

Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council (RHAC)

Minutes from September 27, 2006, Regular Meeting of RHAC

Riverside Community Center, Fort Myers, Florida 9:30-11:00AM

See Attendance List at the end for attendees

- I. Everyone introduced themselves to the group. After introductions, Bill Little informed everyone who did not already know that Glenn Price is retiring. This is his last RHAC meeting. Sharon Murphy presented Glenn Price with a plaque as a member of the McGregor Clinic Circle of Friends for all the support and guidance he has given to Sharon Murphy and her clinic. Pat Dobbins expressed her good wishes and spoke briefly about the tremendous impact Glenn has had on the HIV/AIDS program in Hendry with the telemedicine program and other issues including the homeless shelter. Art Gallagher spoke of Glenn's impact not just at the leadership level at RHAC but at the community level with persons with HIV and AIDS. Robert Bobo expressed his thanks to Glenn for his leadership and advice in his time of service in the HIV/AIDS arena. Then there was a break while people were served cake.
 - II. Minutes were approved.
 - III. Local Advisory Group Reports
 - ▶ Sarasota – Jim McCloud. The HANS has a new website www.hiv Sarasota.org. \$98,000 was recently awarded in the county for HIV prevention and education.
 - ▶ Collier – Scott Tims stated HANCC is scheduled to meet tomorrow.
 - ▶ Lee – Dr. Hartner reported Lee County has no report at this time.
 - ▶ Hendry/Glades – Art Gallagher stated the CAB had taken the summer off from meetings.
 - ▶ Charlotte – no one was available to report
 - ▶ DeSoto – Ruth Pinkerton indicated there was no report.
 - IV. Community Activities
 - A. Silence is Death. There was discussion on the recently published report from Tallahassee and the meeting that was held last week for the three area 8 counties mentioned in it (Collier, Lee and Sarasota). The report focuses on large counties with disparities in the affected communities. The concern of those involved was that the report did not bring forth any new information but most importantly did not bring any solutions to the table. The directive from the state is that the solutions need to be locally developed. The feeling locally is that the changes and solutions need to be bigger than the resources that can be leveraged locally. The Florida Department of Health has resources in PR/marketing, community outreach and mobilization, etc. that need to be tapped to make this issue a priority and solutions a reality.
 - B. Social Marketing Training is scheduled for 10/12 all day at International College in Fort Myers. The training is available for up to 25 people. It was suggested after the 25 are signed up, that a waiting list be started.
 - V. Lead Agency Report
 - A. Financial reports: Susan Mitchell presented the financial reports in Mike Waite's absence.
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1. RW07 report is from 4/1/06-8/31/06. Year to day budget is 617,000 and we have spent (or authorized) 527,000. 566,000 was spent by this time last year. The "new Model" did not start until July last year. All items are under budget.
2. HOPWA 07 data is from 7/1/06 through 8/31/06. Year to date budget is 132,000 and we have spent 77,000. We had spent 128,000 by this time last year. All line items are under budget. Susan Mitchell explained sometimes there is a lag in the first couple months since some of those expenses may have been picked up under the 06 contract.
3. HOPWA 06 shows a full year 7/1/05 through 6/30/06. The budget was 790,500 and we spent 582,000. 208,721 was left over. The previous year we had spent 667,000. There was discussion on the repercussions of under-spending. There appear to be none. A letter was sent to Tallahassee in July (in packet). No response has been received. Future restrictions on HOPWA were briefly discussed. Clarke Kirby is on the statewide workgroup for the State HOPWA program. Area 8 is the most liberal area for HOPWA. However, things like security deposits and extension requests will no longer be accepted. There may be more changes in the future. Susan Terry stated in Sarasota, the HUD program is more restrictive with less money. The State HOPWA staff are concerned about HUD sanctions. Bill Little asked about determining the needs of the clients. Scott Tims stated that it is the difference between an emergency assistance program and a subsidy program. **Gail Counts will follow up with Tallahassee re: the HOPWA letter.** Susan Craig stated that in Collier, the issue is the lack of affordable housing. Bill Little suggested everyone get involved locally in the discussion of affordable housing to advocate for our clients. There is the same discussions going on around workforce housing. **Kim Hustad, Program Manager from Lee County Human Services, volunteered to see if Richard Farris from the county would come to discuss some of these issues at the next RHAC meeting.**

B. Program Report

1. Handouts. Susan Mitchell went through the handouts – action plan, scorecard and HOPWA letter. Scott Tims stated that the items on the scorecard are going to be difficult to get if the state is not going to write reports to obtain the data in the new HMIS system. His stance is that if the state is going to require health departments to use the system, they need to support them in their reporting requirements. He stated the person with the state (Rich Powers) does not understand the lead agency subcontracting relationship with the county health departments. While the scorecard data is not a state report, it is a contractual requirement under the RWII program. Clarke Kirby agreed that the state IT person does not appear to understand the diversity of Area 8. Steven Mitnick asked if the data is entered into the system – and if so, it is just a matter of getting someone to write the report to get it out. **Bill Little asked Scott Tims to put in writing the specific**
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requirements and he and the other directors present will bring the issue up on the Health Department Directors call.

2. World's AIDS Day. After much discussion, the WAD annual event of RHAC will be changed to the May meeting to leave WAD time open for local events, and to pre-empt the national HIV testing day activities. The meeting will be an annual meeting in May where local efforts will be recognized, strategies for the upcoming year will be rolled out, promotion and publicity for new campaigns will be kicked off and it'll be tied to goals for National HIV testing day. Carolyn Moore stated that Gulf Shore Business magazine will be doing an article on non-profit organizations as a local industry. The article is due for the November issue. **She was asked to bring copies to the next RHAC.**

VI. Committees

- A. Case Management – Ruth Pinkerton. Forms project waiting on HMIS. Case managers and the committee are working very well with HPC on streamlining processes. The HPC website has been a valuable resource for policies and forms. The committee is looking to make processes consistent from agency to agency. Jim McCloud commented on how forward thinking the committee appears to be instead of full of complaints and conflict.
- B. Clinical Committee – Sharon Murphy. The committee is updating the formulary and looking at establishing the scorecard benchmarks.
- C. Prevention Committee – Peter Bright. Peter Bright handed out a page outlining the activities of the Area 8 prevention efforts including the new prevention plan and Silence is Death. The draft plan is on the DOH website.

Next meeting is December 6, 2006 9:30AM – 11:00.

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RHAC Members and Guests Attendance List 2006-2007		05/24/06	06/06/06 Cancelled	9/27/06	12/06/06	1/24/07	3/28/07
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 ¹	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		✗				
Vacant	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		✓	✗				
Susan Mitchell		✓	✗				
Susan Barrows		✓	✗				
Kim White		✓	✗				
Spencer Edwards ²		✓	✗				
Amanda Harm			✗				
Mike Waite		✓	✗				
RHAC Guests							
Al Perez	DeSoto CHD	✓	✗				
Amy Zamot	DOH	✓	✗				
Beth Taylor	Sarasota CHD	✓	✗				
Bill McBurnie	Charlotte CHD	✓	✗				

¹ Glenn Price was the Hendry CHD representative until his retirement 10/1/06.

² Colleen Rose had the position prior to Spencer Edwards.

