

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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HIV Prevention Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm



Start: 4:07pm

End: 5:05 pm

Facilitator: D. Houston

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: September 7, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: J. Stevenson Seconded: N. O'Neal

Vote: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of the Minutes: June 1, 2022

Motion: C. Droster Seconded: N. O'Neal

Vote: In Favor: All Opposed:0 Abstained:0

Prevention Program Update – Recipient Report – B. Eaton, M. Kolenz

B. Eaton - This year was to be last year for ODH funding cycle, but a decision was made to extend for another year. This is good, we didn't have to do a competitive application and expect to do one in later 2023. I've moved into role of Director of Nursing at CCBH, still overseeing STI, and looking to hire a person.

M. Kolenz – We are up a going with HIV and STI programs as we are in 100% positivity rates.

DIS Updates and Data Extractions from ODRS – B. Eaton

Clarence is now our CCBH new ODH Epidemiologist as Epi staff is now directed to monkeypox vaccine efforts. MKX, and we are still working to have that staff at next meeting. For DIS, we are hiring two new staff right now, as we have had a series of resignations and promotions while trying to maintain nine core DIS and one under EtHE. As a county with monkeypox, the finalized data is 97 cases in Cuyahoga, 50 in Cleveland, and the remaining 47 in the CCBH jurisdiction. About 97% are male, 2% female, and 2% not specified. As reported on the news, most cases are African American males. We started vax efforts in August, with the original plan to allocate vaccines to local providers who had relationships and could get them out quicker, then we allocated to some, and the rest went to the three major health systems. They had issues early on with getting walk-in patients. So, we've pivoted the approach to CCBH doing most of the vaccines. We had a decent uptick initially, but now weaning off. Preliminary data indicates that mostly 80% white men are getting vaccinated, but not the ones most affected in our case counts. We would like to talk strategies on reaching those with the most need in our jurisdiction.

N. O'Neal - This is different, maybe some are leery, coming behind Covid and asking to vaccinate.

B. Eaton - Agree, there is vaccine hesitancy from people of color across the board, Covid was initially.

F. Allan – Cleveland Dept. of Health is doing monkey pox vaccines.

N. O'Neal - Maybe incentives, like with Covid, they usually work.

B. Eaton - We have multiple emergency grants for Covid, possibly funds can divert to other responses.

C. Barnett – Maybe a stipend as a good idea will drive them to come out.

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J. Patterson – Make sure we have trusted providers not just hospital systems, maybe gatekeepers can give tickets or special passes to help get people in the mass clinics where they feel safe.

B. Eaton – Administering vaccines to non-patients are real challenges, as everyone wants to cover their costs. The vaccine is free but there is ability to recoup other costs.

C. Barnett – We want to ensure we have adequate promotion, just a flyer doesn't always work.

L. Cornell – Our med director offers PrEP and reached out to patients who may be interested.

D. Houston - Cleveland is more transactional than interactional. People want give and take, so we have to bring health care to them. Young African American men can't always get to places, so we have to be willing to have available staff at unconventional times and odd hours, rather than 9-5 only.

C. Barnett - There are not a lot of places for trans-people to go that are stable and continuous.

S. Harris - Costs is a factor for businesses, it would be helpful if the community had financial means.

D. Houston - If clients don't have insurance, we have to eat that and many fall under with insurance.

N. O'Neal – There may be an app for people to get insurance, as benefit specialists can help with presumptive insurance until their insurance comes through. Also, even if not eligible for Medicaid, marketplace offers tax credits, where one does not have to pay the full amount of insurance.

D. Harris - The Neighborhood Family Practice is offering the vaccine and it is going fairly well. We just completed a mass clinic last week. We reached out to HIV patients as well as additional "at risk" patients who have had an STD in the past year.

J. Patterson - Working to have MPV vaccine in all STD clinics would help.

A. Rollins - CDC has trainings available, Dr. Heckerman at MetroHealth has used one of them to present to Metro employees and others. CDC also has multiple one pagers available.

R. Lewis – Are there any available trainings offered for outreach workers to treat monkeypox?

B. Eaton – We have an outreach team to develop materials to explain monkeypox.

M. Kolenz - They did get a one-pager out so far, but not sure on trainings.

J. Patterson - There are some great videos from the Greater Than AIDS team that you can share on social media <https://www.greaterthan.org/campaigns/monkeypox/>. Also San Francisco AIDS Foundation been at epicenter of the outbreak, and has a good site: <https://www.sfaf.org/monkeypox/> Monkeypox Info & Updates - San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Latest updates for the LGBTQ+ community about monkeypox testing and vaccinations from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

A. Rollins- See <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/pdf/MonkeyPox-SaferSex-InfoSheet-508.pdf>.

C. Jackson - <https://aidsunited.org/harm-reduction-tips-for-monkeypox/>. Harm reduction tips for monkeypox and AIDS United guidelines for syringe services programs and other stakeholders.

B. Eaton - <https://mpoxvaxmap.org> and MPX vaccine providers can enter clinic info into locator

D. Houston – Thanks, Brandy and everyone for your thoughts.

B. Eaton - If you have events planned and wish to partner with CCBH or other agencies to do vaccine, we can provide staff to give information and/or vaccines.

D. Houston - Anyone on the call whose agencies offers this, please provide that info.

Prevention – Highlight Local Programs – AIDS Task Force, R. Strong

We have a youth Prevention program, funded through CCBH, and we are excited about upcoming anniversary activities. This year we have a new partnership with the Cleveland Public Library. We will be having a Rainbow Readers Program and with books donated from LGBTQ, we started a book club titled, All Boys aren't Blue. The youth also attended a CAVs and Monsters game and received job training a by Youth Unlimited. They also visited the Love Hate brand company that gives promotional materials and social media branding and learned about branding, selling and making clothes using Cricut machine designs. One item read, 'Don't get ghosted by Syphilis'. We also went to see the Christmas Story house,

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Alvin Ailey at Playhouse Square, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, and will later see Little Shop of Horrors. We are still doing HIV /STI education, PrEP education, and taken classes on pageantry, the ball community, etc. We will also be going to Cedar Point for Hallo-weekend and as things progress will do more. You may reach out to Rebecca or Nestor for more info.

L. Cornell - How many youth are you working with?

R. Strong – It depends on each day and how many attend.

D. Houston - How many youth are we reaching with HIV testing?

R. Strong – We have testing available but currently not sure on numbers.

Next Steps

The next Prevention Committee meeting is Wednesday, December 7, 2022 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Public Comment - None

Announcements

K. Dennis - Women's Healing Weekend, sponsored by AIDS Funding Collaborative for Women and Transwomen living with HIV. Friday, October 7th – Sunday, October 9, 2022, Hiram House – 33775 Hiram Trail, Moreland Hills, Ohio 44022, hiramhousecamp.org. Please register by September 30, 2022 online at: www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-healing-weekend-tickets-381048064017. For more info contact: Kimberlin Dennis (216) 374-3980 or Halima Grant (216) 246-8339

Z. Levar – For the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EtHE) program, we currently have information regarding requests for proposal quotes (RFQ) for Prevention and EtHE. We are looking for smaller scale projects for strategies on PrEP testing, etc., and all proposals are due back Sept 23rd. For further info, see the link at: <https://www.ccbh.net/rfqs/> on Requests for Proposals / Requests for Quotes – CCBH Active 2022 Requests for Proposals (RFP) None Closed 2022 Requests for Proposals (RFP) RFP # 2022-01 Implement Enhanced HIV EHE-Prevention (Testing) RFP # 2022-01.

Adjournment

Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: K. Dennis

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ATTENDANCE

	PREVENTION MEMBERS	Sept 7, 2022	NOTES
1	Clifford Barnett, Co-chair	X	
2	Deairius Houston, Co-chair	X	
3	Gulnar Feerasta		
4	Julie Patterson	X	
5	Bryan Jones		
6	Tina Marbury		
7	Michelle Jackson-Rollins	X	
8	Ahlem Zaaed		
9	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger		
10	Rebecca Strong	X	
11	Christine Osborne	X	
12	Logan Boyer		
13	Emily Tighe		
14	Akeem Rollins	X	
15	Loretta Cornell	X	
16	Rickey Lewis	X	
17	Holly Phillips	X	
18	Corry Freeman		
19	Elizabeth Habat		
20	Kate Burnett-Bruckman		
21	Pam Weiland		
22	Karla Ruiz		
23	James Stevenson	X	
24	Karen Hill		
25	Joye Toombs		
26	Leander Lovett		
27	Dr. Englunk		
28	Angela Street		
29	Dr. Avery		
30	Jessica Brubaker		
31	Carey Gibbons		
32	Kristin Hildreth		
33	Arteshia Hill		
34	Prince Johnson		



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35	Devinity Jones		
36	Stephanie Lassiter		
37	Marion Lawrence		
38	Jordi Luke		
39	Nestor Marrero		
40	Jeff Mazo		
41	Dr. Phelan		
42	Faith Ross		
43	Brain Scott		
44	Jennifer Smith		
45	Shelia Sullivan		
46	Cederick Taylor		
47	Doug Vest		
48	Brooke Willis		
59	Justin Yax		
50	Zulma Zabala		

Attendees: B. Gayheart, N. O’Neal, D. Harris, C. Nicholls, K. Dennis, C. Droster, E. Radoi, F. Allen, C. Jackson

Staff: B. Eaton, A. Hardy, M. Kolenz, S. Harris, T. Mallory