



Northern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 2:00pm
Washoe County Health District
1001 East Ninth St., Conference Room B
Reno, NV

MINUTES

Members Present: Elaine Bergenheir, Jennifer Howell, Steve Daugherty, Gwen Taylor, Theron Huntamer, Lyell Collins, Robert Harding, Sarah Almaraz, Nedy Tollerstad

Absences Excused: Doug Hodges, Jenna Bieber

Guests Present: Balakrupa Ramachandran, Samantha Walker (proxy for Gwen Taylor)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Jennifer Howell called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

Nedy Tollerstad asked that good energy, donations, and support continue to be sent to Puerto Rico.

Sarah Almaraz announced plans to honor National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

Balakrupa announced that she has a friend who is a fashion designer in India who focuses removing stigma and social issues within different populations. She will provide the website for those interested in reviewing the work.

3. Review/Approval of Minutes from August 23, 2017

A motion was made by Lyell Collins and seconded by Nedy Tollerstad to accept the August 2017 meeting minutes. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

4. 2018 Training and Group Activities Brainstorm

The group brainstormed activities and training ideas. Ideas include:

- PrEP
- U = U
- Legislative Advocacy
 - HIV Decriminalization by modifying current state law
 - Requiring opt out HIV testing per state law
 - An announcement was made that Amber Joiner will not be seeking re-election due to family commitments. New bill sponsors need to be identified.
- Social Media Outreach/How apps work

5. HIV Testing/Condom Task Force

The group reviewed previous work done on identifying testing sites, stakeholders, and strategies to recruit PPG members per target population. Poke-Her Knights, a swinging “Lifestyles” site was added for high-risk heterosexuals. Adding Suzie’s video booth was suggested for MSM. A request was made to have testing data pulled by site, along with STD data available to further determine ways to address testing among the populations.

Sarah asked about HIV testing in Douglas County. The county is opening a clinic. Rural health clinics are responsible

6. Agency Updates

- Division of Public and Behavioral Health – Lyell reported that the Notice of Grant Award was received for the 5 year HIV prevention and surveillance funding announcement and the grant was fully funded. A decision on the PrEP Demonstration Project is pending from CDC and is expected in February for a March start. There are many new strategies including molecular surveillance, drug resistance tracking, data-to-care activities that will identify PLWH that are out of HIV care and provide efforts to re-engage them to participate in care.
- Washoe County Health District -Jen noted that 2017 HIV positives were lower than expected, with no positives identified by WCHD during the first half of the year. Robert reported that HOPES had not identified any positives through ChangePoint during the second half of the year.

7. Public Comment

A tour of Steve’s will be provided to members in the future.

The ENDHIVNV website is still under development.

8. Adjournment

There was a motion by Theron Huntamer to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Sarah Almaraz. Motion passed unanimously.