



## PENNSYLVANIA HIV PREVENTION COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

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### **2007 New Community Planning Group Members**

The Nominations Work Group of the Community Planning Committee reviewed 13 applications in late November. Nine of those were selected to serve on the Community Planning Group for a three-year term (2007 through 2009). Those members would be eligible for another three-year term if they so choose in 2009.

New members will attend a one-day orientation on Wednesday 17 January followed by their first CPG meeting on Thursday.

New members are: Deb Garlock—Wells Tannery, Ronald Johnson—Pittsburgh, Kevin Perry—Erie, Yahira Torres—Chester, Lori Vargo—Erie and Nelsa Vazquez—Lancaster.

Welcome back to former CPG members also elected to serve: Dennie Hakanen—Pittsburgh, Stacey Kulp—Lock Haven and Alex Shamaraevsky—Pittsburgh.

The following CPG members are appointed to serve: Ken Culton (Lancaster)—state health district offices, Melissa Davis (Wilkes-Barre)—Ryan White HIV/AIDS Regional

Planning Coalitions, Joan Henderson (Harrisburg)—Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Managed Care, Special Needs Division, Matthew Hunt (Forest City)—Young Adult Roundtables and Michael Milsop (Philadelphia)—The Philadelphia HIV Prevention Community Planning Group

### **2007 Meeting Dates**

The Committee will continue to meet at the:  
Holiday Inn Harrisburg-West  
5401 Carlisle Pike  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050  
717-697-0321

The first day of 2-day meetings commences at 9 AM and adjourns at 4 PM. The second day commences at 9 AM and adjourns at 2:30 PM.

One-day meetings commence at 9 AM and adjourn at 2:30 PM.

Scheduled meetings are:

**New Member Orientation:**  
Wednesday  
17 January

**Meetings:**  
Thursday  
18 January

Wednesday/Thursday  
21 & 22 March  
16 & 17 May  
18 & 19 July  
15 & 16 August

Wednesday  
19 September  
14 November

### **New Community-Co Chair**

Angi Peacetree of Altoona served two consecutive two-year terms as the elected Community Co-Chair for the Community Planning Group (CPG). In accordance with the bylaws a new Community Co-Chair was elected at the 15 November CPG meeting.

Angi will continue as a CPG member and is thanked for her incredible dedication and commitment to HIV prevention planning.

Congratulations to Steve Simmelkjaer of Erie for accepting the nomination and by acclamation being elected the new Community Co-Chair for the next two calendar years.

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Steve has been a member of the CPG for four years and is a Coordinator of Shout Outreach at Crossroads Gaudenzia, Erie. He has worked in the drug and alcohol field for 25 years in various capacities. He is also a Coordinator of the "Koolin with the Fella's" mentoring program for boys/males 7 to 17 years of age.

This will be a planning transition period in which the Plan Update developed in 2007 will be for the 2008 year while the Plan developed in 2008 will be a full five-year Plan covering the time frame 2009 through 2013.

### **Community Services Assessment Training**

At the 15 November CPG meeting national technical assistance was provided to all CPG members on developing the community services assessment (CSA). The CSA describes the prevention needs of population at risk for HIV infection, the prevention activities/interventions implemented to address those needs and service gaps.

Ed Tepporn of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum in San Francisco provided training through the CDC national technical assistance procedure.

The CSA would address questions such as: 1) What barriers to accessing or using prevention services do members of the target population experience or perceive? 2) What strategies or interventions work best with the target population? 3) What HIV prevention or related resources/services are available, accessible and appropriate for this population? 4) To what extent is the target population receiving prevention services? 5) What are the gaps between what the target populations need versus the prevention services (resources) that they currently can access?

Needs assessment tools such as pre-existing data, focus groups, key informant interviews; community forums and surveys were reviewed.

The Pennsylvania Prevention Project (PPP) at the University of Pittsburgh has conducted extensive focus groups and key informant interviews across the Commonwealth at the direction of the CPG Needs Assessment Subcommittee and the Department of Health:

Adults:

- MSM adults (traditional, African American, Hispanic, and Asian & Pacific Islanders)

- MSM/IDU adults (traditional & African Americans)
- Homeless adults (African American males & females)
- Incarcerated adults (African American males & females)
- Heterosexual adults (African American, Hispanic, & Asian/Pacific Islanders)
- Injection Drug Users (Traditional & African American males & females)
- Transgender Persons (Traditional & African American)
- Older Adults (African American & Hispanic heterosexual women 50 years of age and older)
- Faith Based
- IDU
- Non-IDU
- Non-injection Drug users (Across all risk populations)
- Sex Worker (Across all risk populations.)
- Severely Mentally Ill (Across all risk populations)
- Secondary Prevention (Across all risk populations)
- Undocumented Persons (Latino/Latina populations)
- MSM/MSW (traditional & African American males)

Youth:

- MSM youth (African American 16 & 17 year olds.)
- Homeless youth (African American males & females 16 & 17 years old.)
- Incarcerated/Detained youth (African American)
- Heterosexual youth (African American &

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Hispanic males & females 16 & 17 year olds)

- Incarcerated youth (males & females)

Future plans call for collaboration between the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Regional Planning Coalitions, the Department of Health and the CPG in using survey methods to gain data and insight into HIV prevention needs and barriers.

The CPG rated this training and the facilitator very highly

#### **Young Adult Roundtable Model Presented to the CDC**

On 28 and 29 September two Young Adult Roundtable members, the Department of Health Division of HIV/AIDS CPG Co-Chair Ken McGarvey and Michael D. Shankle Director of the Young Adult Roundtables at Pennsylvania Prevention Project (PPP) traveled to the CDC in Atlanta, GA. The group was invited to present the Roundtable model to the CDC's Federal HIV Prevention Project Officers.

Mr. McGarvey provided an historical perspective to an audience of approximately 75 people why the Department of Health and the CPG initiated the

Roundtable project with the PPP in 1995.

Mr. Shankle outlined the structure of the project, as well as discussing the benefits, barriers and challenges involving young adults in HIV prevention community planning.

The two Roundtable members ended the meeting by highlighting the activities of the Pennsylvania Young Adult Roundtables and the Roundtable Consensus Statement. They continued by providing a personal perspective of their involvement to the project. The goal of the two-hour workshop was to provide the federal project officers with information on how to assist their jurisdictions in involving young adults in HIV prevention community planning. The presentation was very well received. Following the presentation the Pennsylvania delegates networked with interest project officers and toured the CDC campus in Atlanta and the surrounding areas. Glen Acham, Pennsylvania's Federal Project Officer coordinated the meeting.

In addition, on 25 and 27 June two Roundtable members and Mr. Shankle participated in a meeting of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). The meeting was titled, "Focus

on Youth and HIV AIDS: Defining an Agenda for Youth of Color Fifteen state jurisdictions attended the three day meeting, including Joe Pease, Director of the Division of HIV/AIDS in the Department of Health.

#### **2007 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit**

Over the past 13 years, the HIV Prevention Leadership Summits have brought together staff from community-based organizations, community co-chairs, community planning leaders and health departments to network and learn from each other about HIV planning efforts.

The 2007 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS) will be conducted Sunday 20 through Wednesday 23 May at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Summit features institutes, workshops, roundtables and other sessions that are primarily intended for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grantees and the Summit has a major focus in CDC-funded HIV prevention efforts. The goal of the meeting is to bring together leaders in HIV prevention to disseminate and exchange information to enhance program planning and management.

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Abstracts are being accepted in the areas of effective interventions; using data for decision-making; community planning and HIV prevention leadership; integration, collaboration and coordination of enhanced HIV prevention and strengthening organizational infrastructure and capacity.

Questions concerning conference registration, and hotel information can be directed to the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) Conference and Meeting Services Department at 202.483.6622 or check the <http://www.nmac.org> web site.

### **Pennsylvania Distribution of AIDS Cases**

The Henry J. Kaiser Foundation <http://www.statehealthfacts.org> released the following HIV/AIDS data for Pennsylvania:

Cumulative cases of AIDS through 2005—31,977 of which 79% (25,249) are male and 21% (6,728) are female. That compares to the U.S. in which cumulative cases of AIDS are almost a million people with 80.5% male and 19.5% female.

In Pennsylvania 37% of the cumulative AIDS cases are White, 49.8% Black, 11.3%

Hispanic, 0.1% Asian/Pacific Islander and 0.1% American Indian.

Male to male sexual contact still accounts for the largest transmission factor with 39.2% of cumulative AIDS cases, injection drug use—32.6%, heterosexual sexual contact—16.9%, and male to male sexual contact with injection drug use—5.8%,

In 2005 there were 1,510 new AIDS cases reported in Pennsylvania. That is 12.1 cases per 100,000 population compared to the national figure of 14.0 cases. Within the new AIDS cases in 2005 73.8% were male while 26.2% were female

The examination of data based on cases for every 100,000 population further reveals that there are 5.1—Whites, 81.7—Blacks, 39.5—Hispanic 4.3—Asian/Pacific Islander and 6.3—American Indian.

The estimated number of persons living with HIV/AIDS of all ages in Pennsylvania is 16,929 of which 74% are male and 26% female. In addition, 32.8% of them are White, 51% Blacks, 12.8% Hispanic 0.2% Asian Pacific Islander and 0.1% American Indian.

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