

Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council (RHAC)

Minutes from May 28, 2008, Regular Meeting of RHAC

Charlotte County Health Department Punta Gorda, Florida 9:00AM-1:00PM

Attendees:

- I. Bill Little called the meeting to order and led introductions for the group. The minutes for the March 19, 2008 meeting were tabled until the next meeting scheduled for August 6, 2008.

- II. Lee County Proposal
 - a. Dr. Hartner presented the Lee County Proposal to the RHAC. Lee County has multiple providers which can cause issues for patients who are not familiar with the program. Lee County proposed a Family Support position who will work side by side with the ADAP provider within the LCHD. The proposed salary & benefits will be \$35,500. The proposed position will deal with doing core eligibility for clients being discharged from hospitals or medical providers. The position will help making referrals by giving a list of providers and assist with ADAP functions. The salary will be funded from the line items that have not been spent down in the past such as mental health, substance abuse, dental, etc. The LAG for Lee County has identified between 200 and 300 clients lost from care for the county. The proposed position will require about 80% networking with surveillance within hospitals and private medical providers. Scott Tims questioned if this position would be made available to all counties for core eligibility purposes. Lyzza, from McGregor Clinic, informed the RHAC of a meeting that was held with Dr. Bruce at the hospital, Lee County providers, and case managers to open lines of communication between the hospital and McGregor Clinic to be sure clients are linked to care upon exiting the hospital. Joan Surso informed the group of a similar program, the Sarasota Healthcare Access, which works to link the hospital and case management to be sure the client is not lost from care after exiting the hospital. Robert Bobo stated that this proposed position should be "piloted" for 1 year and reviewed. Joan Colfer stated that the plan for the position may change and what is being presented may change. It was proposed that the proposal be presented to the Service Model Committee for review. Clients are being lost from care due to the fact that ARC in Lee County cannot do core eligibility. ARC refers clients directly to ADAP and the ADAP staff is overwhelmed. The clients are then referred from ADAP to ICAN, ICAN back to ADAP, and ADAP to ARC. This process becomes confusing for many clients. Linkage for care was once provided by the Source of Light and Hope in Lee County. After funding was lost the position was cut. The Service Model Committee is charged with reviewing the Lee County Proposal. Not all providers were incorporated in the decision for the proposal. McGregor Clinic was not invited to the Lee County meeting in which the proposal was discussed. Gail Counts stated that McGregor Clinic was informed of the proposal via phone call after the meeting had ended. Bill Little suggested looking at ADAP funding another position to assist with ADAP functions. Gail Counts will look into funding possibilities through ADAP. The Lee County Proposal will be tabled until reviewed by the Service Committee.

III. Area 8 Comprehensive Plan

- a. Susan Barrows presented a power point presentation regarding the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. The 2005-2008 plan needs to be updated. Robert Bobo stated that prevention for positives are moved to the "not completed" section of the power point. It was stated that the prevention for positives is an ongoing accomplishment that has been made by individual counties and then by RHAC. The LAG needs to assist with providing a local plan for their individual communities. Cultural Competency was questioned. Pat Dobbins proposed that cultural competency training should be added to contract. Robert Bobo stated HPC should be charged to coordinate with Amy Zamot on culture competency trainings for Area 8. Scott Tims stated that each county should hold training specific for their area needs. The LAG should be used to keep HPC up to speed with the happenings in their communities. The numbers for the focus groups and guided interviews was presented as part of the power point. Area 8 had about 650 Needs Assessments turned in. The raw data was sent out for review and will be incorporated into the Comp. Plan. The completed Comp. Plan is due to Tallahassee in August 2008. The RHAC Action Plan was presented, but it was questioned if it was needed because of the repetitiveness between the Comp. Plan objectives and the RHAC Action Plan.
- b. As a group, RHAC put together a list of objectives for the eight goals presented for the 2008 Comp. Plan. These objects are in draft form and some language will have to be revised.

IV. The next RHAC meeting has been rescheduled for August 6, 2008 from 9:30-11:00AM.

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RHAC Members and Guests Attendance List 2007-2008		5/28/08	8/6/08						
<i>RHAC County Health Department Members</i>									
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	✓							
<i>RHAC Community Representative Members</i>									
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	✓							
<i>RHAC At-Large Members</i>									
Dillard Larson	Patient Care Planning	✓							
Peter Bright	Prevention Planning	✓							
<i>Area 8 DOH Representatives</i>									
Gail Counts	Area 8 HAPC	✓							
Clarke Kirby	Area 8 Contract Manager	✓							
<i>Lead Agency Staff</i>									
Ed Houck	HPC	✓							
Susan Barrows	HPC	✓							
Mike Waite	HPC								
Kim White	HPC	✓							
Spencer Edwards	HPC								
Amanda Harm	HPC	✓							
<i>RHAC Guests</i>									
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	✓					
Marlene LaLota	Tallahassee						
Suzanne Stevens	Tallahassee						
Nasstasia Mitchell	Sarasota CHD	✓					
Kim Hustad	Lee CHS	✓					
Ruth Pinkerton	DeSoto CHD						
Carrod Hunter	Genesis Clinic	✓					
Pat Barrera	DeSoto CHD						
Susan Craig	Collier 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	✓					
Amy Pinter	Positive Healthcare						
Scott Tims	Collier CHD	✓					
Stacy Revay	Collier CHD						
Mark Cunningham	CAB McGregor Clinic						
William Shelley	McGregor Clinic						
Sharleen Traynor	Charlotte CHD						
Susan Terry	CAN						
Brenda Lastinger	Hendry/Glades CHD						
Lauren Zink	Sarasota CHD						
Donna Olson	Charlotte CHD						
Ronald Weston	Positive Healthcare						
Eric Stockley							
Lyzza Archipov	McGregor Clinic	✓					
Cheryl Adams							
Kris Thompson							
Richard Sapp	Source of Light	✓					