pace to be completely spent by the end of the contract. The HOPWA budget from 7/1/07-12/31/07 was presented. The total amount at the beginning of the contract that was received was \$790,500.00. The money actually spent is \$270,573.37. The HOPWA budget is 32% underspent. Charlotte County, Hendry/Glades Counties, and Desoto County have all increased their HOPWA usage. Collier and Lee Counties have decreased their HOPWA usage. The HOPWA program is spending more funds due to the Fair Market Value being raised, more people are being served, and more requests are being received.
- b. Program Reports – Susan Barrows reported that HPC is preparing for the PADR report, which has taken the place of the CADR report. The report is due by February 15, 2008, however, agencies are required to have the report in to HPC by February 1. The action plan, input and responsibilities and RHAC membership will all be updated this year. The by-laws need to be reviewed and changes need to be presented to RHAC for approval before being added into the by-law document. The input and accountability document has been updated. The changes will be sent out via email by Susan Barrows. Dr. Hartner motioned to approve the changes and Pat Dobbins seconded the motion. The changes to the document were approved. Susan Barrows spoke about the idea of making state HOPWA funds available to aid Sarasota HUD. Cherry Haines will be writing a formal letter to HPC stating the Sarasota HUD funds are due to dry up in mid March 2008 and requesting assistance from state HOPWA.
- c. Planning Reports – Charlene Fricker reminded the RHAC group there was a planning meeting directly after the RHAC meeting.

IV. Dillard Larson presented the HOPWA Support Services “talking points” to the group. The points will be put into a formal letter and sent to the state. The letter will focus on the aspect that there are many flexible ways that the HOPWA funds for supportive services can be used. Area 8 is interested in using these funds to aid HOPWA clients in receiving additional services that may be needed. Dr. Hartner motioned that the letter be written using the points presented to the RHAC. Robert Bobo seconded the motion and the points were approved.

V. Next meeting scheduled for March 19, 2008.

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RHAC Members and Guests Attendance List 2006-2007		5/23/07	7/18/07	9/19/07	12/5/07	1/16/08	
RHAC County Health Department Members							
Steven Mitnick, Administrator	Charlotte CHD	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Joan Colfer, MD, Director	Collier CHD		✓			✓	
Mary Kay Burns, Administrator	DeSoto CHD	✓			✓	✓	
Pat Dobbins	Glades CHD		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Neftali Fernandez, MD, Director	Hendry CHD		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Judith Hartner, MD, Director	Lee CHD	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Bill Little, Administrator	Sarasota CHD	✓	✓	✓	✓		
RHAC Community Representative Members							
Lisa Crytser	Charlotte County		✓				
Ellen Cordoba	Collier County	✓			✓	✓	
Vacant	DeSoto County						
Art Gallagher	Glades County				✓		
Robert Bobo	Hendry County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jeff Trout	Lee County	✓	✓			✓	
Jim McCloud	Sarasota County	✓	✓	✓		✓	
RHAC At-Large Members							
Dillard Larson	Patient Care Planning			✓	✓	✓	
Peter Bright	Prevention Planning	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Area 8 DOH Representatives							
Gail Counts	Area 8 HAPC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Clarke Kirby	Area 8 Contract Manager	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Lead Agency Staff							
Ed Houck	HPC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Susan Barrows	HPC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mike Waite	HPC	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Kim White	HPC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Spencer Edwards	HPC	✓	✓	✓			
Amanda Harm	HPC		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Charlene Fricker	HPC		✓	✓	✓	✓	
RHAC Guests							
Al Perez	DeSoto CHD						
Amy Zamot	DOH	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Beth Smith	Sarasota CHD				✓		
Bill McBurnie	Charlotte CHD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Carolyn Moore	ICAN	✓					
Christine Griffith	Sarasota CHD		✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Joan Surso	Sarasota CHD	✓		✓	✓	✓
John Runde	DOH, Prevention	✓	✓	✓		✓
Sharon Murphy	McGregor Clinic	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jesufran Pierre	Collier CHD					
Penny Kurtz	DeSoto CHD		✓			
Charlene Allan	Collier CHD		✓	✓		
Kim Hustad	Lee CHS	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ruth Pinkerton	DeSoto CHD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patti Kelly	ICAN	✓				
Pat Barrera	DeSoto CHD		✓	✓		
Susan Craig	Collier CHD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Natasha Speck	Sarasota CHD	✓				
Marie Boisol	McGregor Clinic				✓	
Martha Kennedy	CMS	✓		✓		✓
William Mehall	ICAN	✓		✓		
Teresa Fuentes	ICAN	✓				
Jeff McQuilken	ICAN	✓				
Roxanne Smith	ICAN	✓				
Jeanne Wyman	Charlotte CHD	✓				
Tara Landers	Charlotte CHD	✓				✓
George Filhour	The Haven	✓	✓			✓
Betty Ford		✓				
Chloe Holden		✓				
Amy Pinter	Positive Healthcare	✓			✓	✓
Scott Tims	Collier CHD		✓	✓		✓
Susan Maurer	ATC		✓			
Bob Schwartz	Volunteer		✓			
Stacy Revay	Collier CHD		✓	✓		
Mark Cunningham	CAB McGregor Clinic		✓	✓		
William Shelley	McGregor Clinic		✓	✓		
Sharleen Traynor	Charlotte CHD		✓	✓		✓
Susan Terry	CAN		✓		✓	
Dianne Nugent	Sarasota CHD		✓			
Brenda Lastinger	Hendry/Glades CHD			✓	✓	
Michelle Aellano	USF/SCHD			✓		
Lauren Zink	Sarasota CHD				✓	✓
Donna Olson	Charlotte CHD				✓	✓
Ronald Weston	Positive Healthcare				✓	
Eric Stockley						✓
Lyzza Archipov	McGregor Clinic					✓

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John Acevedo	CAN					✓	
Cheryl Adams						✓	
Kris Thompson						✓	
Richard Sapp						✓	
Marlene LaLota	Tallahassee					✓	