

## **Monterey County HIV Planning Group Notes**

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 2:00-4:00pm  
CCHAS Seaside Office, 780 Hamilton St., Seaside, CA 93955

Present: Amanda Mihalko (MCHD), Akin Miller, Kim Keefer (CCHAS), Orlando De la Cruz (CCHAS), Patti Yurus (OPIS), Susie Barnes (MCHD), Elena Maciel-Pantoja (MCHD), Anna Rick (CRLA), Isa Reser (CHS/CATS), Tony Delfino (CSUMB), Shar Ashanti (CCHAS)

### Welcome and Introductions

#### I: Announcements

- [National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#) , February 7, 2014
- National Condom Awareness Day, February 14, 2014
- [CCHAS Crystal Ball](#) , February 22, 2014 (RSVP by 2/7/14)
- [National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#) , March 10, 2014
- Motivational Interviewing Training – April (date TBA)
- MCHD Twitter Account, follow us [@WashCoverStay](#)
- New community partners – bringing in members from GLBTQI and MSM communities, substance abuse, mental health

#### II: Agency and Clinic Updates

- Update from participants
  - NIDO – Irma Eclavea will be covering for Lisa Rico until April, contact info: [Eclaveai@natividad.com](mailto:Eclaveai@natividad.com) . Current patient count is 279.
  - OPIS – Patti Yurus discussed focusing on medication adherence. Several new patients relocating to the area and others moving out of area. Current patient count is 165.
  - [Central Coast HIV AIDS Services](#) (CCHAS) –
    - Kim Keefer started as the Executive Director in December. Prepping for the Crystal Ball.
    - Orlando De la Cruz shared that housing continues to be full. Continued focus on MSM infection rates, outreach to farmworkers and sex workers. Opportunity to have free acupuncture available for clients through an acupuncture externship offered by Five Branches University. Request to send any ideas of potential space to Orlando. CCHAS and NIDO lost a mutual client this past month, and are sending positive thoughts to another ailing client.
    - Shar shared that there has been increased cyber outreach through Craigslist and other social media sites to target sharing information about testing and safer sex practices. Exploring three additional testing sites – Valley Health Associates, Clinica De Salud in South County, and Salvation Army in Sand City.

- CRLA – Anna Rick provided an overview of [CRLA](#) services, including the work of the group Conexiones. She also shared the positive news that Clinica de Salud has recently hired a doctor to focus on work with transgender clients!
- CSUMB – Tony Delfino shared information about the [POWER Peer Education Program](#), a peer-to-peer program on CSUMB campus which includes outreach about various health issues.
- C.A.T.S. – Isa Reser spoke about services available through [C.A.T.S.](#), or Counseling and Therapy Services, which aims to provide a supportive space in which individuals and their families can talk confidentially with an LGBT-friendly staff and LGBT-identified professionals. C.A.T.S. provides the HIV/AIDS and LGBT communities in Monterey County with priority services for individuals and groups offered on a sliding fee scale. Isa is also available for gender and LGBTQIA awareness training.
- [African American HIV/AIDS Wellness Program](#) – Akin Miller shared information regarding National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness activities being held in several Seaside locations on 2/7/14 and 2/8/14. “No Glove, No Love” is a campaign focused on youth and will focus on raising awareness of STD and HIV, distributing free condoms, and collaborating with CCHAS to provide free HIV testing on 2/8 at the Voter Education Center.
- [Monterey County Health Department \(MCHD\) HIV/AIDS Programs](#)
  - Elena Maciel-Pantoja discussed the Cuidate and Be Proud, Be Responsible programs that are available for organizations to request for youth.
  - Amanda Mihalko discussed the HCP and Prevention budgets, the Prevention Branch site visit in early January, and the upcoming medical provider outreach to increase awareness about routine HIV and STD screening.

### III: Reports and Numbers

- MCHD 2012 Communicable Disease Report – STDs (Susie Barnes)
  - <http://www.mtyhd.org/index.php/hd-news-and-events/hd-ph-news/ph-communicable-disease-news/item/2012>
- MCHD 2013 Q1 and Q2 case numbers HIV/AIDS/HCV (Susie Barnes)
  - <http://www.mtyhd.org/index.php/hd-news-and-events/item/ccom>
- HCV Testing (Elena Maciel)

### IV: HIV Care Program (HCP)/Minority Aids Initiative (MAI)

- HCP/MAI Site Visits to NIDO and OPIS for FY 13-14
- Budget approval for FY 13-14 (additional allocation), FY 14-15, & FY 15-16

## V: Prevention

- HIV Test Counselor Meeting held January 9, 2014, next meeting April 3, 2014
- Awaiting Budget Approval FY 2014 (FY = calendar year)
- Shifting focus of Prevention, as well as shift in use of Surveillance data ([Overview of CA OA Surveillance System \(pdf\)](#)) to support linkage to care (LTC) and partner services (PS).
- Discussion regarding [National AIDS Strategy](#) , and how CA and we will need to support the goals and objectives (referencing the December 2013 CA OA factsheets).
  - California Addresses the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Goals and Objectives: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Documents/NHAS-Dec2013.pdf>
  - The Continuum of HIV Care in California: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Documents/HIVCareContinuum-Dec2013.pdf>
- PrEP Training – Questions, thoughts, interest, feedback
  - Group generated questions that would be helpful for training to cover, concluded that training geared toward both clinical and nonclinical individuals.
- MSM Targeted Testing Outreach
  - Discussion regarding the use of radio PSAs to reach farmworker community.
- Medical Provider outreach to increase routine testing, promote LTC and PS
  - MCHD planning to reach out to providers who are testing positives in their practice to discuss routine testing and screening, sharing LTC information, and ensuring that they are aware of PS available. Group asked to share of any anecdotal information of physicians, clinics or practices that may be doing a good job with screening and linking.

## VI: ACA

- ACA/ADAP – successes, challenges, questions
  - Group members discussed concern that consumers may not be getting the coverage that is available. NIDO has developed a flyer in English and Spanish for their clients with general ACA information and directions for how to move forward.
- Check out these websites:
  - [www.HIVHealthreform.org](http://www.HIVHealthreform.org)
  - [www.out2enroll.org](http://www.out2enroll.org) (LGBTQ ACA outreach)
  - <https://careacttarget.org/library/enroll-and-access-aca-health-coverage>
  - <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OAHCR.aspx>
  - [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com)

