

PREVENTION COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

VIRTUAL:

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Welcome/Introductions
- ◆ Approval of Agenda
- ◆ Approval of Minutes (*August 24, 2022*)
- ◆ Report of Co-Chairs
- ◆ Report of Staff
- ◆ Discussion Items
 - Committee Structure/Focus
 - Committee Work Plan 2022-2023
- ◆ Other Business
- ◆ Announcements
- ◆ Adjournment

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The next Prevention Committee meeting is

VIRTUAL: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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Philadelphia HIV Integrated Planning Council
Prevention Committee
Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Office of HIV Planning, 340 N. 12th Street, Suite 320, Philadelphia PA, 19107

Present: Keith Carter, Gus Grannan, Jeffery Haskins, Loretta Matus (Co-Chair), Erica Rand, Clint Steib (Co-Chair), Desirée Surplus, Adam Williams

Guests: Diamond Jack, Brian Hernandez (AACO), Emily McNamara (AACO), Toyin Olubiyi (AACO), William Pearson (AACO), Javontae Williams (AACO)

Staff: Beth Celeste, Sofia Moletteri, Mari Ross-Russell

Call to Order:

L. Matus called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. She asked everyone to introduce themselves within the Zoom chat box.

Approval of Agenda:

L. Matus called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion:** K. Carter motioned, E. Rand seconded to approve the agenda. **Motion passed:** 6 in favor, 1 abstaining.

Approval of Minutes:

C. Steib called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 25, 2022. C. Steib said he was excused from the meeting, but it was listed that he called the meeting to order.

Additionally, VIVE on the third page should be spelled as VIIVE. **Motion:** K. Carter motioned to approve the amended May 2022 Prevention Committee meeting minutes, E. Rand seconded to approve the minutes. **Motion passed:** 6 in favor, 2 abstaining.

Report of Co-Chairs:

No report.

Report of Staff:

M. Ross-Russell reported that starting in September, they would receive updates and presentations on the Integrated Prevention and Care plan from AACO. The HIPC meeting from September-November would contain presentations on portions of the plan. The goal was to finish the document by November since it was due in December.

M. Ross-Russell said she received a request to talk about a proposed bill regarding the inclusion of PrEP within RW Care Act funding. This bill was from the Senate. There were also two other bills from the House and the Senate that were fairly identical—they proposed the expansion of access to PrEP and PEP by altering the process where people receive the medications and associated services through insurance. This included grant funding for uninsured individuals.

The language for both of the Senate bills, she continued, was sent to the HELP (United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions) Committee. It was unlikely that the bill proposing RW funding cover PrEP would make it out of the HELP Committee. OHP would send out the three bills after the meeting via email.

K. Carter thanked M. Ross-Russell for sharing the bills with the committee since he had emailed this to her. J. Haskins said this would likely be a topic of conversation during the RW conference this week, so they would find out more information soon. He felt people would be vocal about PrEP money staying separate from HIV care service money.

C. Steib added that there was a lawsuit in Texas—by the same person who started a lawsuit around Roe v. Wade—regarding religious liberties because of ACA including preventative services such as PrEP. He suggested everyone keep an eye on this.

Discussion Items:

— *Philly Keep on Loving Website* —

C. Steib noted that there were some AACO representatives within the room, so they could assist with the discussion item if needed. M. Ross-Russell explained that within the minutes, there was a discussion regarding priority/risk populations. Additionally, the phillykeeponloving.com website had been revamped. M. Ross-Russell noted that Dr. K. Brady asked that the Planning Council Prevention's Committee and Positive Committee to offer feedback and suggestions.

J. Williams noted that several AACO staff were in attendance today and would continue to be invited to Prevention Committee meetings. As for the website, he explained that B. Hernandez was the main individual from AACO working with this project. He explained that AACO would change language or any specifics within the website based on Prevention Committee suggestions. J. Williams added that this website was fairly unique to the Philadelphia region and that such lively and comprehensive PrEP sites were uncommon. He pointed out the Monkeypox (MPV) banner on the top of the website. They were able to create such a banner thanks to the building blocks offered from past AACO staff that started the website construction.

AACO was planning on launching TelePrEP with Einstein Medical Program. B. Hernandez had worked on this operation. The idea was to increase accessibility and allow people to start PrEP without ever leaving the house or dealing with long wait times and other in-person barriers.

J. Williams introduced E. McNamara as the Ending the HIV Epidemic PS2020-10 Coordinator. She was replacing D. Shaw. E. McNamara thanked everyone for having her—she was excited to get to know everyone and the work they did. J. Williams also introduced T. Olubiyi, the Clinical Prevention Associate. He next introduced W. Pearson who worked with ISU and prevention data.

M. Ross-Russell noted that the current discussion was to ensure that the website was not leaving out anything brought up in past discussions. She asked if anyone had an opportunity to review the website prior to the meeting. L. Matus said yes, explained that she focused on the Spanish side of the website – it was concise, especially the FAQ portion for MPV. Her only suggestion was adding a timestamp to indicate when information was last updated, since testing and vaccination sites were everchanging. Overall, she felt the website was easy to use.

M. Ross-Russell felt that the links, questions, and information were all there and that the website was easily navigated. K. Carter agreed. He was grateful that the information for MPV was all there. He also appreciated the portion regarding PrEP and insurance.

C. Steib enjoyed the images and colors of the website. He felt the website was concise and user-friendly. L. Matus said she liked the interactive section which offered information on how often people should get tested—such information was hard to find and was well presented.

J. Haskins said that the information on the site was helpful for relieving stress and misinformation around MPV. He explained how offering testing was important as well. Additionally, discussing Syphilis was important as a way to remind people to not become complacent. He hoped it would help to keep the incident numbers down.

C. Steib asked about how many test kits were being ordered and about website traffic. B. Hernandez did not have this information readily available but said he could get access to this. For self-test kit advertisements, AACO recently relaunched their advertising on their social media campaign and dating apps. Advertising had been really effective. In June 2022 there were 47 test kits ordered, and in July—once they launched the advertisements—this went up to about 141-147 total test kits. Individuals requesting the test kits were mostly Black MSM and roughly 24-29 y/o. AACO requested that individuals ordering through the website offer demographic information so they could collect this on their dashboard.

M. Ross-Russell said the Positive Committee was also to review the website.

Other Business:

L. Matus asked if there were any updates on the Consumer Surveys. M. Ross-Russell said they had not yet checked the mail today, but there were approximately 250-260 surveys in total. There were 165 online surveys and they had several dropped off and mailed back to the office. There were around 10 online surveys that were blank.

As far as paper surveys, M. Ross-Russell said there were some that came in that were Spanish. S. Moletteri was working on inputting these. About a quarter of the total surveys had been entered at this stage. The issue, she said, was that there was a slight difference in the online and paper surveys, so all surveys had to be inputted manually—they could not data dump the SurveyMonkey surveys directly into the data analysis program.

Announcements:

C. Steib announced that there was a guest present that was the PrEP Navigator at his provider location. D. Jack introduced themselves.

Adjournment: C. Steib called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: K. Carter motioned, L. Matus seconded to adjourn Prevention Committee meeting. **Motion passed:** all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sofia M. Moletteri, staff

Handouts distributed at the meeting:

- August 2022 Prevention Meeting Agenda
- May 2022 Prevention Meeting Minutes