CENTRAL OHIO HIV PLANNING ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

May 25, 2021

12P – 2PM WebEx

**Attendees (47)** David Andrist, Tara Bradford, David Brewer, Natalie Brooks, Leah Bunck, John Cassady, Brandon Chapman, Sterling Clemmons, Dennis Collier, Woodrow Davis, Lea Dooley, Rachael Duck, Lynaya Elliott, Courtney Elrod, Olivia Friend, Salina Gaier, Rhonda Halliburton, Stacy Herman, Kelsey Hiegel, Zac Holmes, Jess Hord, Sean Hubert, Sean Hubert, Ashanti Jefferson, Paula Kalyn, Austin Klingler, Sue Koletar, Yammah Morgan, Rosemary Munnerlyn, Sonia Muse, Gretchen Myers, Liam Pal-Wang, Robert Payne, Kevin Phillips, Tyrone Porter, Audrey Regan, Mary Roberts, Jane Russell, Karin Sabey, Francesca Schumann, Lindsay Schwartz, Myles Stickle, Kelsey Strausbaugh, Andrea Subler, Kennyetta White, Matthew Wilmot, Anna Wuerth

**Meeting began at 12:00 PM.** Dennis Collier opened the meeting by welcoming the group and read COHPA’s mission statement.

**12:10 POZ Updates**

Dr. Matthew Wilmot: Meetings have been consistent. Held an online workout class in conjunction with OSU’s Extension Center – “no gym, no problem” with exercise demonstrations for people to work out from home and it was well-attended. A future offering is planned and possible for the future. Social media engagement is ongoing with an upcoming seminar feature the Positive Peer app.

Francesca requests other virtual platforms be considered for COHPA meetings and shared that the Facebook group is missing updates from the group. Dr. Wilmot will follow-up. David Andrist mentioned that AETC has access to Zoom if we want to try that for the future.

**12:30 Network Updates**

Part A, Sean Hubert, Columbus Public Health (see Powerpoint)

Sean presented a budget updated. Sean discussed the notice of awards which come in three categories: formula and supplemental components as well as Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds. In FY20, the CPH total award was $4.6M in funding for our Transitional Grant Area (TGA); In FY21 (March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022) we received a total of $4.5M. There is a slight reduction of $111K although we are permitted to carryover 5% of Formula and 5% of MAI. The FY20 grant close is in process and Sean will follow-up with the financial committee with specifics. In FY20, CPH also received $440,912 for COVID related need. We spent $183,400 with pantry/food delivery, COVID-prevention/cleaning supplies, housing and utility assistance. For FY21, we plan to provide limited housing and utility assistance but will continue food home delivery, vaccine administration and HIV/STI testing and linkage.

For transportation, previously we offered some expansion of transportation assistance with additional services such as ride shares. We’d like to increase these offerings which will require an updated transportation policy. Please contact Sean at [Seanh@columbus.gov](mailto:Seanh@columbus.gov) by June 8, 2021 to participate in this ad-hoc committee.

New RFP for peer navigation expansion along with a new position to hire a health insurance navigator/enrollment specialist to assist clients and providers.

Mobile Lab Services: Sean asks if these are needed, how the pandemic disrupted these services and what data do you have to support this need? Please contact Sean if you have input on this proposal.

Part B, Sonia Muse, ODH

Sonia shared that the response for ODAP needs assessment are being reviewed now. Regarding long acting injectables: these were recently approved by FDA. The Medical Advisory Committee has asked not to add to formulary because Medicaid doesn’t have them on preferred drug list. July, the committee will revisit this. ODAP is down two coordinators and hope to have replacements over summer and will be fully staffed. Part B received approval from ODH communication for regional integrated needs assessment. OSU is finalizing report and those will be distributed in June.

Part C, Anna Wuerth, Equitas Health

Anna shared that Equitas staff will return to the office next week with some staff remaining in a hybrid mode. The Behavioral Health Program has launched and please reach out to Myles for programmatic questions and be sure to let clients know about this expansion. Anna announced that she will be leaving Equitas and encouraged COHPA members to reach out to other Equitas for continued partnership. Tiandre Finch provided an update from the Institute and shared a new patient empowerment discussion series beginning with June 8th to elevate voices of constituents they serve in conjunction with Pride events. Email Tiandre at [tiandrafinch@equitashealth.com](mailto:tiandrafinch@equitashealth.com). Francesca requests these outreach events be shared in other platforms to disseminate information more widely.

Part C. Lindsay Schwartz, FACES

Lindsay announced walk-in clinic testing FACES Walk In Testing Beginning June 1st: Monday: 8:30-11:30 am, Tuesday: 8:30-11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm, Wednesday: 8:30-11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm, Thursday: 8:30-11:30 am & 1-6:00 pm, Friday: 8:30-11:30 am. Location: 380 Butterfly Gardens Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 614-722-6060

She also shared that FACES will have two social workers presenting on AOD concerns and trauma informed care on June 28th. It was also approved for SW continuing education credits. More info <https://nationwidechildrens.webex.com/nationwidechildrens/j.php?MTID=m9258956747f12073fe6ebce81c3c8459>

Part F/AETC, David Andrist and Jane Russell, OSU (see Powerpoint)

Jane Russell: updated on project at King Lincoln. OSU Positive Peers App is geared towards providers working with young patients to encourage them to remain in care. Upcoming presentations on June 3 and June 8. Also upcoming is the Positive Impact, an End the Epidemic conference for providers, community, etc. and is free for attendees. <https://equitashealthinstitute.com/conferences/positive-impact-2021/>

Research, David Andrist, OSU. David provided an HIV research study update. Recent studies open for recruitment are: 1) to investigate Long-Acting Injectable HIV medications; please encourage clients with viral load above 200 and are having difficulty taking medications. 2) Study for clients with undetectable viral load to test an intramuscular injection and intravenous drugs. 3) Hepatitis B vaccinations, and 4) trial of new antibody type to attach to three parts of the virus. Contact Aids Clinical Trial Group, 293-3725 or [david.andrist@osumc.edu](mailto:david.andrist@osumc.edu). Dr. Koletar gave mention of another study in conjunction with University of Pittsburg focusing on a new therapeutic vaccine.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Ashanti Jefferson. Out of the Closet HIV screening will beging June 14-18 at 1230 N High St. from 3:30-6:30P. Also, Ashanti welcomed Dr. Beasley to the practice and is accepting patients.

**12:40 COHPA By-Laws (see Powerpoint)**

Audrey Regan, CPH. Audrey presented that the proposed bylaws with changes have been circulated to the Executive Committee and those were presented to the group. COHPA’s purpose is to meet Ryan White legislative requirements and assure the community voice contributes to the HIV system of care. The proposed changes will modify the COHPA Leadership Structure. Currently there are three chairs and the leadership has struggled to fill these roles. The proposed structure being one chair and one chair elect to address the issues. Additionally, there are proposed changes to the structure and role of Executive Committee including expanding the membership of the Executive Committee. Audrey requested feedback on the proposed changes with consensus approving.

**12:50 Brothers in Unity**

De’Juan Stephens, Community Engagement coordinator, Equitas and Program Coordinator for Brothers in Unity. It is all age inclusive for identified males to meet every other Thursday to provide community space to have conversations about sexual health, physical, and emotional health as well as to process global and local events that affect the community. There is also a monthly program called Brothers Who Brunch that meets virtually to continue to build community. CPH also gets feedback from this group for engaged partnership. If you know anyone interested, please feel free to connect to De’Juan directly at [Brothersinunity@equitashealth.com](mailto:Brothersinunity@equitashealth.com).

**1:05 Heart of Ohio (see Powerpoint)**

David Brewer, Heart of Ohio provided an overview of services and programs. Nonprofit federally qualified health center provided primary care including HIV services, OB/GYN services, behavioral, psychiatric, as well as substance use treatment programs, nutritional services, and pharmaceutical services. There are 5 locations with a new location in Canal Winchester. They serve about 10K patients a year to a diverse population. They offer services in English, Spanish, Somali, and Nepali languages. They are a new HIV Service/PrEP provider beginning last year and are a new RWPA for outpatient and ambulatory services. They do have a clinical pharmacists, case managers who manage care.

David clarified that patients can be referred to Heart of Ohio from other RWPA providers. Please contact Heart of Ohio Referral Contact: Nikkie Green direct dial is 614-536-1555 if you have clients to refer for HIV treatment services.

**1:14 Meeting adjourned**

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