

## Monterey County HIV Planning Group Agenda

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 2:30-4:30pm  
Marina Training Center, Room 301, 299 12<sup>th</sup> St., Marina, CA 93933

Present: Amanda Mihalko (MCHD), Elena Pantoja (MCHD), Harpreet Gill (MCHD Intern), Kim Keefer (CCHAS), Jocelyn Brady (CCHAS), Maria Benitez (NIDO), Irma Ecleava (NIDO), Patti Yurus (OPIS), Akin Miller (African American HIV/AIDS Wellness Program), Anna Logsdon (Community Human Services/Off Main Clinic), Andrea Solano (Santa Cruz County HIV Prevention Coordinator)

### Welcome and Introductions

#### I. Review of 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.*

#### II. Announcements

- **Monterey County HIV/AIDS Resource Guide Updated in Spanish**
  - Please contact Amanda at [mihalkoa@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:mihalkoa@co.monterey.ca.us) if you need resources.
- **CCHAS Dodgeball Tournament, November 15, noon-6PM, Salinas Storm House**
  - Free to the public to attend and watch, raffle and concessions will be available for purchase.
- **World AIDS Day activities**
  - Akin Miller, from African American HIV/AIDS Wellness Program and the NAACP Health Committee, reported that there will be a table with information provided at a Town Hall meeting hosted by the Coalition First Committee on December 1<sup>st</sup> in recognition of World AIDS Day. The Town Hall meeting will be held in Seaside at the Oldemeyer Center from 6pm to 8pm to discuss the new NMC Trauma Center, Supervisor Parker is expected to attend.
  - Kim Keefer, Executive Director at CCHAS, reported that they are awaiting approval from Del Monte Center to use space from 6pm-8pm to hold an awareness vigil on December 1<sup>st</sup> in recognition of World AIDS Day.
  - Monterey County Health Department's HIV/AIDS Programs are happy to provide resource material and/or safer sex supplies for event. Due to the holiday, requests need to be received by close of business 11/18/14.

- **MCHPG Email Distribution content – any suggestions?**
  - Group in consensus that list is working well. If you have suggestions, comments or feedback in the future, please feel free to email [mihalkoa@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:mihalkoa@co.monterey.ca.us)

### III. Agency and Clinic Updates

- **CCHAS:** Kim Keefer, Executive Director, spoke about CCHAS becoming a clearinghouse site for the food bank. Instead of providing food cards to clients, CCHAS will provide food items every other Wednesday at both locations. In addition, staffing changes were discussed. Case management and testing will continue to be provided at both Seaside and Salinas locations, as well as Syringe Exchange in Chinatown (Monday and Friday, 10:00am-12pm, and Seaside on Tuesdays and Thursday). Jocelyn Brady, CCHAS Development Director, spoke about an upcoming Toy Drive at Toro Place Café, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:30pm. Kim also discussed a name change for CCHAS for legal documents to Parker Advocacy Group, though they will also still be known as CCHAS.
- **CHS/Off Main Clinic:** Anna Logsdon, representing Bruce Loisel from Off Main Clinic, spoke about additional space that will be used for Substance Abuse/Recovery groups, and may be used by C.A.T.S. in the future. She also reported that there is currently a waitlist of 30+ people, higher than previous points in time. Thanks to Anna for attending her first MCHPG meeting!
- **NIDO:** Irma Eclavea reported that NIDO recently reapplied for Ryan White Part C grant. Participated in Binational Health Month activities. Maria Benitez reported that the current caseload is 286 clients, and that from July to present NIDO has seen 5 new clients, 3 newly diagnosed and 2 transfer clients.
- **OPIS:** Patti Yurus, RN, reported that OPIS currently has a caseload of 170 clients, and have worked with 4 new clients since July, 3 transfers and 1 new to care (previously diagnosed). Dr. Blum is continuing to work with OPIS clients and Tuesday and Thursday. In addition, there are 2 people who will be helping in the OPIS office a few hours a week.
- **MCHD:** Amanda Mihalko, HIV/AIDS Programs Coordinator, provided group with **Nonprescription Syringe Sale Fact Sheet** and **Patient Information Sheet** and discussed these changes. Request made by the group to find out the local ordinances to see if they reflect these laws. Amanda was able to attend the California Planning Group (CPG) meeting and US Conference on AIDS in San Diego in early October and shared some of the training and workshop topics with the group, including the focus on the National AIDS Strategy and updates to the CA Integrated HIV Plan.

- African American HIV/AIDS Wellness Program: Akin Miller spoke about tabling at a Town Hall meeting hosted by the Coalition First Committee on December 1<sup>st</sup> in recognition of World AIDS Day. The Town Hall meeting will be held in Seaside at the Oldemeyer Center from 6pm to 8pm to discuss the new NMC Trauma Center, Supervisor Parker is expected to attend.
- Santa Cruz County HIV Prevention: Andrea Solano, HIV Prevention Coordinator at Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, attended MCJPG for the first time. Thanks to Andrea for making the drive and contributing to our meeting!

#### IV. Overview of [The National AIDS Strategy](#)

- Amanda Mihalko from the Monterey County Health Department provided an overview of the National AIDS Strategy, the seven common indicators, and an example of the Care Continuum/Treatment Cascade. Concerns from CCHAS staff about the lack of focus on individuals testing at agencies like CCHAS with the shift to provider outreach and encouraging providers to provide HIV tests routinely at their practices. Points were raised that provider outreach will be a work in progress (the recommendation to move to routine/opt out testing came out from CDC in 2006) and will take some time for most practices to transition to routine/opt out testing. The uses of surveillance data to ensure linkage to care and monitor the HIV Care Continuum/Treatment Cascade were also discussed. If you would like a copy of the information reviewed, please email [mihalkoa@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:mihalkoa@co.monterey.ca.us).

#### V. Prevention

- [Prevention Update from State Office of AIDS](#)
  - Reviewed RFA requests, pharmacy outreach plans for coming year, and PrEP and PEP outreach.
- [Targeted Testing Outreach – new sites/ideas/opportunities](#)
  - CCHAS reported returning to testing at CSUMB twice a month.
- [Medical Provider outreach to increase routine testing, promote Linkage to Care \(LTC\) & Partner Services \(PS\)](#)
  - HD working collaboratively with State Office of AIDS Prevention Branch to move forward
  - No updates on PS Training.
- [PrEP – Questions? Challenges? Need resource materials?](#)
  - NIDO staff requested PrEP information in both English and Spanish. HD staff will order new material (everything has been distributed at this time), expect arrival within the next few weeks.

## VI: Care and ACA

- Ryan White Part B, Contractor Visit, January 21, 2015 (only MCHD staff needed)
- Covered California Open Enrollment (November 15 through February 15), if eligible for Medi-Cal no open enrollment period
- ACA/ADAP – successes, challenges, specific questions?
  - Kim Keefer, Executive Director at CCHAS, reported that there have been recent documentation changes for ADAP.

## VII. California Planning Group

- Review of 2014 meetings (Goals/Tasks)
  - Reviewed California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan Revised Goals and Objectives. Changed to be in SMART Goal format. Discussed how these goals and objectives are in line with the National AIDS Strategy.
- CA Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan

## VIII. Open Forum/discussion

- Thanks to Akin Miller for providing group with a delicious cake to share!
- Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!