

HIVAC Minutes

November 12, 2013

Attendees: Cynthia Cushing, Kenney Miller, Mark Nutt, James Markiewicz, Sherry Boochko, Kim Robbins, Travis Lopes, Jane Pringle, Megan Hannan (Frannie Peabody Center), Bart Bartlesman (Bristol Myers Squibb)

Unable to attend: David Anthony, Ron Gagne, Elena Mamonova, Jean Zimmerman

November minutes: Mark moved to accept the minutes as written. Jane seconded and the motion passed unanimously .

Community concerns (anyone can bring an issue to HIVAC):

Membership:

Cynthia will talk with Kent about a Northern Maine representative. Other possible contacts include Kenney contacting Charles Dwyer (worked at ME DHHS and is on Planned Parenthood board). Kim will check with a nurse practitioner at a methadone clinic, Susan Gurney. Megan will work on the prevention and social services piece. Mark Rolfe may be able to recommend someone as well. Jane will check in with Sen. Cleveland about attending meetings.

There needs to be online access to bylaws, policies, procedures, membership application and membership letter.

Seven seats remain open including: 1 person living with HIV/AIDS, 2 from populations most at risk, 2 public health providers, and 2 because their skill set will provide a positive impact to HIVAC.

Maine CDC Update

- I. Maine CDC is preparing to drop additional RFPs, in final review of prevention RFPs, which will be posted in next few weeks on Division of Purchased Services website. The ME continuum of care was released in November, will be loaded onto website as quickly as possible – applied for TA from John Snowe Inst., funded by Division. HIV/AIDS Prevention to provide help to jurisdictional planning committee around care continuum activities – 6-9 mo. Commitment working with JSI to identify some places to work on continuum, even though law mandates reporting we have reporting problem, providers think lab reporting, lab thinking providers reporting, both required to report by law, missing some labs and reporting issues these impact continuum – expected to be a long term project, shape how move forward prevention and care services – CDC had webinar yesterday, report release in MMWR , prevention indicator report, looking at 2006-2010 data and conclusions drawn from this, infections not coming from people aware of status This is driving the epidemic. There is a real need to focus on suppressed viral load, which helps with prevention and overall health outcomes .CDC.gov/hiv - 4th gen, not as concerned about acute, more long-term, 25%-30% get AIDS diagnosis within year of HIV diagnosis – open Question regarding access to care and populations undiagnosed, Question regarding access to care and testing, Question regarding DIS, DIS follow up on all new HIV diagnoses, - expecting STD cuts, affects DIS around STDS

\$284,000 (20k decrease) – shortage of doxy, enabled generics to mark up products – care continuum. Linkage, retention and engagement – Part B, September. RFPs on direct services, one administrative. Admin. RFP expected to be released after holidays, suggest people check Division of purchases website

Affordable Care Act and Maine Care Update

- a. HIVAC role, advocacy – preparing to submit op. education. For AAM in Northern and Southern ME – what more do we want to do? Formally support Cover ME Now? - Previous bill amended, req. ME evaluation. Of cost-effectiveness, not sure how it will be submitted this session but WILL be submitted – but will be brought back – Cover ME Now reaching out to legislators, Maine Hospital Association reaching out – have in their report a lot of financial data as to why this is important and also trying to reach out to legislators that have not supported to date and are willing to advocate, personal story, etc... Getting individuals. Impacted by lack of HC, losing MC... Poverty, lack of Health Insurance their fault, get stories of people who are losing, who have health problems – committee could make recommendation to MC to align w/ United states task force, etc... - MC says no restrictions on HIV screening, not embracing guidelines, align MC policies so match ACA – how do we align w/ public policy and practice - get summary of current policies and practices vs. recommended Policies and practices., provider education necessary.,

- Publish Op-Eds – Jane reaches out to Jessa Barnard at MMA and MEJ, ask how to help

- Cost that state incurs, would now be covered by Fed. Government.-
PLWH would not have \$10 copay

Waiver discussion (continued) – tabled for Emily presence – this has been accepted for 1 year – recapped discussion

Capacity building (11:20)

- a. Publicity – opp. To highlight need to sustain Programs to work, cont. to ed. Ppl around functioning of program – put out a press advisory – motion to reach out to press around ed. Bill – KM and Jane – call health reporter – get message together – Travis moved, Jane seconded, all in favor
- b. Structure -

HIV Education Campaign Ad Hoc Committee Report:

- a. Update – legislative council – 10 in favor, none against – now work is with appropriations, trying to find \$ in the budget – two things needed, put in a fiscal note recurring expense of \$150 k, and meet. W/ Dept. of Ed. That understands ins and outs of program - need to establish whether \$150 k is meaningful, will enable program to run – bill will go to appropriations, figure out how to make it work in the budget, have to tweak biennial budget, hope revenues will continue to increase – now need to work on Appropriations Committee – cost effectiveness data important, and data around other issues (pregnancy, etc...)

- b. Planning – try and arrange face to face with appropriate Members before Jan. session – Jane finding out about process plan – reach out to committees, start compiling testimony – ad hoc meeting after committee

Legislative Update:

- a. Update
- b. Planning for legislative testing event – Q about prelim. Positive and testing – 50 HIV, 50 HCV tests – prsn. Who's testing follow up w/ local jurisdiction – what next.. after testing – subcommittee formed – Kenney moved to form, Cynthia second, all in favor
- c. HIVAC's legislative agenda for next year – line item in prevention budget? Continue to discuss

Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: January 14, 2014 in Room 103 B Cross Building