

Minutes

Attendance: Mary Sirmons, Renella Mitchell, Dawn Jones, Yenichel Ruan, Cassandra Novalien, Jana Eschbach, Monica Adelphonse

Planning Committee Meeting

Facilitator: Mary Sirmons

Date: 12/21/20

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**
- 3. Purpose of the Planning Committee:**

Mary: The Planning Committee is chaired by a Network member and having a member of the committee serve as vice chair. This Committee will take the lead in advising and assisting the lead agency in the preparation of the Integrated Care and Prevention Plan and Needs Assessment. This committee will be responsible for oversight of needs assessments, evaluations, and the Integrated Care and Prevention work plan. These activities are done in collaboration with the Evaluation and Quality Assurance Committee. This committee shall also be responsible for providing community education about the roles and responsibilities of the Network by participating in activities in Area 15.

Carly: If there's something that we have like a targeted project, that needs more clinical input, I can just bring a provider. And for that particular meaning, they don't have to be a member and attend the meetings just because they're busy doing other things. I could grab Juliana or Maureen or something just for those targeted things that you guys just make sure you let me know if we're going to address something clinical that I can lose one of them in here and there is we need to

4. Needs Assessment

Monica: A couple of emails have been sent out to remind providers to complete the survey. Mary has been kind enough to provide under UpCenter Vouchers. Please remind others to complete the surveys.

5. Updates

A. Integrated Work plan

Monica: The most recent workplan has been updated and sent out to everyone. It has the corrections given to me by Jana and Jackie.

Yenicel: For World Aids Day, we test at Pinewood Park and tested 10 individuals. We did make contact with multiple people and once I have those numbers I will let you know. We provided masks and did a pre-COVID screening before people were tested. If they did say yes to any of the pre-screening questions, we gave a them a testing voucher to come to test.

Dawn: Were home testing kits offered to those who were not able to test at the event?

Yenicel: That is a great idea and something we can start to do.

Carly: Can providers have some of those home kits?

Yenicel: I will have to check with Alejandro if we are able to do this.

Mary: On Dec 5th, on Pastor Hazel's radio 91.1 a community forum on discussing HIV was discussed on the radio. I will send that information to Dawn to get on the work plan.

B. Test & Treat, PrEP, PEP

Dawn: St Lucie has 1 Test and Treat, 2 PEP clients, 10 Routine Testing; Martin county had 0 PrEP, 1 Mama Bear, 1 Test and Treat; Indian River 2 Test and Treat , 8 PrEP, 1 PEP; and Okeechobee had 1 Test and Treat, 1 PrEP, 1 Mama Bear

Dawn: Care Connection reported that there were 4 New positives, 4 previous positives, 2 unable to locate, 1 refusal, and 10 enrolled into Ryan White

C. HIV Prevention Activities

Mobile Blood Drawing units were discussed about reaching clients that have trouble coming in to get blood work. It was also discussed about using the transportation service for clients who do not transportation services.

Yenicel: For the new year, I am going to see if we start doing after-hours testing and completing 2 outreaches a month.

Cassandra: Alejandro may plan to meet with us to plan for outreaches for next year. For the month of Feb., we are going to plan on how to replicate the National Black HIV Awareness day, possibly virtually.

Jackie: For Martin County, we are still doing our testing for HIV and Hep C.

Jana: In honor of World Aids Day, we had Dr. Grossman, a former president of HIV Academy of Sciences. He has over 30 providers attend and discussed LGTBQ and transgender care. We had providers from Ghana discuss that it was illegal to be gay in Ghana.

6. Open Discussion

Renella: I attended an HIV communication panel where they discussed 501 and 101 trainings, U=U, and updating HIV brochures and pamphlets. They will also be doing updated fact sheets on V=V and U=U.

Notes

Meeting Adjourned