CENTRAL OHIO HIV PLANNING ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

July 27, 2021

12P – 2PM WebEx

Attendees (49) Sean Hubert, Andrea Subler, David Andrist, Angela Eason, Audrey Regan, Brad Hoffman, Charles Abernathy, Chinyere Newsum, Colleen Copenhaver, Courtney Elrod, David Brewer, Lea Dooley, Gretchen Myers, Jane Russell, John Cassady, Karin Sabey, Kelsey Hiegel, Kevin Phillips, Kimberly Ramirez-Mercado, Laurie Rickert, Leah Bunck, Lindsay Schwartz, Lon Tran, Mary Roberts, Michelle Krelko, Natalie Brooks, Nate Webb, Rachel Duck, Rhonda Halliburton, Robert Payne, Samyell Terry, Sonia Muse, Stacy Herman, Suban Egal, Susan DiCocco, Tara Bradford, Tyrone Porter, Trina Stearns, Woodrow Davis, Yasmine Shafik

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

12:30 Network Updates

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

* Sean presented a budget update with $114K carryover from FY21 RWPA
* The Transportation policies and procedures are being reviewed by the ad-hoc meeting.
* We received a no-cost extension of $257K from FY21 COVID funding (CARES Act).
* New EHE RFP for peer navigation expansion for health insurance and referrals

Part B, Sonia Muse, ODH

* ODAP is fully staffed as of July 6
* Contarct expire June 2022 and are working on solicitation for release in late summer/early fall
* Survey out to clients for PBM surveys and results are being reviewed for quality improvement
* EHE/funding released to Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati effective June 1, 2021. New funding for STI focus is being awarded to CPH.

Part C, Karin Sabey/Myles/Tyrone Porter, Equitas Health

* Funds available for housing experiencing hardships from COVID
* Queue for case management, please reach out if you have availability
* Recovery services have been launched for individual and group treatment as well as additional substance/process addiction treatment options.
* Received new funding for Brothers in Unity to increase STI testing, linkage and PrEP referrals. The EHE program is launching support group called Breakthrough for newly diagnosed HIV+

Part C. Lindsay Schwartz, FACES

* Reminder the free walk-in clinic for HIV/STI testing is available

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

* AETC is refunded with priorities being HRSA assigned projects. May have carry forward and likely receive EHE funding. If you have training requests, let Jane know.
* Cleveland is having advanced management in HIV – Friday September 17th. Focuses on prescribers.
* ANACH – Association of Nurses in AIDS Care is hoping to start a new chapter in Ohio
* Available study: A5357 Study on intramuscular injection cabotegravir (CAB) efficacy and monoclonal antibody infusion
* A5359 long-acting antiretroviral therapy in non-adherent persons - oral cabotegravir and oral rilpivirine and injectables.
* A5379 B-enhancement of HBV vaccination with persons living with HIV (BEe-HIVe) for patients with ineffective Heb-B vaccine.

**12:28** Columbus Public Health, Nate Webb.

Presented on HIV/AIDS epidemiology in Central Ohio for Persons Living with HIV.

* 8 counties in Columbus Transitional Grant Area
* 2019 data was presented. 235 newly reported diagnoses of HIV in TGA. 53% of new diagnoses among Black/African-American, non-Hispanic; 34% White, non-Hispanic, 81% Males. Total of 5,960 reported people living with a diagnosis of HIV infection in TGA; 45.3% have been diagnosed with AIDS.
* Increase in number of people living with diagnosis of HIV has increased over past 5 years (increase in testing with better treatment options attribute).
* Ryan White Part A served 2,515 clients in 2109.
* Care continuum: 1) HIV testing and diagnosis; 2) linked to and retained to care; 3) prescribed antiretroviral therapy (ART); 4) viral suppression
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**12:52** ODH, Michelle Krelko

Presented on the Central Ohio HIV Needs Assessment Survey

* ODH worked with Ohio University to identify service gaps and barriers
* February 2020 – June 2020; 620 Persons Living with HIV/AIDS and 762 Persons at Higher Risk (Columbus TGA 104 PLWHA and 121 PHR)
* Presented on Columbus TGA survey responses

**1:19** Columbus Public Health, Stacy Herman

Presented on Medical Case Management Process Improvement Project Update

* RWPA intake form and procedures improved process flow
* Eight work groups: client goals and expectations; medical care; housing; insurance and benefits; mental health/substance use/trauma; adherence; summary of changes; strengths and successes.

(left meeting at 1:30)