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February 26, 2013
Minutes

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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

Guests Present: Gerald Murray (TC), DeeJay Johannesson (HELP), Lisa Muttiah (AA), Arturo Rivas (AOC), Robert Lane (AOC), Alejandra Tafella (AOC), John Reed (AOC), Colby Perez (AOC), Clinton Staine, Richard Ornberg (UTA), Ana Colin-Hernandez (AOC), Brian Barron (AHS), Paula McNeely (PMC), Vera Parker (ViiV), Bret Camp (AHF), Rick Isaminger (SAM)

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

- a. Randy called the meeting to order at 10:45 am and reminded everyone about conflict of interest disclosures.
- b. Randy asked people to introduce themselves.
- c. It was announced that Shannon Hilgart is the new Executive Director of AOC.

II. Planning Council Minutes

- a. The minutes from the January 22, 2013 meeting were approved by consensus.

III. Program

- a. HIV Prevention Agencies in Tarrant County and Wichita Falls
 - i. The speakers for each agency were:
 1. DeeJay Johannesson – HELP
 2. Mark Wilson/Brian Barron – Adult Health Services
 3. Arturo Rivas – AOC
 4. Stan Baker - MHMR

- ii. DeeJay Johannesson discussed his agency's programs and provided handouts. He also highlighted his Condom of the Month Club and a community assessment.
- iii. Mark Wilson also provided the group with a handout. He mentioned the correlation between HIV+ individuals and syphilis infections. Brian Barron talked about their prevention programs that were funded.
- iv. Arturo Rivas shared brochures with everyone. The brochures provide an overview of their ARTAS (Anti-Retroviral Treatment and Access to Services) Program. He talked about their work and goals for the program.
- v. Stan Baker disseminated brochures detailing all the programs in the Prevention Department of MHMR. He discussed their University Prevent and Ready to Respond Initiative. He also mentioned their social media campaign – Think Before You Sleep.
- vi. Jamie Schield spoke on behalf of the State's Prevention Planning Group and discussed the target populations. He asked each agency what populations they were targeting. He also asked Jackie Bzostek about her agency, as they used to be funded. She replied that with the emphasis on MSM and HIV+, their agency decided not to apply. However, they continue to provide testing.

IV. Report Q & A

- a. There were no questions on the reports.

V. Planning Council Staff Report

- a. Jamie Schield reported that there is a bill that has been proposed to the Texas Legislature looking to change how telemedicine is conducted in the state. It would require individuals to have a face-to-face visit with the doctor who will be providing care via teleconference prior to any teleconferencing.
- b. Jamie shared a copy of a letter penned by Betty Sims (BCAR) outlining reasons why this is not a good thing and how it will impact their clients. She asked people to help contact the author of the bill in hopes of getting it changed.
- c. Sylvia Rawlings said that the Texas Rural Health Association is also advocating against the face-to-face provision of the bill.

VI. Hot Button Issues

- a. David Henderson informed the group about a letter from the State discussing the future of the Texas High Risk Pool with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. He mentioned that he was concerned.
- b. DeeJay provided more information on the letter. He gave an example of how it would affect those who are in private care and in the High Risk Pool. He said these are the people who likely will turn to the Ryan White system to help with insurance premiums.

VII. Announcements

- a. Jackie Bzostek announced Tom Cassady's 60th birthday. She also noted there was a birthday cake for him. Happy Birthday, Tom!

- b. Ray Moore reminded people that Monday, March 4th is Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. He said he had room for a person or two in his vehicle. He also noted that John Reed with AOC had room in his van for those still interested in going.
- c. The next Planning Council meeting is Tuesday, March 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 11:46 am.

Submitted by

Gil Flores