

Minutes of DoD Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee Meeting of 18 May 99

Attending

CDR (sel) Linnea M. Axman, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
Bill Calvert, Navy Environmental Health Center, Co-Chairman
Kim W. Hamlett, Department of Veterans Affairs
Donna Ruscavage, Henry Jackson Foundation
Terry Trobaugh, NNMC Bethesda
HS1 Petra Wolford, for LCDR Ludwig, USCG

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 0930 at the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda. HS1 Wolford joined the meeting via telephone.
2. The STDPC introduced themselves and welcomed CDR (sel) Linnea Axman and Dr. Kim Hamlett to their first meeting.
3. The minutes of the 20 April 99 meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. Bill Calvert updated the STDPC regarding the PSHPC. The committee's Action Plan and Charter have been submitted to the PSHPC through Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott in General Roadman's office. These documents will be staffed through the Executive Council for review, comment, and/or approval. This process should take approximately 3 months.

Mr. Calvert met with Ms. Ruscavage and Major Ron Hale at the Air Force STD/HIV Train the Trainer Conference in San Antonio to work on the brief for General Roadman to be delivered on June 7th with an additional presentation to the Executive Council on July 9th. Major Hale, Co-Chairman of the STDPC, cannot attend in person, but would like to VTC into the brief. The request has been submitted to General Roadman's office and is pending resolution. The group reviewed the brief and provided input and changes. The PowerPoint presentation brief is provided separately from the minutes.

5. Review and Update STDPC Action Plan: Mr. Calvert explained some difficulties encountered with the Action Plan identified as a result of preparing for the PSHPC brief. Again, the committee wishes to keep the existing Action Plan in tact, and consider amendments once STDPC membership expands from the staffing of our Charter through the PSHPC.
6. UN update: Donna Ruscavage, informed the group that HIV curriculum was pilot tested the first week of May at the UN training facility in Italy. The Civil-Military Alliance to Combat AIDS is a Peace Keeping operation and the curriculum will be used to teach peace keepers assigned throughout the world. The pilot test was with approximately 25 people in 12 countries and was well received.

7. USAF HIV Train the Trainer program was held the week of May 10th in San Antonio Texas at Lackland Air Force Base was very successful and attended by approximately 85 people.
8. Donna Ruscavage reported that the HIV education and prevention needs assessment has begun. A letter of support from the Navy Surgeon enabled the Henry M. Jackson Foundation to begin mailing surveys to Navy personnel. Their goal for return rate is 1200 surveys. Currently they have received 700 survey from their first mailing. They are still awaiting letters of support from the Army and Air Force Surgeons General to begin mailing the survey.
9. Donna Ruscavage updated the group on the STD/HIV Intervention Program (SHIP) produced by the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) in conjunction with University of California at San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Cherrie Boyer, (UCSF) presented the 8 hour intervention at the Air Force Train the Trainer Program. This program was transitioned into a 6 hour Marine Guard Training program and currently is being modified into a 3 hour version. NHRC will evaluate the 3 hour intervention to see if it is as effective as the 6 hour version. The evaluation involves a 45 minute intensive phone survey 12 months post training.
10. Kim W. Hamlett, reported that On June 28 and 29, 1999, the HIV/AIDS Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of AIDS Research of the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and Office of National Drug Control Policy will sponsor a conference to convene service providers, health professionals from public and private agencies, representatives of advocacy organizations, administrative and policy leaders, and public and science media involved with HIV/AIDS. This conference will be the first forum for interdisciplinary discussions about the medical, social, resource, and programmatic needs of persons with HIV and comorbidities. The goals of the conference will be twofold: Initiate collaborations that will address the medical, social, psychological, resource, and research needs to improve care of persons with HIV and comorbidities and to identify best practices in ongoing programs that address these issues. The conference will also address HIV prevention among persons at risk who have comorbid conditions. The conference will feature nationally recognized leaders in the areas of HIV care and prevention as well as HIV and substance abuse, HIV and homelessness, and HIV and mental illness. Detailed conference information can be obtained on the internet at: <http://meetings.s-3.com/hivcare>
11. Donna Ruscavage reported that the World Institute for Leadership and Learning (WILL) has produced an interactive video which may be of interest to the committee. Ms. Ruscavage will try to arrange a meeting with this group the afternoon following our next STDPC meeting for those that can attend.

Next Meeting Date: June 8th at 0930 at NNMC Bethesda. The group will be updated on the June 7th brief to General Roadman and hopefully will meet with WILL to see their interactive video.

Minutes taken by:
Bill Calvert
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