

Monterey County HIV Planning Group Agenda

Wednesday, July 30, 2014, 10:00am -12:00pm

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, 23625 Holman Highway, Monterey
93940, Conference Room A

Present: Amanda Mihalko (MCHD), Akin Miller (AAHAWP), Jocelyn Brady (CCHAS), Patti Yurus (OPIS), Susie Barnes (MCHD), Elena Maciel-Pantoja (MCHD), Anna Rick (CRLA), Bruce Loisel (CHS/Off Main Clinic), Dr. Martha Blum (CHOMP/OPIS), Emiko Torres (MCHD)

Welcome and Introductions

I. Announcements

- [Monterey County HIV/AIDS Resource Guide](#) Updated, Spanish version pending
- Meningococcal (Meningitis) Vaccine availability for MSM uninsured or underinsured at County Clinics (Alisal & Seaside)
- CCHAS Community Health Worker Training, August 8th, 1-4pm
- National Community Health Partners training - Working with a Silent Population (MSM/W), September 18th (Contact Amanda at mihalkoa@co.monterey.ca.us if you would like more details)
- Salinas Valley PRIDE September 13, 2014 at the Steinbeck Center in Salinas
- National Conference on AIDS, hosted by the National Minority AIDS Commission will be held in San Diego, October 2-5, 2014.

II: Agency and Clinic Updates

- Updates from participants (agency/staff changes, projects of interest, trends, trainings, announcements, etc.)
 - [Central Coast HIV AIDS Services](#) (CCHAS)
 - Jocelyn Brady introduced herself as the CCHAS Development Director, sitting in with MCHPG for Kim Keefer. Jocelyn explained the CCHAS personnel restructuring that happened since the last quarterly MCHPG meeting. Staffing was decreased and remaining staff have duties split between education and prevention activities, as well as case management/client services. Kim Keefer, Executive Director, is providing all CCHAS program direction. CCHAS will be hosting a Community Health Outreach Worker Training on Friday, August 8th at the Salinas location. Flyer distributed to MCHPG email distribution list on August 5, 2014.
 - [CRLA](#)
 - Anna Rick reported that she has been working on a small number of immigration cases, documenting human rights issues that would allow individuals to remain in the United States. She also reports that CRLA has been doing a training exchange with the Monterey County Behavioral Health Services. In addition, CRLA has been

working with Stockton Pride Center and Bakersfield Gay and Lesbian Agency to work with individuals trained to review LGBT fair housing issues, and are hoping for a partner on the Central Coast.

- [CHS](#)
 - Bruce Loisel, Program Director at the Off Main Clinic reports that their recent Train Station event went well. Off Main Clinic is looking forward to having CCHAS return to offer HIV testing to clients. He also shared that Shirley Millico has started as the new Program Officer at Safe Place in Monterey, stepping into the position formerly held by Vincent Delgado. Welcome Shirley! Potential site to provide HIV education and prevention outreach to youth.
- [African American HIV/AIDS Wellness Program](#)
 - Akin Miller reported there were no updates to share this quarter.
- [Monterey County Health Department \(MCHD\) HIV/AIDS Programs](#)
 - Elena Maciel-Pantoja reported that the Condom Distribution Program orders are arriving in a timely manner, and agencies signed up may want to order while supplies are available.
 - Amanda Mihalko reported that MCHD HIV Prevention staff will be represented at Salinas Valley PRIDE on September 13, 2014. In addition, the Monterey County Quick Facts and the Resource Guide were completed since our last meeting. Thank you to Susie Barnes, Epidemiologist, for the data and assistance on the Quick Facts and to Elena Maciel-Pantoja for the huge assistance on the Resource Guides. Keep following, liking, and sharing our social media accounts with your friends!
- OPIS
 - Patti Yurus introduced and welcomed Dr. Blum to the team, who will be providing some coverage to OPIS clients, as well as CHOMP inpatient follow up. Also, OPIS is expecting additional office assistance a few hours a week for data entry. 3 new clients have started at OPIS since our last meeting, 10% HCV and HIV co-morbidity.
- NIDO
 - NIDO was unable to have a representative at this MCHPG meeting due to schedule conflicts, but report a current caseload of 289 clients. 10 new clients since our last meeting, 2 newly diagnosed individuals and 7 clients transferring care to NIDO. In addition, NIDO reports 10% of client caseload is co-infected with HIV and HCV.
- [CSUMB Personal Growth and Wellness Center](#)
 - Gary Rodriguez was unable to be present for the meeting, but did call to share updates. CSUMB is gearing up for the new school year with its biggest student body size yet, 6,600 students. The

Wellness Center is looking forward to having a SW intern who will be working on providing students with resources for healthcare coverage resources.

III: Reports and Numbers

- Updated [Monterey County HIV/AIDS Quick Facts](#)
 - Dr. Blum reported that she would be interested in knowing the number of newly diagnosed, to determine if they are new acquired or if the individuals have been living with HIV for some time before diagnosis. Conversation about the use of passive surveillance and case reporting forms for the collection of data.
- HCV Review - Elena Pantoja-Maciél
 - Review of FY 13-14 HCV testing sites and positive yield, as well as a comparison of FY12-13 data.
 - Question posed about how the data shared will be used, and if CCHAS will alter testing sites by reviewing positivity yield. MCHD will follow up with CCHAS about HCV testing at next scheduled monthly meeting.
 - Identification that there are limited medical providers in our area that accepting MediCal for HCV treatment, but consensus that individuals knowing their status is a positive for the community.
 - Information shared that VA is covering HCV testing and treatment.
- [Monterey County STD Data \(Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and P&S Syphilis\)](#)
 - Review of the data. A potential gap in outreach was identified for men age 45+ P&S Syphilis diagnosis.
 - Question raised about the number and rate of individuals who may have been lost to follow up care, specifically for gonorrhea. Amanda Mihalko will follow up with MCHD Epidemiologist to see if that information would be available.

IV: Prevention

- [New CDC Recommendations for HIV Testing in Labs](#)
- Targeted Testing Outreach – new sites/ideas/opportunities
 - Discussion about the potential of CCHAS teaming up with Clinica De Salud to work in South County. Follow up from Jocelyn Brady at CCHAS indicates that staff is in contact and will be moving forward with exploring this possibility.
 - Question raised about Salud Para La Gente in Seaside providing rapid testing. Health Department staff will follow up to see if this is available.
- Medical Provider outreach to increase routine testing, promote LTC and PS
 - Amanda Mihalko discussed the status of the provider outreach process, currently reviewing hard copies of the case reporting forms from the past

several years. She is hopeful that by the October MCHPG meeting there will be a short list of medical providers/practices that the Health Department will be contacting about Routine Testing/LTC/and PS.

- PrEP – Questions? Challenges?
 - [CDC Website for all things PrEP](#)
 - [Basic PrEP Q&As](#)
 - [Clinical Practice Guidelines for clinicians released May 14, 2014](#)
 - Discussion about who may be the best candidates for PrEP, cost and local access. Group reported that it would be helpful to have a list of local providers prescribing PrEP. Health Department staff will work on making contacts to start this list. Group was asked if they hear of specific practices/providers prescribing PrEP to let Amanda know.

V: Care and ACA

- Care Contract (Health Care Coverage Documentation Requirement, Quality Management Plans, and Needs Assessment)
- ACA/ADAP – successes, challenges, specific questions?
 - Discussion about the additional paperwork/documentation needed from individuals who may not be familiar with the jargon and benefits has continued to be a challenge. More time is being spent with helping clients navigate the healthcare system and learn how their benefits work and what is covered.

VI: MCHPG Mission Statement

- Review of Current Statement and Proposed Statement
 - Current Statement: *The Monterey County HIV Planning Group (MCHPG) is an unincorporated Planning Group of service providers and concerned community members whose purpose is to identify local, met and unmet, needs for HIV education/prevention and care/treatment services.*
 - Proposed Statement: *The Monterey County HIV Planning Group (MCHPG) is an unincorporated Planning Group of service providers and concerned community members whose purpose is to identify local, met and unmet, needs for HIV education/prevention and care/treatment services by comprehensive community planning, mobilization, and education through collaboration among partners.*
- Review of results and feedback from survey
 - Thanks to everyone who voted and provided feedback!
 - The majority of responders (88.24%) preferred the second option.
 - Several individuals provided comments and feedback regarding particular language and the length of the proposed statement.

- Discussion/Approval of Mission Statement
 - Group discussed the comments and suggestions and came to a decision that the MCHPG members present should decide on the Mission Statement.
 - Approved MCHPG Mission Statement:
 - *The Monterey County HIV Planning Group (MCHPG) is a group of service providers and concerned community members whose purpose is to identify local needs for HIV education and prevention, as well as care and treatment services.*

VII. [California Planning Group](#)

- Review of June 2014 meeting (Goals/Tasks)
 - Next CPG meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2014 in San Diego. Due to time constraints Amanda will forward a review of the June 25 and 26th meeting to the MCHPG email distribution list in the coming month. If interested in additional information please contact mihalkoa@co.monterey.ca.us
- [CA Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan](#)

VIII. Open Forum/discussion

- Next meeting currently scheduled in October at the Monterey County Health Department. Suggestion made to move MCHPG Meetings to a more central location, and Marina was identified as a possible city to hold meetings. Health Department staff will send potential dates and look into space at a Marina location as a possibility. Location and date to be determined for next meeting.