

PLANNING COUNCIL
January 22, 2013
Minutes

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

	Stan Baker		Hector Galvez-Lopez		Sylvia Rawlings
	Jackie Bzostek		David Henderson		Steven Stellner
	Tom Cassidy		Shannon Hilgart		Ron Stinson
	Don Clyburn		Victoria Langston		Charles Turner
	Mistie Coovert		Ray Moore		Diane Turner
	Stacey Davis		Randy Parsons		Judy Wenzel
	Jenny Finley		Francine Pratt		Mark Wilson

PLANNING COUNCIL STAFF

	Gil Flores		Jamie Schield
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 = Present
  = Excused Absence
  = Unexcused Absence

Guests Present: Ted Lovato (Sam House), DeeJay Johanneson (HELP), Shawna Stewart (AOC), Margie Drake (TCPH), Lisa Muttiah (TCPH), Michelle Barefield (AOC), Bliss Colter (AOC), Colby Perez (AOC), Deneen Robinson (UTSW), Tia Petersen (UTSW), Tonni Fatunde (UTSW), Paula McNeely (PMC), Tianna Petersen (UTSW), Vera Perker (ViiV Healthcare), Ana Colin-Hernandez (AOC)

I. Call to Order / Introductions – Randy Parsons, Chair

- a. Randy called the meeting to order at 10:44 am and reminded everyone about conflict of interest disclosures.
- b. Randy asked people to introduce themselves.

II. Planning Council Minutes

- a. The minutes from the November 27, 2012 meeting were approved by consensus.

III. Program

- a. Preconception Education and Counseling for HIV+ Women (Stephanie Kreiling)
 - i. Stephanie provided information on her research and work with HIV+ women who consider having children.
 - ii. The information was very informative and generated some great questions and discussion.
 - iii. There have been lots of advances to keep newborns of HIV+ women negative.

- iv. Stephanie shared that originally she assumed HIV+ women would not want to get pregnant. Deneen Robinson asked why. Stephanie responded that this was ignorance on her part, but unfortunately there are those that believe this. Jackie Bzostek agreed and mentioned her staff's beliefs.
- v. Stephanie will forward a copy of the presentation to Gil Flores so it can be shared with others.
- vi. Jamie Schield said staff can take the brochures and flyers Stephanie created to copy and distribute.

IV. Report Q & A

- a. There were no questions on the reports.

V. Planning Council Staff Report

- a. Gil Flores told the group reminded the group about the room changes for the Allocations Committee (Executive Conference Room) and the Evaluation Committee (Bridge Conference Room). Due to the room changes, no lunch would be provided. Gil apologized.
- b. Gil also noted that they are working to get the regular meeting rooms (Pasteur and Baker) for future Planning Council meetings.

VI. Hot Button Issues

- a. There were no hot button issues.

VII. Announcements

- a. Ted Lovato said that the training on Mental Health held for Samaritan House staff went well. There will be another training in February that others can attend. He said he would forward the date and information once he gets it.
- b. DeeJay Johanneson stated that he will present next month on his agency's HIV Prevention programs. He added that HELP was funded to do community mobilization. They will have a consumer advisory board. In addition, they will organize three subcommittees (i.e., community leaders, community providers, and elected leaders). Part of the community mobilization will be a community assessment of HIV prevention in Tarrant County. He distributed sign-up sheets from those interested in serving on the subcommittees.
- c. Deneen Robinson talked about the UT – Southwestern's double blind vaccine to prevent HIV study. They still need people, though they have reached 100 already. This study is a double blind study (they do not know who is on the medication and who is on the placebo). She says it seems to be promising. Deneen also mentioned a vaccine trial. Tonni Fatunde from UTSW talked about the vaccine trial. They are seeking HIV negative men who have sex with men who are between the ages of 25 and 50. Deneen noted that people cannot get HIV from the vaccine as it uses parts and replications of the virus and not the actual virus. Also, people will be compensated for their time. Information on ihaveahearton.org. Finally, Tonni talked about the film, "How to Survive a Plague." It is nominated for an Oscar and will be showing Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 6:30 pm at Four Day Weekend Theater in Fort Worth. It is part of QCinema (Fort Worth Gay & Lesbian International Film

- Festival). The film documents the fighting of HIV/AIDS through the eyes of activists.
- d. The next Planning Council meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2013 from 10:45 am – 11:45 am at Tarrant County Public Health, 1101 S Main Street @ Rosedale.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.

Submitted by

Gil Flores