

HIV Prevention Contractor's Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2008
Career and Recovery Resources
2525 San Jacinto St.
Houston, Texas 77002

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

MINUTES

Contractors Present:

Laura Alvarez, **HACS**
Jose Ayala, **HACS**
Bernice Arenyeka, **NAACP**
Jeff Berry, **CRR**
Tyvance Credit, **Bee Busy**
Joaquin Garza, **CRR**
Barbara Joseph, **Positive Efforts**
Jennifer Ludlam, **Legacy CHS**

Nike Lukan, **AFH**
Ken Malone, **HCHD**
Jaymie Miella, **Montrose Counseling Ctr.**
Darcy Padgett, **Bee Busy**
Brenda Smith, **NAACP**
Brenda Stuart, **Legacy CHS**
Deonna Turner, **St. Hope Foundation**
Cristan Williams, **HACS**
Sharonda Wright, **NAACP**

Contractors Not Represented:

HDHHS Staff Present:

Brenda Chapman	Ereka Philip	Cathy Wiley
Florida Kweekh	Nick Sloop	
Beau J. Mitts	Michael Thomas	

I. **Welcome/Introductions** **Beau Mitts**

II. **Bureau Update**..... **Beau Mitts**

a. CT Expansion Project

- o Contracts went through Council last week.
- o Routine opt out HIV screening by Ben Taub, LBJ, and Hermann. Ben Taub and LBJ will perform conventional testing (launching August 1st) and Hermann to perform rapid testing.
- o Hermann tested 262 ER patients in one week with one new positive and one preliminary positive. Hermann did not test over the 4th of July holiday.
- o Legacy is set to launch rapid testing, opt out for gonorrhea, syphilis, and Chlamydia.
- o Intervention program report is complete. Funding has been cut by over \$1,000,000. There are two more years left on the grant.
- o Supplemental funding announcement (CDC) through 2009 for MSM population; application is due by August 8th.
- o Beau Mitts is working with the mobile clinic. If anyone is interested in collaborating or performing the required sticks for phlebotomy, please let him know.
- o Mobile Unit meetings will be added to the SEAC (Syphilis Elimination)
- o The Pay or Play Ordinance does not apply to contractors awarded from the 2006 RFP; will apply to new contracts requiring contractors with \$100,000+ or a subcontractor with \$200,000+ to provide health insurance for their staff. If not, you will be required to pay \$1 for every hour worked by your staff, which are then forwarded to HCHD by the City.

- b. Nucleic Amplified Testing (NAT) – similar to STARS and can detect HIV during the window period (2 weeks – 1 month). Dallas is already using the test. Beau attended a consultation in Austin with a team from North Carolina, which has been using the test for several years.
- c. DSHS announcement – RFP for syphilis elimination of \$135,000 for syphilis testing, social marketing, and advisory group. DSHS will no longer come from the HD, but DSHS directly. The due date of the RFP is not known at this time.

FYI – Mid-year award letter went out for contracts ending on June 30th and started over on July 1st.

Beau is taking suggestions on how best to evaluate the fiscal process, i.e., invoicing, budgeting, etc.

- d. This is the last year of the CDC Cooperative Agreement, (2008). The HD received a cost extension through 2009, which corresponds to the end of the contracts.
- e. Quality Management – Baylor Evaluation Center has been contracted to assist contractors in evaluating their programs. Please respond to Linda and Jessica to set up a consultation.
- f. A special thanks goes to everyone that participated in the National Testing Day activities. Over 1,700 persons were tested in five different locations. We do not have the positivity rate at this time. However, preliminary positive results are:
 - o Sharpstown (2)
 - o Sunnyside (3)
 - o Southwest (2)
 - o HCHD (1)
 - o Concert, July 12th, Arena Theatre, 2-6 p.
- g. GLBT Pride Parade – any agency was welcome to participate. We had 41 volunteers. More condoms (over 5,000), and stress releasers (over 5,000), were distributed than ever before. This was a good opportunity to launch the Houston Condom – radio spot on KRBE.
- h. HIP HOP 4HIV – Testing at Harvest Time and Sunnyside. SOE meeting at the health department on Friday. St. Hope tested the youngest positive (15 year old African American girl), who would not have shown up for testing without the tickets.
- i. Everyone is encouraged to begin planning for World AIDS Day for a big event. Eddie deRoulet is the contact person. The first meeting is Tuesday at Montrose Counseling Center.
- j. CRR tested 60 for HCV with 20 preliminary positives. Bee Busy is also testing for HCV.

III. Syphilis Elimination Advisory Committee (SEAC).....Larry Prescott

The mobile unit will begin meeting with SEAC, 4th Wednesday of each month; looking to launch a Syphilis Awareness Day before the end of the summer at 3rd Ward MPC.

IV. Data Collection..... Nick Sloop

- Recoding HCV Testing
- Common Errors (there is no CTR outreach and recruitment)
- CDC use field (01 – screening; 02 – PBC)
- Client ID = 11 digits (do not add any information – must be an empty space at the end of the ID)
- Early stage of developing a new data system
 - Web-based system that allows you to enter your data directly through a secure system
 - Contracting with the company hat developed CPCDMS and the goal is to allow the two systems to talk to each other.
 - Expected to launch in 2009
 - CTR outreach/recruitment is built into your CTR ; do not add to your HERR intervention.

V. Cathy Wiley Training

- Safe in the City – a new intervention adapted to VOCES/VOICES
- HD is updating it’s system to allow you to register for classes and receive a confirmation on-line
- Crisis intervention training – HD is partnering with HPD to train staff in crisis intervention, scheduled for September 15th and October 8th at the police academy on Aldine Westfield (all day).
- HACS has requested Street Smart
- There are two TOTs for Street Smart
- Fundamentals will be offered at the end of the month; PBC in September; EPI 101, Cultural Sensitivity, and Conversational Spanish will be offered in the future.

VI. HCHD..... Ken Malone

- Universal screening for Ben Taub and LBJ emergency centers.
- Ben Taub serves approximately 9,000 patients each month
- Using blood draw (ELISA) with 60% of the patients – 4,500.
- Goal is to get results back in two hours.

VII. Announcements..... Beau Mitts

- CRR wants to participate in all of the task forces, but is hindered by the various times. Is it possible for the meetings to be held quarterly instead of monthly?

VIII. Questions or Concerns

Ques: Is the NAT a blood draw?

Ans: Yes

Ques: How long does it take to the get NAT results?

Ans: Same as it does now. Will allow HD to intervene in the spread of HIV

Ques: Is there a rapid test for NAT?

Ans: We do not know

Ques: How will DSHS' syphilis RFP effect our current efforts?

Ans: We do not know

Ques: Will one agency get all of the syphilis money?

Ans: The funds may be split between two agencies; may also depend on your request.

Ques: Will the HD budget return to a per-test ratio?

Ans: We do not know

Ques: Is there a registration form for the crisis intervention training?

Ans: Reply to the email

Ques: Will PBC be for supervisors?

Ans: Except for two people, we have not received requests from supervisors. We can add an additional day at the end of the training for supervisors. Send your email request to Cathy Wiley. It is possible to do a one day (quality management) training.

Ques: When HCHD gets a positive, do you train staff in cultural sensitivity?

Ans: There is coverage from 7a. – 11p. In-reach workers are in charge of working with the positive client. There is a script for personnel after hours.

Ques: How will you connect them to services?

Ans: The idea is to link them to care. It is the linkage worker's responsibility to work with the City's DIS staff.

Ques: Are you testing 24 hours?

Ans: Yes

Ques: How do they opt out?

Ans: Consent for treatment is adequate for HIV, but we let them know it is included.

XI. Next Meeting:

October 8, 2008

9:30 a.m.

Location: TBA