



IHIPC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes -Tuesday, October 1, 9-10 am

Present: M. Benner, J. Dispenza, J. Erdman, S. Fletcher, N. Holmes, J. Nuss, L. Roeder, C. Tucker, S. Zamor, C. Crause, M. Maginn, J. Charles

Absent: M. Williams

1. Roll call – *See above list.*

J. Charles, who recently took on the role as one of the co-chairs of the Epi/NA Committee, was welcomed as a new member of the Steering Committee.

2. Review Any Outstanding “Actions Needed” from last Steering Committee meeting

Action needed: *Committee co-chairs were asked to have their respective committees, at their upcoming meetings or the committee breakouts during the October in-person meeting, review their current objectives and make recommendations for new ones for 2020, considering taking on one of the recommendations from the HIV Health Disparities Project. – If they haven’t already done this or were planning to do so at their October committee meetings, committee co-chairs were reminded to have this discussion with their committees at the October 21 in-person meeting committee breakouts. They were reminded to bring a copy of the Health Disparities Project recommendations with them to the meeting.*

Action needed: *J. Nuss will be responsible for following up with the HIV Section administrators and reporting back to the IHIPC on the status of the recommendations from the HIV Health Disparities Root Cause Analysis Project that had been identified for their consideration. J. Nuss reported that this has been done and Program administrators are currently working on their 2019 Integrated Plan Progress Report and updating Integrated Plan activities for 2020. These will be reported on at the December IHIPC webinar.*

3. Membership Issues

- Reminder Upcoming October 21-22 in-person IHIPC meeting Members were reminded that we have several topics on the agendas, including the Aligning with GTZ-IL Panel Discussion and L. Meyer’s Gender Language Training. We also will be introducing a new area - HIV prevention and care in rural and migrant communities. J. Nuss and S. St. Julian will be co-presenting and facilitating that discussion. We hope to have the Epi/NA Committee further explore that topic in 2020.

Reminder of Meeting Times: Day 1: 11 am – 6:00 pm; Day 2: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

- Update on 2020 Membership Recruitment/Selection Process The Membership Committee will provide a report on this during its committee update later in this meeting.
In terms of a new CAHISC liaison to the IHIPC, J. Nuss noted that she attended the CAHISC meeting on Sept. 25 and reminded the group that Cynthia’s term would be ending at the end of December and that they needed to appoint a new liaison. She let them know what our current membership gaps were and requested that they try to identify a liaison who could fill those gaps and could fulfill the membership requirements. D. Beasley mentioned that she knew someone who was interested and J. Nuss has been contacted by someone else who says he may be interested. Hopefully, CAHISC will vote on that at its October meeting so we can arrange to have the new liaison participate in our new member orientation in December. C. Tucker said that she has already asked to have that placed on the agenda for the October CAHISC meeting.

4. Brief Updates from IHIPC Coordinator/Co-chairs

- Update: Illinois Action Plan objectives

- Continuum of Care Disparities Root Cause Analysis Project – Progress on Next Steps This was reported on earlier in the “Review of “Actions Needed” from last meeting” section.

- Undoing Racism Workshops -Overview

J. Nuss reported that the series of 5 Undoing Racism workshops have concluded. The final evaluations haven't been compiled yet, but she knows there were some mixed reviews. She said that participants had been told to expect some tense moments throughout the workshop with some emotional conversations, the topic of which would likely make people uncomfortable at times. But without having gone through the workshop yet ourselves, it was difficult to prepare people for that. She asked is anyone who attended the workshops wanted to share their thoughts on their experiences.

L. Roeder said she found it interesting that MATEC has come out with a one-day training in Chicago after our 2 ½ day training. She wondered if that was a shorter version of the workshop that we could have attended. She found the workshop to be challenging, interesting, and thought-provoking. To some extent, she felt the trainers shut down input and didn't respect comments from participants that they didn't agree with, which was counterintuitive. She felt the main trainer was too direct and dismissive of participants' feelings. She also stated that she felt higher ups within the agencies that are the ones that actually make decisions needed to have participated in the meetings.

C. Tucker said that the Examining Race in the HIV Workplace meeting that is being sponsored by AFC's Race and Social Justice Committee isn't a mini-version of the workshop. It is a follow up to the 2 ½ day workshops that were held in Chicago and is more of a “Where do we go from here?” session.

C. Crause said that she left the workshop wanting to know what she could do to fix racism. The trainers pointed out to her that her desire to fix things comes from a place of white privilege. What she is taking back to her agency is: “What can we do in our agencies and communities to address racism?”

J. Dispenza said that after participating in the Chicago workshop, she also felt she lacked knowing what the next steps should be. She suggested getting a group of white people with a facilitator together to carry on that discussion.

S. Fletcher said he stressed with his staff beforehand that the workshop was not a typical IDPH training, but more like a seminar that should be viewed as a learning experience.

M. Maginn said there were a few derogatory comments made by the facilitator at the Belleville workshop about “white women's tears” and some participants felt that was dismissive of their comments and finger-pointing.

J. Nuss reiterated that the intent of the workshops was to bring our HIV planners and service providers to a greater awareness and realization of the historical perspective and prevalence of systemic racism so that we could really address the issue in terms of how it impacts HIV. Having these difficult discussions is necessary, however. We still need to commit to continuing to address racism by doing more than just looking at the same data that shows the same disparities that we know are influenced by racism. Looking at all the history and root causes of the persistent inequality should be seen as the first step to raising our awareness and developing programs and policies that defeat racism and other forms of social injustice. We need to continue this effort. IDPH will be talking to MATEC after we receive the compiled evaluations to discuss out next steps.

- Enhance engagement/leadership skills of IHIPC members, client reps and reps from high-risk pops.
 - Risk-targeted focus groups update

- September 19 - Region 4: Black women
This was held in East St. Louis. Ten women participated, most of whom identified as being HIV+. We are currently working on compiling the report.
- October/November (exact dates TBD): Transgender women (Region 2); PrEP users (Region 6)
Plans for these are still underway. We are hoping to conduct one in October and the other in November or December.
- Plans for 2020
 - Leadership development day added to March 2020 IHIPC meeting (Done)
 - National conferences
 - ❖ N. Holmes- Natl. AAMSM Leadership Conference on Health Disparities Jan 16-19, 2020
S. Jones from MATEC will be working with N. Holmes to make arrangements for her to attend this conference.
J. Nuss asked members to make her aware of other national conferences of interest they hear about, preferably happening Jan-March 2020.
- Regional Community Engagement Meetings
 - Follow-up: Regions 8 and 5 meetings
J. Nuss asked anyone who has attended the meetings so far for their comments. In retrospect, she wants to take back to the Needs Assessment Workgroup that she felt the detailed overview of the objectives before the discussion questions was too much information and may have confused people. Others commented that the questions need to be simpler and more direct. M. Maginn said he thought the questions seemed somewhat redundant.
 - Upcoming: Regions 1, 2, and 6
M. Maginn reminded people to tell participants at the beginning of the meeting that this was a needs assessment activity to collect input from the community and that for the sake of confidentiality, the meeting was not to be recorded and photos weren't allowed.
- GTZ Implementation Council Updates (M. Benner)
 - M. Benner provided the slide deck from the first GTZ Implementation Council meeting and an overview of the meeting. He also provided a flyer for a "Black MSM: Cultural Considerations for GTZ" training sponsored by MATEC that is coming up in Chicago.
Conference calls will be set up likely on a monthly basis to go over various parts of the plan and how it will be implemented in Chicago and downstate.
M. Maginn gave kudos to Candi and Julie. The mayors for both counties presented a proclamation in support of GTZ Illinois.

5. Committee Reports and Actions Needed – (Provided by Committee or IHIPC Coordinator/Co-chairs)

- LTC, RRC, ART, & VS Committee (and workgroups)
 - Care Compendium Workgroup met last week. The committee set up a Sharepoint folder where it is sharing its documents.
 - Gender workgroup meets later today. S. Hyzer is adding some gender identity elements on Prevention's forms in Provide™. J. Maras has asked the group to provide him with recommendations on what his program could do.
 - Structural Interventions workgroup met. New language on structural interventions and how they tie back to GTZ-IL has been developed for inclusion in the I&S Guidance. The committee is waiting for input from IDPH about how structural interventions can be woven into the State's portfolio of prevention services.

The committee is adding a few more recommended updates to the I&S Guidance and will be finalizing its October presentation to the IHIPC.

➤ Primary Prevention Committee

C. Crause said that what has come out of the workgroups has been the ability to share documents via Google Docs or Sharepoint. She asked if we could add this as an operational piece to each committee's work for next year.

Action Needed: J. Nuss said that she will look into the possibility of doing that for next year.

➤ Epi/NA Committee

This week, the committee will be reviewing its 2020 objectives, modifying some of them, and looking at incorporating some of the recommendations from the Health Disparities Project. J. Nuss mentioned that the Continuum of Care and NHAS Update presentations likely will not be ready for the committee to review at its Oct. 3 meeting.

➤ Membership Committee

L. Roeder said she did not have her notes handy and asked J. Nuss to give the report. J. Nuss said that the period to submit membership applications for 2020 ended on Sept. 15; 13 applications were received. The applicants were from multiple regions throughout the State and met many of our current membership gaps and priorities for selection. The Membership Committee will meet next week to review the applicants' information and scoring and do the final ranking in preparation for presentation to the IHIPC for vote at its October meeting.

The committee also finalized its recommended changes to the Bylaws and Procedures document and will be presenting these for discussion and vote at the October meeting as well.

6. Adjourn