



Minutes

Planning Committee Meeting

Facilitator: Natasha
Ramlagan

Date: 5/20/24

Time: 12:45 PM

Location: Virtual via
Zoom

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

Danyelle Sheffield
Health Planner

Attendance: Kerry McCormick, Richard Santiago, Carrie Hollinger, Natasha Ramlagan, Eric Martinez, Alex Ramirez, Renella Mitchell, Channel Bonner, Danyelle Sheffield (HCSEF)

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

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

The previous Planning Committee minutes and current agenda were approved.

3. **Needs Assessment**

No updates at this time.

4. **Updates**

i. **Activity Tracker**

No updates shared.

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

Channel stated that some key staff are out of the office right now, but she was able to get Test & Treat numbers to provide updates. For the month of April, there were four (4) new Test & Treat clients, and four (4) who returned to care. For Linkage to Care, there were eight (8) new linkages. Channel shared they don't currently have any new Mama Bears (HIV positive and pregnant), but six (6) new PrEP clients, eight (8) previous PrEP clients, and one (1) for nPEP. Regarding routine screenings, there were 71 HIV screenings, 120 STD screenings, and 235 tested in the outreach setting. As a note, Channel mentioned that some of these numbers are provided to her, while some she can pull herself. Channel is still working on new ways to get a comprehensive look at the data and mentioned the new MOAs are still getting updated to include language that requires providers to report their numbers to her monthly.

iii. **HIV Prevention Activities**

Channel shared the Provider HIV Perinatal Symposium happened this month on May 9th. There were 94 individuals who registered, and 79 attendees made it to the event. There was an impressive group of doctors who spoke, including the statewide doctor, Dr. Ramgopal, a pediatric ID specialist, and an OB/GYN who spoke on HIV and perinatal transmission and the updated guidelines for providers.

Channel shared that April isn't here today to give additional updates she has planned, but Channel did mention the health department in St. Lucie County is working towards getting set up to collaborate with the Walgreens in the area on National HIV Testing Day.

Natasha shared she attended the Provider HIV Perinatal Symposium and mentioned how great the event was. She voiced appreciation on all the effort that went into planning it, and stated she hopes it continues in the future. Channel mentioned to the group that the health department in St. Lucie County plans to put on the event every other year.

Natasha shared on behalf of Jackie that the Florida Department of Health in Martin County will continue having their after-hours clinic on the third Monday of the month from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Stuart location (3441 SE Willoughby Blvd). There will be free STI, HIV, and Hepatitis C testing available, as well as counseling and education provided. No appointment is needed.

5. Open Discussion

- a. Natasha initiated a discussion on proposing a new date and time for the Planning Committee, and assured the group that Eric mentioned this committee could switch to the day/time the Membership Committee meets if needed, which he would then switch the Membership Committee's day and time. Eric suggested that we send a Doodle Poll out to the committee in an effort to get all the committee meetings on the same day/times. Danyelle offered to set that up. Renella agreed, and liked that idea.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 PM.