



**Northern Nevada
HIV
Prevention Group**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 2pm
Washoe County Health District
1001 East Ninth St., N. Auditorium
Reno, NV**

MINUTES

Members Present: Abigail Polus, Bill Kirby, Jennifer Howell, Gwen Taylor, Nedy Tollerstad, Doug Hodges, Stephen Daugherty, Theron Huntamer, Joseph Livernois, Gerold Dermid (Alt.) and Janet St. Amant (Alt.)

Guests Present: Jessica Cabrales

Absences: Elaine Bergenheier (excused), Patrick Russell (excused), Lyell Collins (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chairman Jennifer Howell called the meeting to order at 2:19 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

Nedy Tollerstad gave thanks to NNOT and Northern NV HOPES for participating with 2 different community events. One for the 10th year anniversary for Latino Pride and the other was for the “Vagina Monologues”.

Abigail Polus announced the “Dining Out For Life” event scheduled for April 24th beginning at 8am at various restaurants. Jen Howell will email the flyer to the council.

Gwen Taylor announced that ACCEPT and Northern Nevada Faith Base Coalition for Healthy Families is presenting a town hall meeting on “Underage Drinking Awareness Day”, Sunday, May 4th from 3pm to 4:30pm at Great Light Christian Center.

Gwen Taylor announced that ACCEPT has a HIV support group every two weeks and this group needs to build up. Gwen is asking for referrals.

Jennifer Howell made two announcements; Stephen Daugherty birthday and Administrative Day.

3. *Review and approval of Minutes from February 26, 2014 Meeting

It was moved by Doug Hodges and seconded by Stephen Daugherty to accept the minutes with the following correction: Gwen Taylor was not present at the last meeting. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

4. Membership Applications Review and Possible Approval

Jennifer Howell presented Joseph Livernois to represent the IDU/Incarcerated Re-Entry population and Theron Huntamer will be representing STD Specialist as new voting members to the council. A motion was made by Bill Kirby and seconded by Doug Hodges to accept Joseph Livernois and Theron Huntamer as new voting members. Motion Carried.

5. Condom Distribution Strategy

Jen Howell recap from the last meeting the survey that was discussed. That prior survey was mostly focus on Southern Nevada and has been discarded. A new survey is being created and will be available in Survey Monkey. This new survey will help acquire condom availability, accessibility, and acceptability as a form of guidance as to what the community needs. It will focus on targeting the high risk population. The council was asked to look over the Nevada Condom Distribution Plan timeline as assistance will be asked in the future.

Jen Howell will email the grid of the activities of the Testing and Condom Task Force before next meeting. The activities included: to see where testing is being done, where positive are coming from, making sure efforts are not being duplicated, etc.

6. Announcements

Jennifer Howell announced next planning council meeting will be June 25th, 2014. Planning Council Meetings are every other month on the 4th Wednesday at 2pm.

Abigail Polus announced that NNHOPES that their HIV positivity rates have increase significantly. The drop in center has also seen an increase with clients, its believe that having a Syringe Exchange program as help. Hill House is now a Harm Reduction Center. Looking at expanding hours Tuesday and Thursday and planning to get clinician testing team train to perform phlebotomist work.

Nedy Tollerday announced that Gerold Dermid has a special movie presentation that was presented last Friday at UNR Joe Crowley Center. The movie is a documentary that was done in December and January about female genital cutting and child marriage practices. There will be another screening of the movie but there will be a high ticket price to attend in order to help raise funds for the rescue center.

Joseph Livernois announced that on May 2nd at the Singer Social Club will be hosting the spring fund raiser event for NNOT "May Day May Day". This is a free event starting at 7pm. There will be silent auction items, live entertainment, raffle items, etc. All proceeds go to NNOT.

Jennifer Howell announced to please give a like for the new Washoe County Health District Sexual Health Program Facebook page.

7. Public Comment

(Limited to 3 minutes per comment. No discussion allowed.)

No public comment was made.

8. *Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Gwen Taylor and seconded by Abigail Polus to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 pm.