



## Northern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 2:00pm  
Washoe County Health District  
1001 East Ninth St., Conference Room A  
Reno, NV

### MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer Howell, Doug Hodges, Steve Daugherty, Janet St. Amant (proxy for Lyell Collins), Gwen Taylor, Theron Huntamer, Elaine Bergenheir

Absences Excused: Lyell Collins, Nedy Tollerstad

Guests Present: Emma Bohannon, Debbie, Sarah Almaraz, Jenna Bieber

#### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chair Jennifer Howell called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. A quorum was established.

#### 2. **Public Comment**

Emma Bohannon stated that she is leaving the state marketing position on July 31, 2017 to attend graduate school in San Francisco studying Global Health. The statewide HIV campaign is scheduled to be launched on July 1, 2017.

A scholarship is being made available to PLWH and HIV service providers to attend USCA in September utilizing Ryan White Part B drug rebate money. The application will be posted on the state's website. PLWH are asked to have a sponsoring agency provide a letter on their behalf. Five PLWH and 10 service provider spots will be offered. Participants will need to attend a pre-conference meeting and complete a post conference report/debriefing. Participants may also present at a future PPG meeting.

#### 3. **Review/Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2016 Meeting**

Updated minutes were provided for review. New categories on the membership grid were included. It was moved by Doug Hodges and seconded by Steve Daugherty to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. **Ongoing Evaluation of Integrated HIV Plan**

The Integrated Plan group that worked on the plan are also meeting to update the progress on the plan on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Jen will send out an email with details if people want to participate. The plan is on the state's RWPB and HIV Prevention webpages, as well as the PPG's web page on the WCHD website.

#### 5. **Information on New HIV Prevention and Surveillance Funding Opportunities**

The new HIV prevention and surveillance funding opportunity announcement is expected to be released by CDC in May per Janet St. Amant. Base funding may be increased. Lyell is in Atlanta to meet with the

Project Officer and attend meetings regarding the new announcement. A joint application between prevention and surveillance needs to be written. Funding is expected to be cut, following the trend of budget cuts for the past 5 years.

Theron reported that we are seeing an increase of cases. Due to improved lab reporting and surveillance, the case numbers might have increased. Theron noted that there have been a number of cases found of people that may have been diagnosed and living in Nevada that have been in care and not been on the radar for case finding efforts because they were doing well in care. It is unknown what year and what data the CDC will be looking at to determine funding levels.

Janet reported that the new HIV Program Manager, Tory Johnson, just started in his position. He has experience in HIV grant reporting and Ryan White, and comes from St. Louis. Lyell was the acting Program Manager but will now resume HIV Prevention duties.

## **6. Upgraded Membership Grid**

The group reviewed the updated membership grid that was distributed. Jen explained how the table is organized. Shaded categories are open spots that the group needs to find people to fill. Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American categories have been designated as optional due to the smaller burden of disease and would be nice to fill if an applicant came forward.

Open membership categories were reviewed. The group brainstormed strategies and ideas for recruitment of the open categories on chart paper. A concern was that many people are not aware of the PPG and the role in the community.

Rosa Gil and Joshua Livernois were sent emails asking if they would like to continue participation, neither responding. A follow up email will be sent thanking them for their service. Rosa was representing sex workers, which was deleted as a category. Joshua represented IDU.

Membership committee volunteers include Sarah, Steve, and Jenna. Other people took on specific assignments of groups or people to reach out to for recruitment. This item will be included on a future

## **7. Agency Updates**

Washoe County Health District: Jen reported that a number of safety precautions have been put in place around the Washoe County Complex, including locked doors in the Health District. If clients voice any concerns, please have them contact Jen.

Stacy Hardie, Program Supervisor for HIV at WCHD is retiring soon, most likely in August. Plans for replacement are unknown at this time. It is likely that the position will remain a nursing supervisor position.

Jenna reported on current legislative and advocacy measures in sex education. A SHARE (sex education advisory committee) meeting is scheduled for tonight for curriculum updates at AACT High School at 380 Edison Way. She reviewed AB 348, sponsored by Amber Joiner, which is moving forward in the state legislative session. There are very concerned parents that have organized in opposition for a number of reasons, to both the Washoe County School District and state bill. Feedback can be provided to the SHARE Coordinator, Russell Hunter or to the state legislators.

Sarah discussed her semester project which is a mail condom distribution program to provide free condoms through WCHD. Project logistics are being reviewed and a policy needs to be approved

through WCHD. Sarah conducted an on-campus survey and discovered that many people do not consider condoms for disease prevention and supported this type of venue. They would be distributed 10 at a time and different condom options would be available.

**8. Public Comment**

Gwen announced that the Nevada Family Fun Fairs for Children is having a mental health awareness event on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-5pm at McKinley Arts Center. Tables may be available for agencies. There will be an event in Carson City on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm.

Take Back the Night, highlighting sexual assault awareness is tomorrow night at UNR.

**9. Adjournment**

There was a motion by Gwen to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Steve. Motion passed unanimously.