

Philadelphia HIV Integrated Planning Council
Positive Committee
Monday, January 8, 2018
12:00-2:00 pm

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

Present: PH (12), NJ (3), PA (0)

Staff: Antonio Boone, Nicole Johns, Stephen Budhu

Call to Order/Moment of Silence: J. Murdock called the meeting to order at the 12:07 pm. Those present introduced themselves, and participated in an ice breaker activity.

Approval of Agenda: J. Murdock presented the agenda to the committee. **Motion:** M. W. moved, L.W. seconded to approve the agenda. **Motion passed:** All in favor.

Approval of Minutes (December 11, 2017): J. Murdock presented the December 11, 2017 minutes for approval. **Motion:** R. L. moved, L.W. seconded to approve the December 11, 2017 minutes. **Motion passed:** All in favor.

Report of Chair: K. Carter informed the committee AIDS Education month would be having their annual kick off meeting on January 24, 2018 from 10 am -12 pm at the Philadelphia Convention Center. He explained the meeting was a brunch, and those who were interested would have to RSVP with Philadelphia FIGHT.

Report of Staff: N. Johns stated she updated the Positive Committee memorial with new photos. She reminded the committee the memorial was open to all.

N. Johns informed the committee, the Office of HIV Planning would be hosting an overdose reversal training on February 9, 2018 from 12-2 pm. She stated all who wished to attend must RSVP and no tokens or lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring lunch.

M. C. informed the committee starting January 16, 2018 SEPTA will no longer accept Medicare/Medicaid identification for reduced fares. He explained those in need of reduced fare would have to apply for a "reduced fare card" from SEPTA. D.G. added that SEPTA would not accept any form of ID for lowered fare from individuals who are younger than 65. J.M. asked if SEPTA was going to phase out tokens. N. Johns replied yes, and OHP is deciding the best way to provide transportation reimbursement. An announcement will be made. K. Carter suggested the conversation about SEPTA should be tabled and revisited when more information was available.

Action Items: None

Discussion Items

- **2018 Brainstorming**

A. Boone suggested the committee review the committee's activities of 2017. A. Boone began to review the committee meetings in chronological order. He began with January 2017, and reminded the committee Drexel Creative Arts gave a therapies session. He stated in February 2017 N. Johns gave a review of the Epidemiology update that was presented to the HIPC by Dr. Brady. In April 2017 Alex Sheriffs gave her presentation, "The Beginning of the End" about Hepatitis C and HIV infection. In May 2017 Siloam Wellness gave an update on the services they provided to the PLWH. June 2017, the HPG and RWPC were combined to make the HIPC, and the committee was invited to join the Prevention Committee. In

July 2017, BenePhilly presented their programs and services to the committee. In August and September 2017, the committee reviewed allocations for the EMA and watched VICE News documentaries about opioid dependency.

N. Johns invited the committee to participate in a brainstorming activity. She asked the committee to consider possible ideas for future Positive Committee meetings. She asked the committee to come up with three or more ideas each. N. Johns then distributed Post-it notes to groups to record their ideas. M.W. asked what were some of the ideas the activity was looking for. N. Johns stated the brainstorming ideas would be used to see what committee members wanted to have in future meetings. A. Boone suggested some of the committee recommendations could involve a video series they wanted to watch, or an agency they wanted to invite to give a presentation. N. Johns invited those who were finished brainstorming to stick their Post-it notes on the white board, and added similar ideas would be grouped. After all Post-it notes were displayed on the white board, N. Johns distributed 4 stickers each to the committee. She explained the additional stickers notes were to vote; members could stick the Post-its next to/on ideas that they felt strongly about, and they could use all 4 on one idea or 4 that are spread across different ideas. She stated the most popular ideas would be prioritized first and the less popular ones would be revisited. After all committee members had cast their vote N. Johns and A. Boone organized ideas into one of three categories: activities, presentations and projects. After arranged in the categories the ideas were arranged in order of vote popularity.

After reorganization, N. Johns shared the ideas with the committee. She began with the ideas grouped under projects.

Projects:

- “Have University of Pennsylvania talk about Studies involving PLWH” (6votes)
- Housing for PLWH (5 votes)
- Group Projects (5 votes)
- “Have someone from Philadelphia FIGHT present about volunteer services and events” (4 votes)
- Community Outreach information about Philadelphia FIGHT (0 votes).

Activities:

- Community Advisory Board updates/requests (3 votes)
- Effective ways of talking about HIV without stigma (3 votes)
- “Getting Social Security Income” (3 votes)
- Gather HIV education (2 votes)
- Nutritionist from MANNA (2 votes)
- Mental Health and HIV (1 vote)
- Undetectable= Untransmittable and gender conforming rights conversations (1 vote)
- HIV vaccination updates (0 votes).

Topics:

- Transportation (2 votes)
- Have a movie day (2 votes)
- More meeting involvement (2 votes)
- Poetry sharing (1 vote)
- Plan a retreat (1 vote)
- Group discussion (1 vote)
- Have Siloam Wellness give another presentation (1 vote)
- SEPTA discussion (1 vote)

- Invite more guest speakers (1 vote)
- Special events (1 vote)
- Group project(s) (1 vote)
- LGBT Elder initiative (1 vote),
- Line dancing (0 votes)

In response to some of the suggestions from the committee, N. Johns invited the committee to attend the Comprehensive Planning Committee meetings since they were discussing housing and transportation. A. Boone added many members of the Positive Committee were not members of other committees, and he urged committee members to attend other meetings. N. Johns and A. Boone thanked the committee for their participation in the brainstorming activity.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Adjournment: **Motion:** M.W. moved, L. W. seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 pm. **Motion passed:** All in favor

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephen Budhu, staff

Handouts distributed in the meeting:

- Meeting Agenda
- December 11, 2017 minutes
- OHP calendar