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Coalition Steering Committee Meeting Minutes March 15, 2011, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Steering Members Present: Carol Lease, Peter Ralin, Ana Hopperstad, Rabeeha Ghaffar, Jamie Sims, Richard Blair

Department Staff Present: Richard Weinert, Anne Marlow-Geter

February 28, 2011 Coalition Meeting Evaluation Results

The steering committee reviewed the evaluation results from the February 28, 2011, Coalition meeting. Overall, the results of the meeting evaluation were positive. The steering committee asked that the evaluation scale be expanded to include up to seven Likert scale items, rather than four, and remove the “don’t know” option. The narrative responses to the evaluation were reviewed by The Steering Committee, and from that review, suggestions were offered:

- bring Coalition and Committee membership forms and application information to each meeting,
- develop and bring a “cheat sheet” to each meeting reminding members about qualifications and procedures for voting at the Coalition and committee meetings,
- develop a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document for Coalition and committee members describing how to apply for Coalition appointments,
- add a “Public Comment” item to all future Coalition meeting agendas.

The steering committee would like to see more topic-focused Coalition meetings and conduct outreach to increase participation in the Coalition and its committees by persons of color. Coalition vice-chair, Peter Ralin will contact colleagues to increase participation and to coordinate a presentation on healthcare reform at either the May Coalition meeting.

Coalition “retreat” concept discussion

The Steering Committee is in support of this suggestion, but postponed the discussion to a later meeting.

“Coalition 101” Manual approval

Steering Committee members provided revisions to the manual. Peter Ralin offered to send Richard Weinert some graphics on Ryan White structure. When those are received, the manual will be approved and disseminated to new and existing Coalition and committee members.

HIV Care Advisory Committee (HCAC) Update

Ana Hopperstad provided an update on issues the HCAC is working on, such as: AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) waitlist, ADAP solvency, ADAP contingency plans, Part B comprehensive plan update, and the Early Entry into Care Workgroup (a care-focused workgroup to address HIV testing issues).

HIV Prevention Advisory Committee (HPAC) Update

The HPAC has not met since the last Steering Committee meeting. However, Jamie Sims and Rabeeha Ghaffar mentioned that there are two active workgroups focused on HIV testing and youth issues. An agenda is being developed for the April 4, 2011 HPAC meeting.

Planning Collaborative Committee Update

The 2011 meeting schedule has been set, as has the “To Do” list for the year. The Planning Collaborative is currently focusing on HIV prevention and care and treatment needs assessments.

Workgroup Updates:

1. HIV Testing Workgroup

- Progress is being made on a prevention-focused approach to HIV testing
- Survey questions for those who are newly diagnosed are being developed
- Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) questions are being reviewed, and a question and answer period with the DIS supervisor will occur at the next workgroup meeting
- A consideration of using SBIRT approaches to HIV screening and testing (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment)
- Increased provider and physician education around HIV

2. Youth Workgroup

- The Workgroup is seeking more participation from care and prevention experts and youth service stakeholders
- A September or October meeting is being considered for a full-day youth-focused meeting
- A youth needs assessment presentation will occur in the fall at an HPAC meeting
- The Workgroup is committed to focusing on non-urban youth’s needs

3. ADAP Workgroup

- The Medical Advisory Committee will meet to discuss ADAP waitlist criteria and considerations.

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

April 19, 2011, from 9-10:30 a.m. at CDPHE in Room A3B

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

ADAP Workgroup meeting - March 21, 2011, at CDPHE, Room C1C

Planning Collaborative Committee meeting – March 28, 2011, at CDPHE, Snow Room

HIV Prevention Advisory Committee meeting – April 4, 2011, Blair Caldwell Library

HIV Care Advisory Committee meeting – April 11, 2011, CDPHE, 5th Floor Boardroom