

Monterey County HIV Planning Group Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 10:00am – 12:00 noon
Monterey County Health Department (Shasta Room)
1270 Natividad Road, Salinas, 93906

Present: Kristy Michie (MCHD), Akin Miller (African American HIV/AIDS Wellness Program), Elena Maciel (MCHD), David Kilburn (ASN), David Perez (ASN), Elena Ramirez (ASN), Lori Osorio (San Jose AIDS Education & Training Center), Irma Ecleava (NIDO), Maria Benitez (NIDO), Emiko Torres (MCHD), Susie Barnes (MCHD), Liliana Cabrera (PPMM), Lillian Clements (Off Main Clinic)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Agency and Clinic Updates: Updates from participants (agency/staff changes, projects of interest, trends, trainings, announcements, questions for group, etc.)

- NIDO Clinic - 288 clients served so far this year. There have been 7 new clients since May; 4 are transfers and 3 were new. New diagnoses were by private medical providers.
- African-American Wellness Program: The program received a grant from community foundation to update their equipment. They are working with CSUMB to create video messages on PrEP and prevention. They recently attended the Youth summit and provided information. AAHAWP also was invited by the Charter School in Monterey to present HIV education. AAHAWP has been attending Blues in Park in Seaside. They have a tent there and provide information. August 29th is a welcome back to CSUMB event. AAHAWP is also looking to hosting a table at the Jazz Festival 3rd week in September.
- San Jose AIDS Training Center: The Training Center applied for 4 year funding cycle grant to focus on PreP and educating providers. The Center is also working with private providers to increase routine screenings in clinics.
- MCHD PostPone: There is a minor consent and confidentiality training in Hanford in November (\$25 registration fee).
- MCHD Prevention: They are updating the HIV resource guide for Monterey County. AAHAWP suggested some print materials that they are exploring ordering. They are also working to add new venues for condom distribution.
- OffMain Clinic: They have 198 clients right now with waiting list, sometimes up to 2 months. Pregnant and HIV positive individual are prioritized.

3. Guest Speaker – David Kilburn with Access Support Network

- ASN's new client criteria is available as a pdf on their website (www.asn.org).
- Hepatitis C program: ASN is planning to add services in Monterey County
- Hours of operation: 9:00am – 5:00pm Monday through Friday at Church Street, appointments preferred. Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm at OPIS.

- In San Luis Obispo County, ASN is also a Ryan White Part B provider. They serve about 200 HIV and 400 HCV clients in San Luis Obispo County.
- ASN has a current staff of 8 with large volunteer corp.
- Services include housekeeping, companionship, transportation, food pantry. Medi-cal waiver program, and health counseling.
- ASN provides onsite HIV testing and have benefits counselors to assist clients.
- ASN provides PreP treatment access information and patient assistance for costs.

4. Surveillance

- California is experiencing an increase in females with syphilis and congenital cases of syphilis. Monterey County has also seen a recent increase in females diagnosed with syphilis, resulting in a changing focus of MCHD message to include females (see CDPH STD 2014 handout).

5. Prevention

- PrEP: Cards & Materials available. Local providers include Drs. Saglio, Pauda, and Strand. MCHD is working to post on information about these providers on their website and in the resource guide.
- Syringe Exchange Update: An RFP will be required, which is likely a 3-6 month process. In the interim, syringe disposal is available at licensed sites including MCHD Public Health Lab (fees associated with some disposal sites).

6. Care and ACA

- Ryan White Part B, Fiscal Audit, April 20-24, final OK received.
- Budget proposals for FY15-16 were submitted then revised per State request.
- ACA/Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal: successes, challenges, specific questions: none this meeting.

7. Open Forum/discussion

- Medical Monitoring Project -- OPIS and NIDO may be contacted by CDPH to review charts on randomly selected clients.
- ASN noted seeing many clients who are not virally suppressed. Suggested the need to work on a strategy from many angles (provider, counselor, etc.) to improve outcomes.
- A question was proposed about community-based testing sites. There are none currently. MCHD is referring callers to the agencies in resource guide.