



**Consortium Meeting Minutes
 Monday, July 10, 2017 10am-12pm
 Pittsburg Health Center
 Pittsburg, CA**

Present:	
Angela Moore, CCIH	Irma Donaldson, NHNR
Nyokie Franklin, CCIH	Natalie Treacy, Planned Parenthood Northern CA
S.L. Floyd, Community Resident	Jessica Osorio, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Thandi Harris, Community Resident	Karen Schlein, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Ron Ricks, Community Resident	Nga Le, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Michele Castano, Food Bank Contra Costa & Solano	Nicole LaPointe, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Teri Leichenger, Food Bank Contra Costa & Solano	Toni Philbrick, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Betty Blackmore Gee, Community Resident	Tracey Walker, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Angel Mateo, LifeLong Medical Center	Vivian Eger, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Call to Order	<p>Jessica Osorio, Deputy Director, called the meeting to order at 10:14am.</p> <p>Next, introductions were made along with an icebreaker activity. Each person decorated a nameplate and shared with the group their identities, background, values, and hobbies.</p> <p>Minutes from June's Consortium meeting were reviewed and approved.</p>
Presentation	<p>Nga Le, Senior Health Education Specialist, gave a presentation on antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea.</p> <p>Key points from the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea has the same health outcomes as gonorrhea, but due to its resistance to antibiotics, may take longer to be treated. • Untreated gonorrhea can cause the following health problems: increases risk of getting or giving HIV; spreads from mother to baby during childbirth, which can cause blindness in the baby; can cause infertility, PID and ectopic pregnancies in females, and epididymitis in males; spreads to the blood, causing heart and nervous system infections; long-term pelvic/abdominal pain. • Our role as non-clinical providers is to educate providers on screening and treatment guidelines and to educate clients on how to reduce risk of gonorrhea. • The only way to avoid STDs is to not have vaginal, anal, or oral

	<p>sex. If you are sexually active, the following behaviors can lower your chances of getting gonorrhea: being in a long-term monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and has negative STD test results; using condoms and dental dams the right way every time you have sex; and getting tested for STDs every 3-6 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current treatment recommendation for gonorrhea is Ceftriaxone 250 mg by injection in a single dose PLUS Azithromycin 1g orally in a single dose. • In order to reduce the spread of antibiotic resistance: notify and treat all partners from the past 60 days; finish all antibiotics; wait 1 week after treatment, including partner treatment, to have sex; inform your provider if symptoms do not resolve 1 week after treatment; and wait at least 30 days after treatment completion to retest. <p>The following handouts were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STD testing sites in the Bay Area, including an STD risks chart • STD evening clinic schedule at Contra Costa health centers • Pamphlet on STD facts
<p>System of Care Update</p>	<p>Jessica provided a budget update: The Collaborative Community Planning Council approved the carryover request to hire a Community Health Worker. The person in this position will be following up on referrals, both with clients and providers, and providing other support to the medical case management team. The position is flagged for a Spanish speaker and should be starting at the end of the month. Ron Ricks, Community Resident, raised a concern that individuals who have a better understanding of the community and other life experiences are not considered for these positions due to not meeting the educational requirements or other requirements set by the county. Jessica shared the county process to be hired into certain positions, which include first applying to the classification and then making it onto the eligibility list to be considered for new positions. The Community Health Worker position is being filled from an existing county list. Karen Schlein, Linkage to Care Manager, shared that when new classifications are posted, we will work to ensure that Consortium members are informed of those opportunities. In the future, we could provide workshops and trainings on how to build a resume that will highlight experiences to showcase what employers are looking for.</p> <p>Jessica provided a staffing update: Damon Powell, a Medical Case Manager, has left the county to pursue his passion for art. His clients have been reassigned to other case managers so there should be no gap in service.</p>

	<p>Tracey Walker, PrEP Coordinator, provided a prevention update: Using county STD data, the program created line lists of people who have been infected with one of the reportable STDs. The team has reached over 1,000 individuals and provided them with wellness checks and risk reduction education. Nicole LaPointe, Disease Intervention Technician, shared that it is amazing to talk to people about their STDs, to provide them with a space to feel comfortable, to provide sex education and HIV testing.</p> <p>Ron inquired if the county has provided testing to students at Contra Costa College. Tracey responded that the county has tested at Contra Costa College and has also been invited to Los Medanos Community College in December. The testing team prefers to come to the campuses when there are big activities involving all students so they can provide testing and risk reduction materials to many people at once.</p>
<p>Updates to Bylaws & Operating Procedures</p>	<p>Nga led the discussion on updating the Consortium bylaws. The group agreed that member term limits should follow the CCPC format, with members having a term limit of 2 years and PLWHA having term limits of 6 years. Membership shall be terminated if the person misses 3 consecutive meetings. There will be added language around exceptions to termination. Natalie Treacy, Planned Parenthood Northern California, expressed interest in a 1-year evaluation of membership. The Executive Committee will write a draft and present to the Consortium at the next meeting. Due to time constraints, other updates to the bylaws and operating procedures will continue at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Client Engagement</p>	<p>Jessica shared that the conversation is open to hear suggestions and thoughts on how to improve client engagement. There used to be a PLWHA Subcommittee but we do not have enough members to form one at this time. People also expressed interest in more psychosocial support during the focus groups conducted in the Spring. To address both problems, she suggests that we develop a Client Subcommittee that can act as a client support group, to provide clients a space of their own to advocate for themselves and support one another. This will help the Consortium get regular feedback from clients and community members living with HIV.</p> <p>Ron shared that psychosocial support is very important. From his outreach to other clients to attend the Consortium, he has found that nobody wants to go. Clients have shared with him that they do not see any change occur after they provide their feedback. He believes that the relationship between the case manager and the client is fundamental and is the cornerstone of everything. He recalls that in the past there were more clients and they would receive an incentive in the form of food vouchers to attend the meetings. Clients also feel that the meetings are a waste of time and they are not being heard.</p>

Jessica agrees that incentives for participation are important, unfortunately, the county is not funded to provide vouchers for participation in the consortium. We have to be creative and look for grants and other funding opportunities that are not as restrictive as Ryan White. She would like to see a transportation system set up for people to carpool since the county can only provide transportation vouchers for people to attend medical appointments. Ron shared that clients really enjoyed the focus groups and how they were set up.

Jessica shared the importance of having a support group or client subcommittee represented at the Consortium. Sam Erwin has a support group for PLWHA at Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg from 12-1:30pm on the first and third Tuesday each month. It is not just a support group but also an educational group that connects people to resources. We want to learn more about the times and locations that work best for people.

Angel Mateo, Medical Case Manager with LifeLong, suggested that a quarterly meeting be held for all PLWHA in West County. He recommended meeting at LifeLong or another location in Richmond where clients can share their concerns and bring those concerns to the Consortium meetings. Jessica shared that Rainbow Community Center recently opened a location in El Cerrito. She shared that people in West and East County have expressed difficulty accessing these resources.

Karen shared that there is a need for a support group for Spanish speakers and a support group for women since they may not feel as comfortable attending existing support groups. Nicole LaPointe expressed interest in helping out with a women's group.

Ron said that he believes that the group needs to meet more often than quarterly, either every other month or once a month. Betty Blackmore Gee, Community Resident, recommended inviting different guest speakers to come and speak at each group. Betty, Ron, and Mateo volunteered to work together to set up a support group in West County and to let the group decide how often they would like to meet. Spanish speakers can be referred to Mateo.

Irma Donaldson, Neighborhood House of North Richmond, shared that people have a misconception of what a medical case manager is supposed to do and do not understand the real role of a medical case manager. She suggested having a medical case manager come to the groups and explain their role and what they are there for and it can also help to build the relationship between clients and medical case

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	<p>managers. It was explained that medical case managers and medical social workers are two terms that refer to the same person/role. Tracey shared that a lot has changed and that medical case managers cannot do the all of same things as they did in the past. It is frustrating for the medical case managers as well and that it is not intentional when they cannot help a client.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Discussion</p>	<p>Nyokie Franklin, CCIH, shared that some HOPWA units became available and they helped clients with the applications. However, the process has been put on hold. They are searching for more low-income units and asked members to contact Nyokie or Angela with any information on low-income units that are available.</p> <p>Teri Leichenger, Food Bank Contra Costa & Solano, has been surveying clients and will be conducting satisfaction surveys more regularly. People are generally satisfied with the services.</p> <p>Irma was approached by the DUI program that requested a speaker to educate the groups about the risks of contracting STDs and HIV when drinking alcohol. She requested that someone can provide this service on a volunteer basis since she was told there was no funding from the county. Jessica shared that someone from the program will be able to provide this workshop to the DUI program.</p> <p>Michele Castano, Registered Dietician with the Food Bank, has provided Sam Erwin's support group with nutrition education and has witnessed an increase in clients' knowledge of the topic. She shared that the support group is great and that there are a lot of incentives to attend. The next meeting is July 18th from 12-1:30pm.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Public Comment</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Announcements</p>	<p>Jessica shared that the next meeting is the TGA Planning Council meeting that includes a Town Hall. Food will be provided. The Executive Committee will be presenting on the Consortium's allocations recommendations.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Adjourned</p>	<p>Thandi Harris, Community Resident, made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Betty seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:01pm.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next Oakland TGA Planning Council Meeting is Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 11-4 at the Lafayette Library 3491 Mt Diablo Blvd Lafayette, CA.</p> <p>Next Consortium Meeting is Monday, September 11, 2017 from 10-12 at the West County Health Center 13601 San Pablo Ave San Pablo, CA.</p>