

PLANNING COUNCIL
November 22, 2016
Minutes

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

Administrative Agency Staff Present: Lisa Muttiah, Renee Thomas

Guests Present: Janel Holt (TCCD), Kim Menke, RN (AHF), Rhonda Rockwell (AHS), Michael Lummus (Intern), Jay Mistry (Intern), Carol Creech (HELP), David Reitz (City of Fort Worth), Adam Cruz (MHMR), DeeJay Johannessen (HELP), Mel LeRoy (AOC), Courtney Sherman (TCPPH-AHS), Trudy Hernandez (TCCD)

I. Call to Order – Stan Baker, Chair

- a. Stan called the meeting to order at 10:47 am and certified a quorum. He reminded everyone about conflict of interest disclosures.
- b. Stan asked people to introduce themselves and asked Planning Council members to denote their membership on the Planning Council and to which committee(s) they belong.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. The October 25 2016 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

III. Planning Council Program

- a. HIV Behavioral Study Data – DeeJay Johannessen, Executive Director, Health Education Learning Project (HELP).
 - i. The data provided focused on three studies which have been conducted during the 2013-2016 period as part of their HIV prevention program.

- ii. Studies focused on:
 - 1. LGBT Community Health
 - 2. Gay Men's Health
 - 3. Condom of the Month Program
- iii. 8,213 survey responses are included in the data.
- iv. University of Houston serves as the data analysis collaborator with HELP.
- v. Besides data on HIV issues, the studies looked at various social determinants of health.
- vi. Much of the data explored the perceptions of HIV programs in Tarrant County and compared it to data from the Dallas area and from the State of Texas.
- vii. DeeJay described how data was used as an advocacy tool to help address social determinants that impact HIV programs and the health of the gay and lesbian community.
 - 1. A specific example of how HELP used the data to advance LGBT health in Arlington by linking perceptions of safety to economic development.
- viii. Many questions from the audience were addressed by DeeJay.

IV. Reports

- a. Committee Updates
 - i. Updates on committee projects were provided by Chairs and Vice Chairs.
 - 1. All committees are working on policies and procedures.
- b. Administrative Agency
 - i. Renee Thomas provided data on unmet need (people who know their status and are not in care) in the Fort Worth TGA.
 - ii. Lisa Muttiah provided an update on the crisis DSHS is facing with the ADAP program and the ARIES database.
 - 1. The crisis has resulted in ADAP penalties from HRSA for having inaccurate data.
 - 2. DSHS has sent 3,000 letters to clients in the ADAP program threatening them with possible loss of medications if they do not update their records.
 - a. Each month the DSHS will send an additional 3,000 letters until they achieve 100% record accuracy.
 - b. Letters instruct clients to contact their case managers.
 - c. It was noted that local case managers and agencies did not get word of these letters until they had been sent to clients.
 - 3. The incapacity of ARIES has led to providers being put on schedules in order to get data entered on client program usage.
 - 4. DSHS has funded ADAP eligibility and re-eligibility workers throughout the state with over \$2,000,000 in funds in order to have regional agencies try to rectify their problem,

5. Members in attendance expressed extreme frustration with DSHS and the situation and how DSHS is placing their burden on agencies.
 6. Many members were shocked to hear clients may be cut off from receiving medications should their files not be updated.
 7. Overall disappointment with DSHS staff was verbally expressed.
- c. Planning Council Staff
- i. Jamie provided an update from the Texas HIV Syndicate, which met earlier in the month.
 1. Texas HIV Integrated Prevention and Care Plan was discussed and how the Syndicate voted to “Concur with Concerns” due to:
 - a. Transgender populations listed only as a special population, not a target population.
 - b. The use of the term “High Risk African American Heterosexual Females” as a target population.

V. Announcements

- a. Lisa discussed the December 1 World AIDS Day event and the Pastor's luncheon.
 - i. The luncheon will also promote the January 24 Planning Council meeting which will feature a discussion on HIV in the African American community in Tarrant County.
- b. Carol reported on a Child Welfare symposium taking place at Tarleton State University.
- c. Stan thanked all those who attended and wished all a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

VI. Next Meeting

- a. There is no Planning Council meeting in December.
- b. The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 10:45 am – 11:45 am at Tarrant County Public Health.

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Submitted by



Jamie Schield

Certified by



Stan Baker