

Nebraska HIV CARES
Thursday, October 17, 2019
The Graduate
141 North 9th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Minutes

Voting Members Present: Bernice Afuh, George Bellairs, Andrew Brackett, Frances Carodine, Leah Casanave, Daniel Cobos, Jeremy Johnson, Chris Junker, Brent Koster, Pedro Mancilla, Dara Pagano, Galen Sears, Jeff Tracy, Cindy White, Christin Woockman, Tommy Young-Dennis

Non-Voting Members present: Miray Demian, Nakiea Boetger

DHHS Staff Present: Ebba Mead, Daemon Donigan, Renae Furl, Marci Athey-Graham, Danielle Wing, Dennis Leschinsky

Guests Present: Joleen Stowell, Brianna Aden, Susan Tusher, Darryl Brown Jr., Precious Davis, Akesha Coleman

Recorder: Ebba Mead

- I. Registration, breakfast and networking.
- II. Meeting was called to order by Renae Furl at 9:00am.
 - a. Renae Furl discussed the need to revise membership outlines in the bylaws. There was discussion, including the need to include CDC requirements and Ryan White guidelines.
- III. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - a. Renae F. Announced that Jessie Lamprecht would be taking over as new DHHS Co-Chair. Jason Coleman is stepping down as Community Co-Chair. Co-Chair responsibilities were defined, and Jeremy Johnson was nominated. Jeremy stated he would think about it.
 - b. Daemon Donigan introduced himself as new HIV Prevention Program Manager for DHHS.
 - c. Danielle Wing has been named Interim Ryan White Program Manager for DHHS.
 - d. Jeff Tracy is retiring from his position at CAPWN to begin a position at Chadron Hospital.
 - e. Faith Regional has a new Infectious Disease coordinator who wants to do PrEP!
 - f. Galen Sears discussed that it is becoming harder to get into schools to talk about HIV.
 - g. Cindy White is the new Red Ribbon Chair.
 - h. NAP-Omaha has a Counseling and Testing position open.
 - i. NAP- Kearney is looking at starting a PrEP clinic in the near future.
 - j. Chris Junker- is working on writing Health Standards for Health Educators, and should be rolling them out in 2021.
 - k. Bernice Afuh- LLCHD's World AIDS Day Event – December 7th 2-5pm at Salvation Army in Lincoln.
 - l. Brent Koster- Night of 1000 Stars is happening November 16th.
 - m. UNMC- Working on connecting individuals to Open Enrollment
- IV. **Approvals**
 - a. Cindy W. moved approval of the meeting Minutes from April 11th. *Motion carried.*

- b. Tommy Y. moved approval of the meeting minutes from July 17th *Motion carried.*
- V. **Stigma Summit Presentation.**
 - a. Daemon D. and Tommy Y. presented on the Stigma Summit that occurred between meetings. Day 1 attendees included GBM (Gay Black Men) and/or Ryan White participants. Days 2-3 were led by community members. See PowerPoint attached for specific information.
 - b. The group will be moving forward with an action plan and work group.
- VI. **Committee Breakaways**
 - a. Following the Stigma Summit presentation, a brief overview of the committees was given. The next hour offered an opportunity for subcommittees to meet.
- VII. **HIV Surveillance Data Trends Dennis Leschinsky.** See Section of attached PowerPoint titled "HIV Surveillance Data Trends."
- VIII. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership and Partnerships:
 - i. Leah Casanave will be the chair of this committee.
 - ii. Reviewed application for membership.
 - iii. Reviewed membership guidelines.
 - iv. Discussed outreach to members who have not been present.
 - v. The committee expressed a desire to include representation from rural health departments. Jeff T. stated that Janet Soule and Jill Young will continue coming to HIV CARES meetings.
 - b. Meetings and Leadership:
 - i. Dara Pagano is chair of this committee.
 - ii. Discussed having an online dashboard for reporting highlights and trends over time.
 - iii. Discussed the structure of virtual meetings – the next meeting is to be approximately an hour long with just updates.
 - iv. Discussed how to hold the group accountable and create an onboarding process for new members.
 - c. Outcomes/Care:
 - i. Tommy Young- Dennis is chair of this committee.
 - ii. Building interest and partnerships, building relationships with community colleges and universities as well as national organizations such as NASTD and NMAC.
 - iii. Would like to get a testing van, and discussed funding sources to increase HIV testing, mirroring what Central Nebraska has been doing in targeting higher risk populations.
 - d. The group reviewed Nakiea Boetger's application for membership. Application was accepted by the group and voted on. *Nakiea was elected as a voting member of HIV CARES.*
 - e. Brent Koster nominated himself for Community Co-chair. He talked with the group about how his job at NAP lines up with what the group goals are. *Brent was elected as new Community Co-chair.*
- IX. **Ending the Epidemic – Renae Furl** - See PowerPoint presentation
 - a. Eventually every state will need an ETE plan. HIV numbers have stagnated, and Agency and Governments have begun focusing efforts to end the epidemic nationwide. Tommy Y. moved that Nebraska create a plan to end the epidemic. Voted by paper-- 19 votes YES, 2 votes NO. *Motion carried.*

- b. Discussion about how to do this ETE?
 - i. After discussion, the group proposed using the Illinois plan and the Texas push to human rights, social justice, and person-centered language as a place to begin.
- X. **Outbreak Response Plan – Marci Athey-Graham** - See Video in PowerPoint.
 - a. The Ending the Epidemic and Outbreak Response plan has to be a TOGETHER plan.
 - b. An Outbreak Response plan is saying I'm seeing a few more positives than normal and putting it in writing.
 - c. Marci will bring more information about the laws on molecular surveillance in Nebraska. Renae will send information about a law about spitting and HIV.
- XI. Closing remarks:
 - a. Overall the group was expressed excitement about the progress that was made today. Survey to follow. Ebba will send PowerPoint presentations with the minutes.
- XII. Next meeting will be a webinar based meeting on January 16th, 2020. Time and participation information will be sent.