

RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL (RWPC)

Positive Committee

Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 12, 2010

12:00p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Mission Statement- The Positive Committee supports and enhances the role of people with the HIV infection to empower their participation in the decision-making process of the Ryan White Part A Planning Council and the Community Planning Group.

Call to Order/Moment of Silence

Introductions

Member Check In (*voluntary*)

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Report of Chair

Report of Staff

Discussion Items:

Outreach Activities

Education Activity for Fall/Winter

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Member Check Out (*voluntary*)

Adjournment

Please turn Phone to Silent or Vibrate

Don't forget to sign in by 12:30pm if you need tokens. Thanks!

Please RSVP at 215.574.6760 to ensure that there are enough lunches.

Please contact the office at least 5 days in advance if you require any special assistance.

The next meeting date and time of the Positive Committee is Monday, August 9, 2010 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

It will take place at the Office of HIV Planning, 340 N. 12th St. Suite 203, Philadelphia PA 19107.

**Ryan White Planning Council (RWPC) of the Philadelphia Part A EMA
Positive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 14, 2010
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Office of HIV Planning, 340 N. 12th Street, Suite 203, Philadelphia, PA 19107**

Present: 11(PH), 1(PA), 2(NJ)

Staff: Debbie Law, Briana Morgan

Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Introductions:

M. White called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. W. Walters read the mission statement. A moment of silence followed. Those present then introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda:

M. White presented the agenda for approval. **Motion:** J. Whitfield moved, W. Walters seconded to approve the agenda. **Motion passed:** All in favor.

Approval of Minutes (10 May 2010):

M. White presented the May 10, 2010 minutes for approval. The minutes were approved by general consensus.

Report of Co-Chair:

M. White stated that the newsletter had been completed and was being distributed for AIDS Education Month.

Report of Staff:

D. Law stated that N. Johns was out on maternity leave, so she would be filling in for the current meeting.

Presentation:

- **AIDS Education Month Community Presentation – Dawna Edwards and John Parker, Philadelphia FIGHT**

D. Edwards reviewed the contents of the folders before she and J. Parker began their presentation (*see – attached handouts and slides*). D. Edwards explained that their group was pushing for President Obama to follow through on all of his campaign promises. M. White stated that Kevin Smiley released a book called “Accountability,” and that he had a website that contained the full text of President Obama’s speeches.

J. Parker and D. Edwards then discussed the 2010 policy demands, including prevention, treatment, and justice. D. Edwards explained that one of the most important demands was the request for funding for the National Institutes of Health. She went on to say that it was very important to begin treatment for HIV as soon as a person tests positive. W. Walters replied that many people are in a state of denial

when they are first diagnosed, and they may not adhere to the medications, creating resistance. She went on to say that it was more important to wait until a person is ready to begin taking medications. D. Edwards stated that they were trying to ensure that a person with HIV/AIDS was able to get into care immediately. J. Parker emphasized the importance of the availability of treatment, especially since there were nine states with ADAP waiting lists.

D. Edwards returned to the presentation and discussed the importance of renewing funding for the National AIDS Strategy. J.M. stated that they could not discuss treatment for HIV/AIDS without discussing the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act. E.S. stated that he was disturbed about what W. Walters had shared, and emphasized the importance of better educating physicians so they are better qualified to treat HIV/AIDS. D. Edwards agreed, explaining that Project TEACH also did presentations for physicians.

J. Parker further reviewed policy demands, including those related to Ryan White and HOPWA. D. Edwards discussed the importance of affordable housing for PLWHA, especially when it came to treatment adherence. J. Parker then reviewed the graph of the Number of People Living with AIDS in the US vs. Ryan White Funding. V.W. asked why the data only extended to 2007. D. Edwards replied that this was the most recent data available, since it took a long time to compile information.

J. Parker then reviewed global HIV/AIDS statistics. D. Edwards pointed out that the CritPath logo was a Dymaxion map. J. Parker next discussed the national statistics. D. Edwards stated that they would only have estimated numbers of PLWHA since so many people had yet to be diagnosed. She went on to review the estimated number of adults and adolescents living with HIV by transmission category. She then explained that they attributed the drop in IDU transmission to needle exchange programs.

J. Parker then discussed Philadelphia HIV/AIDS estimates, pointing out that heterosexual sex was the most common mode of transmission. D. Edwards briefly reviewed the map of PLWHA in Philadelphia by census tract. D. Edwards and J. Parker displayed a map of poverty level by zip code as compared to AIDS by census tract, showing how much they overlapped. D. Edwards then reviewed a slide containing suggestions for prevention justice. J. Parker discussed a slide on identity, behavior, and risk, asking the group for feedback on identity before moving on to talk about heterosexual risks.

D. Edwards next reviewed issues specific to LGBTQQ groups, and J. Parker discussed issues with the youth population. D. Edwards noted that both CHOP and St. Christopher's Hospital will treat the parent of a child with HIV as well as the child, in order to make it easier for parents to attend appointments. She moved on to discuss issues with older adults. J. Parker then began to discuss structural factors affecting HIV, including homelessness. He explained that it is difficult to stay clean and adhere to treatment in the shelter system.

D. Edwards next discussed HIV risk and harm reduction. J. Parker began to review how to use prevention tools as well as how to prevent HIV infection in infants. He then discussed global access to treatment, pointing out that only about 30% of PLWHA in the world have access to medications. Vince asked what “each one teach ten” meant. D. Edwards replied that this was Project TEACH’s motto.

B. Langley thanked D. Edwards and J. Parker for their presentation. V.W. then asked how stable housing could prevent HIV. D. Edwards replied that people in stable housing could be less likely to engage in certain risky behaviors.

Discussion Items:

- **Prevention Summit Tabling**

D. Law asked for volunteers for the table at the Prevention Summit. She stated that she would be there all day and asked anyone interested to come to the table.

- **Priority Setting Overview**

D. Law stated that the annual Priority Setting meeting would be on Thursday, and that anyone wanting to attend needed to RSVP. She noted that the meeting packets contained an explanation of priority setting.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

W. Walters stated that there would be a Health Fair in Chester at Community Hospital on Friday, June 25 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Member Check Out:

The group agreed that it was an excellent, informative meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Briana L. Morgan, Staff

Handouts distributed at the meeting:

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2010
- Philadelphia FIGHT Folder
- Ryan White CARE Act Priority Setting Handout
- OHP Calendar