

Monterey County HIV Planning Group Agenda

Wednesday, August 16th, 2017

Time: 10am-Noon

Marina Training Room

Attendees: Irma Eclavea (NIDO), Patti Yurus (OPIS), Shannon Hayes (AA Aide Project), Elena Ramirez (ASN), Dina Calderon (ASN), David Kilburn (ASN), David Perez (ASN), Kristy Michie (MCHD), Susie Barnes (MCHD), Evelyn Alvarez (MCHD), Amber Parker (PPMM), Edith Diaz (PPMM).

Welcome and Introductions

I. Announcements/ Agency and Clinic Updates

- Updates from participants (agency/staff changes, projects of interest, trends, trainings, announcements, questions for group)

OPIS:

- Patty Yurus, Nurse, shared Dr. Strand left in September 2016, Dr. Taplin returned to the clinic. Doctor David Keller will be joining the team in November. OPIS is currently serving a total of 184 patients, 10 new patients which include 2 new diagnosis.

NIDO:

- Irma Eclavea, Program Manager, shared NIDO has hired a Senior Clinic Nurse and will be on board effective August 28th. Currently NIDO is caring for 500 patients, 313 active patients. Although NIDO is slim on their staff, HRSA audit was completed and received positive feedback.

MCHD:

- Evelyn, MCHD, introduce herself as the new Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist II for HIV and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs. Distributed her contact information to others for questions or further information.
- Kristy Michie, Program Manager MCHD, shared there is currently a budget short fall for the current fiscal year. There is a possibility of eliminating programs/ services in Public Health and Administration Bureau. Currently, county positions have

been frozen until further notice (including HIV coordinator position).

- Susie Barnes, Epidemiologist MCHD: No updates

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte:

- Amber Parker, Health Educator, shared curriculum has included an update on PrEP and PEP
- Edith Diaz, Health Educator, share PPMM is currently seeking to hire a center manager and coordinator. Positions are posted on their website.

ASN:

- David Kilburn, Executive Director, shared Syringe Exchange Program success. Shared with the group a Case Manager Aide was hired and 2 interns from CSUMB will be brought on board to help with SEP. David shared information about Harm Reduction Workshop Training in October in SLO (more information to follow).
- Dina Calderon, Housing Case Manager: No Update
- Elena Ramirez, Service Manager: No Update
- David Perez, Volunteer: No Update

African American Aide Project

- Shannon Hayes: No Update
- Upcoming Awareness Days/Events
 - CSUMB Health Fair: September (DTBD)
 - National HIV AIDS & Aging Awareness Day September 18th
 - National Gay Men's HIV Awareness Day- September 27th
 - Salinas Valley Pride Celebration- October 7th
 - National Latino HIV AIDS Awareness Day- October 15th
 - Evelyn Alvarez, MCHD, shared with the group the upcoming awareness days and events. She discussed Monterey Peninsula College interested in planning a health fair on campus this semester and more information will follow. She opened the

discussion to the group to ask for other events/ awareness days in the community.

II. Discussion/ Brainstorm – Focus of MCHPG to include Sexual and Reproductive Health

- New name for collaborative? (MCWSH, MCSHC, SHCMC)
 - Workgroup to develop mission, goals, and objectives
 - Request for letters of support or opposition
 - Recruitment of new members including consumers & Youth
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- Kristy Michie, MCHD, shared the interest of adding a focus to the current MCHPG to include Sexual and Reproductive Health. Provided suggestions for new names for the planning group that included Sexual and Reproductive Health.
 - David Kilburn, ASN, suggested to include Drug use Health and Harm Reduction.
 - Kristy Michie, MCHD, proposed for the group to work together to compose a letter of support or opposition for when other groups/agencies request them.
 - Requested for the group to email statements or suggestions for new names, revised mission statement, and letter of support/opposition for the group. It was also suggested to start brainstorming about bringing more community members/ youth to be part of the planning group. She then opened the discussion to the group.
 - Evelyn Alvarez, MCHD, stated she can be the person to contact for suggestions/ recommendations.

III. Surveillance

- Monterey County HIV Continuum of Care (CDPH OA Data)
 - Kristy Michie, MCHD, shared with the group the 2015 HIV Continuum of Care Data for the State and Monterey County. Michie explained to the group the accuracy of the data and how it

had been pulled. Data for “In HIV Care” and “Retained in HIV Care” data was higher than the state.

- 2016 STD Numbers (Provisional)
 - Kristy Michie, MCHD, shared with the group the provisional 2016 STD data from CDPH. The data shared was both for the state and Monterey County. Primary focus was the increase in Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Early Syphilis across the state and LHJ. Opened discussion with the group.
 - The group discussed the importance of Partner Services and interview strategies. Group member shared Partner Services has been a challenge for many of their agencies. It was agreed, there needs to be more education on client interview strategies and Partner Services for staff.

IV. Prevention

- Syringe Exchange Update- David Kilburn, ASN, Executive Director
 - David Kilburn, ASN, provided updates to the group about the Syringe Exchange Program (SEP). SEP started in February, 2017, it is located at the Health Center in China Town. SEP is open Mondays and Fridays from 2-4pm. David explained the program has been a great success and they are looking to expand the program with another location in the Peninsula. Two CSUMB interns will be joining the team to support SEP.
 - David shared they had been awarded a 3-year grant for a phlebotomist to be onsite for labs, confirmatory test and lab transportations.
 - Elena Ramirez, ASN, shared the SEP started providing Naloxone in July and has provided 4-5 refills since initiating.
 - Irma Eclavea, NIDO, shared a client had a concern about Syringe Exchange Programs not solving the problem and was “feeding into” their addictions. Open for discussion
 - David Kilburn, ASN, provided information about harm reduction approach in a public health lens. Needle exchange programs have

the ability to reach specific populations to provide testing, education and linkage to care.

- David Kilburn, ASN, shared information about the next CHOMP Mobile Outreach van providing testing for Hep C and HIV.
- HOPWA- Elena Ramirez, ASN, provided information about recent HOPWA conference and housing. There has been a slight increase in funding. Currently serving 53 individuals. Section 8 and emergency hotel vouchers are available to qualifying clients.
- PrEp
 - PrEP Informational Magnets/ Resources
 - PrEP Tool Kit (Materials Needed?)
 - CA Training Center PrEp Interview (Thoughts?)
 - Questions? Challenges?

 - Evelyn Alvarez, MCHD, provided the group with the revised HIV/STD Resource Guide and PrEP magnets. Shared with the group she will be creating a PrEP Tool Kit for providers and asked for input from the group.
 - The group overviewed the PrEP interview conducted by CA Training Center. It was agreed that the interview was a good first step, but many agencies prescribing PrEP in Monterey County were not represented in the report.
 - Irma Eclavea, NIDO, explained some providers were concerned PrEP use, can lead to higher STD rates among clients.
 - Kristy Michie, MCHD, provided an article by aidsmap explaining STI rates in PrEP users are high, but evidence that PrEP increases them is inconclusive according to several recent studies.
- Testing/ Treatment as Prevention (TasP)
 - Kristi Michie, MCHD, shared that she is aware the Health Department can start focusing more on outreach messages about TasP and routine testing.
- Stigma Reduction
 - Kristi Michie, MCHD, MCHD will continue to focus on messages about reduction of HIV-related stigma.

V. Open Forum/Discussion

- Patricia Yurus, OPIS, shared with the group that she is distributing condoms from CHASS, but asked the group for ideas on what to place over the condom package to hide the CHASS logo (agency is now close)
- Edith Diaz, PPMM, shared that they are currently accepting donations of expired condoms for when they conduct condom demonstrations.
- Elena Ramirez, ASN, asked if anyone knew clients who needed emergency shelter or a linkage to Section 8 to refer them to ASN.
- Shannon Hayes, AA Aide Project, shared interest in initiating teardrop trailers for homeless. It was suggested to share the interest to the Homeless Coalition of Monterey County.
- Evelyn Alvarez, MCHD, shared the updated HIV/STD Resource Guide. She asked group if anyone was interested she can drop some off at the different agencies.
- Evelyn Alvarez closed the meeting by thanking everyone for all the updates/information and looks forward to continuing working together.