



**Northern Nevada
HIV
Prevention Group**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 2:00pm
Washoe County Health District
1001 East Ninth St., S. Auditorium
Reno, NV**

MINUTES

Members Present: Elaine Bergenheier, Lyell Collins, Stephen Daugherty, Doug Hodges, Robert Ashley, Jennifer Howell, Nedy Tollerstad, Theron Huntamer, Janet St. Amant (Alt.), Gerold Dermid (Alt.)

Guests Present: Guadalupe Gomez, James Kuzhippala, Karen Munoz, and Rudy Perez

Absences: Lyell Collins (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Doug Hodges called the meeting to order at 2:11 pm. Quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

Gwen Taylor thanked Jennifer Howell and Jessica Cabrales for all the hard work that they have done for years with the planning council.

3. Review of Minutes from March 23, 2016 Meeting

Minutes were reviewed by planning council members minor corrections were noted. Minutes will be up for approval at the next planning council meeting.

4. Review Status of Integrated Community Planning Activities and Timeline

Jennifer Howell reported on the Integrated Community Planning Meeting that was held in Las Vegas, NV. Ask the representatives that attended to give a recap of the meeting.

Lyell Collins reported that during the meeting they broke out in different groups to set different goals and objectives. The timeline is expected to be available at the end of March beginning of April. Integrated HIV plan sections will be coming out in stages and will be provided to the members for review and feedback for any changes. The sections as they become available will include deadlines as to when the changes need to be submitted.

Doug Hodges reported that Robert and he participated in the prevention work group. The work group looked at CDC recommendations it would like to see a drop in new HIV infections down to 80% and it seems to be a unattainable goal for NV and decided that the group would aim for a 70%-75% instead. The discussed suggestion in order to achieve this goal would be to get clients tested and into care by trying to reach out to them by utilizing social media, radio and tv ads. Having needle exchange program and PrEP accessibility. It was also talked about having data tracked to show the percentages of negative test results vs only the positives. At this time only positives gets reported.

Mia was also in the prevention work group it suggested that condom distributions information should be posted like on the state website for mobile testing and condom locations.

Gwen Taylor suggested that the planning council should partner up with Karla Wagner in a study she will be conducting. The study is named “Connecting the Dots”.

5. Testing/Condom Distribution Taskforce Activities

Jen Howell reported that the Sisters have agreed to continue the role of helping with the condom distribution. The planning council members were asked if they have any suggestions for new locations for condom distributions to please let Jennifer Howell know. There is a need to find locations in the zip code area 89502 as it was identify by the Truckee Meadow Healthy Community as the less healthy area in our community.

Guadalupe Gomez gave a description as to what the Sexual Health program is doing in the 89502 zip code area. At this time window assessments are being conducted t which is observations to collect information as to what kind of activities go on in those areas, traffic flow, race, identifying languages, gender, etc. in order to promote HIV/STD testing in that area.

Jen Howell will send a reminder email to the council member asking them to bring their testing information such as their positivity rate, testing locations, etc. This will help identify new testing locations, which can be further discussed at future meetings. This is all part of the Testing taskforce to avoid duplicating testing efforts and maximize HIV testing in the community. It was mentioned that recently testing and education is being provided at Eddy House.

6. Agency Updates

HOPES announced that they had their official open house last week to their new medical building. At this time Changepoint will not be moving. Now they are fully staffed and this will allow for more testing and outreach to be done. Every month HOPES will be having a walk-in naloxone clinic service available between 2:30pm to 5pm. The service will provide training and be given naloxone. This process will also help establish the client as a HOPES client if in the future they need to be seen for primary care purposes.

ACCEPT is moving their meeting back to the HOPES clinic, starting next month. The meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month 5pm to 6:30pm. Flyers can be distributed 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

7. Public Comment

(Limited to 3 minutes per comment. No discussion allowed.)

No public comment.

8. *Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Gwen Taylor and seconded by Doug Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 pm.