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Minutes

Attendance: Mary Sirmons, Renella Mitchell, Dawn Jones, Carly Pye, Deborah McCray, Danielle Sheffield, Cassandra Novalien, Jana Eschabach, Vanneza Tobon, Rashemiah Birks, Myra Howie, Monica Adelphonse, Tara Woodruff

**Planning   
Committee Meeting**

Facilitator: Mary Sirmons

Date: 5/17/21

Time: 12:45 PM

Location: Virtual via GoToMeeting

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic we will not have face to face meetings until further notice.

Monica Adelphonse

Health Planner

1. **Welcome/Introductions & Moment of Silence**

**2. Review and approval of agenda and meeting minutes:**

Agenda and Minutes approved

**3. Updates**

**A. Integrated Workplan**

Monica: The updated workplan was sent out today.

**B. Needs Assessment**

Dawn: The Needs Assessment has not been finalized as of today. We have a committee meeting tomorrow and if it is not finalized I will make a call to Tallahassee to see if they can assist. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment is due every three years and it is a survey. We have to do focus groups, key informant interviews, and any other miscellaneous type information that we can add to the needs Assessment and then Monica will have to generate a report that will be given to the Consortia and Providers. It’s goal is to determine the needs of HIV positive patients, not only for people on Ryan White.

**C. Test & Treat, PrEP, PEP**

For the month of April:

* St Lucie County: 4 Test and Treat,2 Prep; 34 HIV tests from outreach and inhouse test
* Martin County: 2 Test and Treat, 1 Prep
* Indian River County: 1 Test and Treat, 1 PEP, 2 Prep
* Okeechobee: Nothing at this time

Myra: Our PrEP program began in April and since then we have prescribed 4 people in SLC PrEP. Our problem is getting our patients to adhere and actually come and pick up the medication so we're still working through how to overcome that challenge. We are also moving forward to being a rapid test site.

Vanneza: We have, with our, midway research, a new PrEP study that is comparing Descovy to a possible, longer lasting injection that, if everything goes well in the next couple of years, we'll see prep moved to an injection. We’re currently enrolling and the priority population is men.

Rashemiah: It seems like the patients that's walking through the doors now rather, they're established or on established. They're more focused on STI/HIV testing then for PrEP.

**D. HIV Prevention Activities**

Mary: One activity that's coming up, in June, is Juneteeth activities. I have spoken with Denise Sirmons and my role is to get with her and nail down what the Consortia and other agencies can do at the Recreation center for Juneteenth at Ave M.

Jacqueline: We are doing something on the June 25 for Martin County. A testing event in recognition of HIV Testing Day which is on the 27th of June.

Myra: We are at the Up Center every Wednesday and at the Image of Christ. We offer conversation about Healthy Sexual Behavior, COVID testing. In recognition in HIV Testing Day, we will have an event in Pahokee.

Mary: The Community Health Action Committee will be having some townhall meetings. They will also focus on mental health. I would like to get with Whole Family to gather mental health services that you already offer to the community.

Rashemia: Yes, Mary we can discuss that. At the end of May on the 29th will offer COVID testing and offer vaccination registration at the Percy Peek Gym.

Cassandra: Tomorrow, the HIV prevention team will actually be at the Haitian Flag Festival doing rapid HIV test, as well as education. We'll be there from 9 to 5. In recognition of national testing day June 27th to the 31st, we're actually going to be at a different location every day, that week, Monday through Friday, around the community. We've collaborated with a Mexican restaurant and they will allow us to test at their location. We are routing the flyer and getting the approval now.

**4. Open Discussion**

Mary: Which months would you like off? It seems that everyone is in agreement to have off for the Month of June and July so we will not have a scheduled planning committee meeting. We will meet again in August. I also ask that if you know any consumers that would be interested the Planning Committee, please let us know.

**Meeting Adjourned**