

**HIV Planning Group Meeting Minutes**  
 Park Inn Mechanicsburg  
 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050  
 January 10, 2018

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<b>Topic/Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Jill Garland called the meeting to order at 9:07AM. Jill announced that JaNae is now a member of the DOH. She’ll be the Division’s Data to Care Coordinator, so she’ll still be present in some capacity. Jill also announced the resignation of JaNae Tyler from the HPG.</p>	<p>Meeting commenced at 9:07am</p>
<p><b>Introductions:</b> HPG Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p><b>Members Present:</b> Mike Hellman, Clint Steib, Aaron Arnold, Rob Pompa, Leah Maganotti, Jess Netto, Dr. Teresa Lowery, Sharita Flaherty, Steven Nazario, Michael Witmer,</p> <p><b>[Members Absent:</b> Jamal Jackson, Miriam DeGroat, John Easter]</p> <p><b>Planning Partners Present:</b> Nicole Risner (Medical Assistance), Doris Gascot (Mental Health), Joanne Valentino (HOPWA), Marilyn Blasingame (MAAETC), Jamie Durocher (TB Program), Michelle Rossi (STD Program), Nick Slotterback (Education), John Haines (SPBP Advisory Council), Gregory Seaney (RW HRSA Part A Grantee)</p> <p><b>Planning Members Absent:</b> Richard Wenhold (Corrections) Nicole Johns (Philly HIV Planning), Trisha Mader (Mental Health), Dr. Godwin Obiri (HIV Surveillance), Barbara Quinn (Drug &amp; Alcohol), , Mari Ross-Russel (OHP)</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Jeremy Sandberg (PEHTI), Jeff Funston (DHS), Susan Thompson (MAAETC), Karen McCraw (FHCP), Josh McMahn (DHS), Liza Conyers (PEHTI), Susan Goldy (FHCCP), Ann Ferguson (AIDS Care Group), Howell Strauss (AIDS Care Group), Caitlin Conyngham (PDPH), Karen McCraw (FHCCP)</p> <p><b>Department of Health Staff:</b> Jill Garland, Christine Quimby, Bonnie Krampe, Cindy Findley, Janine Strick, JaNae Tyler, Kyle Fait, Sean Hoffman, Jonathan Steiner, Mari Jane Salem-Noll, Sara Luby</p>	<p>Began at 9:09am</p>

<b>University of Pittsburgh Staff:</b> Sarah Krier, Brian Adams, Corrine Bozich	
<u><b>Review of Agenda</b></u>	Began 9:12am
<u><b>Approval of January Meeting Minutes</b></u>  There were no edits or extensions suggested.	Motion to approve: Yes Second motion: Yes
<u><b>Announcements/Updates</b></u>  <u><b>Division of HIV Disease DOH:</b></u>  <b>Jill Garland:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, field staff working in health district offices will be reporting to the division of HIV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are 18 field staff</li> <li>○ This should make things more efficient</li> <li>○ They will now have iPhones in the field</li> <li>○ All staff brought in on December 12<sup>th</sup> for a large borough meeting to welcome the field staff and give them an overview</li> <li>○ New position was created for a supervisor for the field staff— Community Health Supervisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are working on filling it</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• CDC and HRSA conference call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They provided feedback on the integrated plan—there were no big surprises</li> <li>○ Gave more detailed comments on epi data and tightening timelines</li> <li>○ Overall, they said nothing major that wasn't previously provided on written feedback</li> <li>○ Mike Hellman added that the CDC was very appreciative of the HPG suggestions to the plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Secretary of Health preparing budget for briefing—end of February or early March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will brief her and provide justifications for our state appropriations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Spending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A considerable amount of our rebate dollars will support our upcoming media campaign</li> <li>○ There will be spending on data system upgrades to support the infrastructure of the program</li> <li>○ Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We're hoping to support a statewide HIV-related conference for 2 of the 5 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Another option is mini grants for organizations to help address some of the factors that impact HIV epidemics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 27 reporting regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes HIV and a lot of other disease reporting as well</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Began 9:14am to 9:49am

- We're trying to change it to get all viral loads to be reported regardless of the result
- We have expressed the need and urgency of this change and have gotten the right people to listen
- This will take time

**Mari Jane Salem-Noll (Prevention Section):**

- New Personnel
  - Katina's old position (Public Health Assistant Administrator) has been filled
    - He will be starting in February
    - He'll be working on grants and PPAs, as well as monitoring
  - Another position has been posted today—PrEP Coordinator
- Godwin Obiri and I are working together to submit a new budget
  - Prevention got about \$200,000 less than we asked for, but still more than previous years
- Currently writing 6-year close out report and will be submitting it to the CDC

**Christine Quimby:**

- Assistant Administrator position has been posted
  - We'll be getting a list of possible candidates soon
- 4 of 7 regional monitoring visits completed for Ryan White
- We're trying to finalize agreements for care services
  - Services would begin on 7/1/2018 and end 6/30/2020

**SPBP:**

**John Haines:**

- Online enrollment
  - The system is built and is in the final stages of testing
  - It will hopefully be deployed in 2-3 months
- Health insurance premium assistance program has slowed down
  - Highmark and IBC have signed on
  - It's going to be a while before this is rolled out
- Medicaid back-billing and Medicaid wrap around coverage
  - We want those who have Medicaid coverage to also have SPBP coverage
  - Waiting on final approvals to come through from DOH and others
    - Will hopefully happen soon
- ADR—data report we send to HRSA every year that summarizes all the end of year data
  - We expect the requirements to be released and it's usually due between April and June
- Media Campaign

- We will be starting a statewide HIV media campaign using the 5-year plan and rebate dollars
- Looking at radio, TV, and other media—hopefully will be launched in June
- SPBP Advisory Council conference call—January 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm

**Epidemiology**

- Nothing to report

**Pitt HPCP:**

- A former HPG member, Nathan Townsend, was named one of the 20 most amazing HIV Positive people of 2018 in POZ magazine
- Released the application for new HPG members.
  - It is due Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>
  - If you know anyone who's interested, forward David's email with application or take application from the back

**Philly HIV Planning:**

- We are currently writing service provisions for CDC
- Emphasizing PrEP navigation and transgender community localization

**Community Members:**

**Aaron Arnold:**

- PA Harm Reduction Coalition is being formed
  - Will roll out in a few weeks
  - Will hopefully increase the pressure for policy

**Dr. Teresa Lowery:**

- Reading hospitals will start offering PrEP next month

**Planning Partners:**

**Marilyn Blasingame (MAAETC):**

- Flyers provided in the back regarding upcoming events and webinars
  - There are a few webinars about substance abuse in January
  - February will be on women's health
  - March will be on minority health
- April 18<sup>th</sup>—conference on women, women's health, and the intersection of HIV, Hep C, and substance use
- We're starting to plan World AIDS Day 2018—November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Will with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary—it's going to be big!
- We will hopefully hold an ACRN review course
  - First time being offered in Western PA
  - Good certification for nurses
  - More info to come

<p><b>Nicole Risner (Medical Assistance):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been announced that Governor Wolf is going to have an Opioid Press Conference to declare PA’s heroin and opioid epidemic a statewide emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This will allow for funds to coordinate better statewide prevention efforts</li> <li>○ Will pull funds and resources from other places, such as natural disaster relief</li> <li>○ Aaron Arnold mentioned that syringe exchange was left out of the plan of emergency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It’s doubtful it will be included, even though there is a statewide consensus that it should be.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Mike Hellman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone should pay attention to what’s happening in Washington because it may affect our work at HPG</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Guests:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Ended for break</u></b>	Began at 9:49am
<b><u>PrEP PA Anti-Stigma Campaigns: <i>Love Your Brotha</i> Presentation</u></b> Philadelphia Department of Health	Began at 10:52am-11:03am
<b><u>PrEP Discussion</u></b>	Began at 11:03am-11:48am [lunch from 11:48am-1:08pm]
<b><u>Subcommittee Work Previews</u></b>	Began at 1:09pm-1:11pm
<b><u>Subcommittee Breakout</u></b>	Began at 1:14pm-3:30pm [break from 2-2:37pm to watch Governor Wolf]
<b><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></b>	Began at 3:36pm-3:53pm
<b><u>Wrap-up and Dismissal</u></b>	Began at 3:53pm
<b><u>Nomination and Recruitment Work Group</u></b>	Began 3:56-3:59pm
<b><u>Steering Committee Recap</u></b>	Began 4:00-4:07pm
[Adjourn at 4:07pm]	

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<p><b>Announcements/Updates</b></p> <p><b>Division of HIV Disease DOH:</b></p>	Began at 9:08am-9:39am

<p><b>Jill Garland:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action items that relate to our first goal in the plan—allocating our funding in geographic distribution of the epidemic. We have HRSA site feedback regarding how we are utilizing rebate dollars across Ryan White Part B program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We have evaluated and analyzed our spending and we’re trying to develop program to ensure we’re maximizing our resources while complying with federal requirements</li> <li>○ Moni has been helping us with a resource allocation model based on need, and we are close to getting final numbers</li> <li>○ We think all grantees and contractors we support will continue to get the same amount of funding, and many will see increases</li> <li>○ We’ve also been able to allocate resources to statewide initiatives like PrEP</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Community Members:</u></b></p> <p><b>Aaron Arnold</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last meeting we mentioned an HIV outbreak near Charleston, Virginia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There has been another outbreak confirmed in Northern Kentucky and the Cincinnati metro area—45% increase in HIV transmission</li> <li>○ This is becoming a pattern</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>HPG History Presentation</u></b> Sarah Krier, HPCP</p>	<p>Began at 9:13am-9:42am [Break until 10am]</p>
<p><b><u>HPG Orientation Exercise and Planning</u></b> Brian Adams, HPCP</p>	<p>Began at 10:05am-10:58am</p>
<p><b><u>HPG Overview Presentation</u></b> Sharita Flaherty</p>	<p>Began at 10:58am [Sharita presented slides that could be used for orientation]</p>
<p><b><u>Membership/Recruitment Update</u></b></p>	<p>Started at 11:36am-11:38am</p>
<p><b><u>Medical Marijuana Discussion</u></b></p>	<p>Started 11:30am-12:00pm [lunch 12:00-1:11pm]</p>
<p><b><u>Subcommittee Breakout</u></b></p>	<p>Started 1:11-2:15pm</p>
<p><b><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></b></p>	<p>Started 2:21-2:31pm</p>

<b><u>Steering Committee</u></b>	Started 2:31-3:08pm
[Adjourn at 3:08pm]	