CENTRAL OHIO HIV PLANNING ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

September 28, 2021

12P – 2PM WebEx

Attendees (44): Dennis Collier, Andrea Subler, Audrey Regan, Ashanti Jefferson, Brandon Chapman, Carlos Malvestutto, Colleen Copenhaver, Chineyre Newsum, David Andrist, Dr. Matt Wilmot, Gregory Price, John Cassady, Gretchen Myers, Jonda Clemings, Karin Sabey, Kelsea Gussler, Kim Ramirez-Mercado, Leah Bunck, Lon Tran, Lori Shutrump, Lynaya Elliott, Melissa Green, Nathan Flores, Natalie Brooks, Octavia Mercado, Karla Ruiz, Olivia Friend, Rachael Duck, Rhonda Halliburton, Robbie Payne, Rosemary Munnerlyn, Mary Roberts, Jane Russell, Samyell Terry, Stacy Herman, Suban Egal, Lindsay Schwartz, Sean Hubert, Sonia Muse, Tara Bradford, Tanisha Pettus

Meeting began at 12:02 PM. Dennis Collier opened the meeting by welcoming the group and read COHPA’s mission statement.

**12:10 POZ Updates**

POZ is maintaining social media and gathering new followers throughout Ohio. They are working on programming of the remainder of the year including providing information regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. He is encouraging participation from the group for input on addressing community needs. Please email Dr. Wilmot at [wilm11@osumc.edu](mailto:wilm11@osumc.edu) for more information on getting involved.

**12:30 Network Updates**

Part A, Sean Hubert, Columbus Public Health

* Ryan White Part A: The carryover request for $144K from FY2020 was submitted and we are awaiting approval by HRSA. This will be allocated to the category of Outpatient/Ambulatory and Medical Case Management. This will be reviewed and approved by the Planning Body.
  + We were given exemption from monitoring visits from FY2021 but we are still required to conduct desk audits of subrecipients (which includes client level data, timesheets) We may request documentation as part of this audit process such as travel reimbursement details, etc., for verification.
  + Ending the HIV Epidemic: We had a carryover amount from FY2020 of $644,891and 100% of these funds were approved for carry over from HRSA. We are having discussions about expanding care through Emergency Departments. We are continuing to identify cases and provide linkage through ED visits. Chinyere Newsum is starting up a PrEP Workgroup and encourages you to reach out at [CENewsum@columbus.gov](mailto:CENewsum@columbus.gov) to participate.
* Ryan White-COVID: We are underutilized on this grant and we still have funding through March 2022. We are funding home food delivery (Life Care Alliance), We are hoping to procure COVID-19 rapid testing kits as well as provide incentives to encourage clients to obtain booster shots/third dose of the vaccine.

Part B, Sonia Muse, ODH

* ODH is working on PBM solicitations and look out for this to be posted in the next few weeks. RY MCM solicitation is in progress, QI innovative grant will be released in October. RWPB grant application is due to HRSA early November 8th.

Part C, Gregory Price, Equitas Health

* Awarded new CDC Grant, High Impact Testing Grant was awarded and Equitas will be expanding Community Testing Services in Central Ohio and Dayton regions.
* Undergoing restructure. New director of clinical prevention initiatives, Dr. Jas Braldy. She will be expanding sexual health clinics in Columbus as well as mobile outreach efforts.

Part C. Lindsay Schwartz and Ashanti Jefferson, FACES

* The Annual Client Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 10th 6-8 PM and will be a drive-through and are estimating 100 families participating. Registration will start on November 5 – 19, 2021, please look out for the invitation mid-October to sign up.

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

* Nurses in Aids Care is hoping to start up the chapter in Central Ohio.
* Clinical Scholars Program is underway with two new graduates and an incoming PharmD scholar.
* ODH Partnership: increase providers for RWPA with a focus on increasing diversity of providers.
* EHE: Provided training for PrimaryOne pharmacists to conduct testing and providing PrEP
* HIV Research Studies highlighted. To participate, visit [studysearch.osumc.edu](http://studysearch.osumc.edu) or <ResearchMatch.org> or contact David Andrist at [david.andrist@osumc.edu](mailto:david.andrist@osumc.edu).
  + - A5357 Study of Long-Acting Cabotegravir (viral suppression)
    - A5379 Bee-HIVe, B-enhancement of Hepatitis B vaccinations
    - A5359 Long-Acting ART in non-adherent HIV infected individuals
    - A5401 ACTIV-2 Outpatient Monoclonal Antibodies and other therapies

**12:45 Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (see Powerpoint)**

Audrey Regan, Sean Hubert, Rosemary Munnerlyn, Dennis Collier

The COPA Executive Committee set its annual resource allocations and priorities for the Ryan White Part A for FY22.

* Dennis provided a review of the governance rules.
* Priority Setting: which HIV/AIDS services are the most important in the TGA. In Core Medical, priorities shifting: substance usage/abuse services – outpatient increased over mental health services. The rationale was that we have seen an increase in substance usage in the community during COVID-19. Social Support Categories also reflect substance usage/abuse services increasing in its priority.
  + Vote was taken to approve of these priorities with consensus being achieved.
* Core Medical and Support Services Projected Allocations:
  + FY2021 4.6M + carryover $144K = total of $4,711,364
  + FY2022 Projection: $4,795,162 + MAI $302,293 = $5,097,555
  + Vote was taken to approve allocation of core medical and support services. Consensus being achieved out of 21 votes.

**1:20 COVID-19 Vaccination (see Powerpoint)**

Dr. Carlos Malvestutto, The Ohio State University

Dr. Malvestutto discussed the 3rd dose and booster injections for immunocompromised.

* The 3rd dose was available since mid-August which was expected to mount an immunity response to the virus during the initial vaccination phase (a month after the 2nd shot). This would be for PLWH whose CD4 counts are below 200.
* The booster is recommended for (Pfizer vaccine recipients whose initial shots were at *least* 6 months prior) individuals who have certain medical conditions including any patient 50-64 with HIV, Immunocompromised.
* The booster *may be chosen* by individuals who are ages 18-49 with certain medical conditions, those with “occupational risk” or increased risk for COVID-19 exposure (healthcare).

As of September 22, 2021, 182M (out of 328M) in the U.S. are fully vaccinated which is approximately 56%.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:55P.**