

**Nebraska HIV CARE and Prevention Consortium**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2011**  
**Country Inn and Suites**  
**5353 North 27<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln NE 68521**

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bernice Afuh, Jane Athey, Andrew Brackett, Frances Carodine, Christopher Fisher, Susan Goodman, Steve Jackson, Jeremy Johnson, Natalie Kent, Pedro Mancilla, Wendy McCarty, Anne O’Keefe, Tim Perlinger, Galen Sears, Nancy Vossler, Shannon Williams, Jill Young, Sandy Klocke (ex-officio)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Heather Berney, Daniel Cobos, Jacque Cook, Lee Heerten, Chris Junker, Pat O’Hanlon, Janet Soule, Jeff Tracy, Angi Tran, Tracy Weiland, Cindy White

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Renae Furl, Arturo Spindola, Jeri Weberg-Bryce

**DHHS STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judy Anderson, Cheryl Bullard, Nancy Jo Hansen, Lois Versaw, Kathryn White

**PRESENTERS:** Jamey Odell

**VISITORS:** Tim Tague

**RECORDER:** Amy Turek

**I. Breakfast/Networking**

**II. Standing Committee Meetings**

Members of standing committees completed committee work

**III. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. Shannon Williams, Community Co-Chair, presided.

**A. Roll Call**

17 members were present; a quorum was established.

**B. Welcome New Members**

- Natalie Kent, East Central District Health Department – Columbus, was introduced as our new CTR/PCRS Representative.
- Cindy White, Woman-HIV Impacted Representative, and Shannon Williams, City/County/District Health Department Representative, were both voted in to their second terms at the January 27, 2011 meeting.

**C. Review and Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting**

***ACTION: Minutes approved.***

**D. Housekeeping and NHCP Updates**

- Items reviewed:
  - Open Meeting Act binder is located on the registration table.
  - Reminder to turn off ringers on cell phones.
  - Expense Reimbursement Document folders are located on the registration table.  
*Mileage rate is \$0.51 per mile.*
  - Affected members are asked to meet deadlines for agendas and presentation materials.

- Remember to RSVP for all NHCPC Meetings.
- Currently 8 open positions available on the NHCPC; applications due July 7, 2011.

#### IV. **Committee Reports**

##### Assessment and Evaluation

- Refer to enclosed minutes for details.

##### Care Services

- Refer to enclosed minutes for details.

##### Co-Infection

- Refer to enclosed minutes for details.

##### Interventions

- Refer to enclosed minutes for details.

##### Public Information

- Refer to enclosed minutes for details.

##### Membership

- We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:
  - Business
  - MSM- Person of Color
  - Mental Health/Substance Abuse
  - Minority Faith-Based
  - Native American / American Indian
  - Person Living with HIV or AIDS
  - Southeast Region Representative
  - Southwest Region Representative

*July 7, 2011 is the deadline for accepting new member applications.*
- Refer to enclosed minutes for details.

#### V. **Sub-grant/Mini-grant Awards**

Nancy Jo Hansen, DHHS Sub-grant Oversight Manager, announced that there were three mini-grants awarded for January-June, 2011. (See handout in packet materials)

#### VI. **National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the U.S.**

Sandy Klocke, DHHS Infectious Disease Prevention and Care Program Administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the U.S. (See handouts in packet materials; handouts distributed at meeting; and *Appendix A, B, and C*)

- All members are encouraged to read the plan and accompanying materials.

#### VII. **Video Preview**

Ann Chambers, DHHS Public Information Coordinator, presented the two DVD programs that have been developed by the HIV/STD Prevention in the Heartland Work Group.

- One DVD is a 9 minute program targeted to youth called *STD!...not me!*
- The other is a 20 minute program targeted to parents called *STD!...not my kid!*
- A companion Teacher's Guide is being developed for both programs.
- A list of members of the Speaker's Bureau is available on the [stopAIDSnebraska.info](http://stopAIDSnebraska.info) web site.
- Other Public Information items:
  - We are looking for people to volunteer for the New Faces of AIDS campaign. See Ann if interested in participating.
  - There are materials available for distribution on the registration table.

#### VIII. **Question of the Day**

Andrew Brackett, Nebraska AIDS Project-Kearney, introduced this new segment for the NHCP meetings. We'll take a few minutes to discuss a question or topic of the day that will focus on something of interest relating to HIV Prevention and Care.

- Today's question: Do we consider residency requirements for people seeking services for HIV care?
- Key points of discussion:
  - Steve Jackson, Ryan White Part B Coordinator, has discussed this with Case Managers and Part C coordinators.
  - We have not had a waiting list for Ryan White Part B coverage for over two years; that could change very rapidly.
  - Reasons for coming to Nebraska: some return to be near family; low unemployment rate; have full drug formulary; currently have no residency requirement
  - May want to look at other requirements besides residency, such as employment, establishing housing
  - Other costs could be cut, such as utilities, transportation, food assistance.
  - If client(s) goes off medications to establish residency, may be able to participate in pharmacy company's assistance programs.
  - Our funding is predicated on being diagnosed in Nebraska; funds do not follow the person.
  - Will be supplying data to CDC Project Officer.

#### **IX. HIV Prevention in Corrections**

Nancy Vossler, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Health Educator, and Jamey Odell, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Infection Control/Risk Management Nurse, gave a PowerPoint presentation on an overview of HIV Prevention in Corrections. (Handouts distributed at meeting or See *Appendix D and E*)

- Key points of discussion:
  - Notify Nancy or Jamey if you're aware of a prisoner having problems with correctional staff.
  - Prison staff go through a training; also have a 1 hour in-service every year.
  - Confidentiality is a state statute; if problems, can contact the Warden of the facility or utilize the Ombudsman.
  - Treatment of transgender individuals is done on a case-by-case basis.
  - Any prisoner can request protective custody, if necessary.
  - Contact Nancy or Jamey if you want to start up contacts within the correctional system. Need to go through training and pass a security check. Professional visits are under the same restrictions.
  - Contact Kathy Foster, Department of Correctional Services Social Worker, for guidance to assist clients with transition out of corrections.

#### **X. Program Updates**

ADAP UNMC – Steve Jackson

- Have received 49% of the 2009 budget; stalled due to congressional budget resolutions.
- Working with the HOPWA program.

TB Program – Kristin Gall

- Gave a PowerPoint presentation on Updates. (Handout distributed at meeting or See *Appendix F*)

Red Ribbon Community – Galen Sears

- The SunnyD's in Hastings have become a support member.

**XI. Announcements and Information Sharing**

Jill Young

Ashlee Bentz is a new Case Manager at the Nebraska AIDS Project – Kearney office.

Rena Furl

Dental providers will be contracting with the Ryan White Part C Coordinator.

There are new drug studies starting up at University of Nebraska Medical Center; several are for patients who have not been on medications before.

Nancy Jo Hansen

Challenging members to think of people they know or work with who can fill our vacant positions.

Encouraging members for more suggestions/topics for future meetings.

**XII. Public Comments**

None

**XIII. Adjourn**

Galen Sears moved and Tim Perlinger seconded to have the meeting adjourned. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

[The next NHCPC meeting is scheduled on July 28, 2011.](#)