

Wisconsin HIV Community Planning Network

Summary of the Southern Regional Meeting – February 2009

The Statewide Action Planning Group meeting, including a Local Community Dialogue, was held February 11 – 12 in Madison.

LOCAL COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

The Local Community Dialogue meeting convened at 2:00 on February 11 the Radisson Hotel Madison. Statewide Action Planning Group Health Department Co-Chair, Jim Vergeront, and Community Co-Chair, Sarah Sloan, welcomed Statewide Action Planning Group members and guests.

HIV/AIDS, STD and TB Data

Neil Hoxie, Epidemiologist for the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program summarized Wisconsin 2008 case reports on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis. He also discussed five year trends and compared Wisconsin to the United States, including facts about co-morbid infections. While Wisconsin remains a low-incidence state for TB and HIV infections, Milwaukee ranks second highest among the United States cities as having the most combined STDs.

Key findings about HIV infection in Wisconsin:

- Cases have flattened out over the past decade;
- More people are living with HIV;
- In Wisconsin, and US, about 1/3 are late testers – ie, within a year of testing have AIDS diagnosis;
- Race and ethnic disparities are evident;
- MSM continue to be population group most affected. 74% of cases of HIV infection in 2008 were MSM.
 - Among Hispanics, 63% of cases are MSM
 - Among African Americans, 55% of cases of HIV are MSM.

Successes:

- There has been a dramatic decline in number of HIV cases among injection drug users (IDU).
- There has been a dramatic decline in number of HIV cases among heterosexuals at high risk (HRH).

Challenges:

- Since 2001, there has been a 36% increase in cases of MSM. This includes a 143% increase among MSM 13-29.

AIDS/HIV Program staff discussed additional data: Risk Behavior Data – Mari Gasiorowicz; Adult Hepatitis AODA Data – Sheila Guilfolyle; Care and Treatment Data – Casey Schumann.

The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program offers access to HIV data reports at:

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/aids-hiv/>

Wisconsin Youth Sexual Behavior and Outcomes 1993-2007 Update containing data regarding youth sexual risk behaviors, HIV, STDs, and births can be accessed at:

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/s-behyouth.htm>.

Roundtable Discussions

Community members, Statewide Action Planning Group members and staff discussed how data is used to inform decision making. Themes that crossed all group discussions were:

- The SAPG helps identify priorities for HIV prevention and services for Wisconsin.
- Data is critical to making good evidenced-based decisions on priorities for HIV prevention and care services.

- Data is not the only factor to making decisions; e.g. the community voice and experience is also critical.
- Quality of data is an issue; making good decisions requires good data – often the data we have access to is flawed, deficient or is just not available.
- The quality of data is often resource dependent; the more resources available, typically, the better the data.
- We need to be cautious about over-generalizing from data summaries; data/epi describes overall trends, but individual experiences may vary - - people are different.
- We need diverse data sources and data parameters; one number can't tell the whole story, e.g. the total number of cases tell a different story than rates, and trends tell an even different story. Past trends are useful but may not be predictive of the future.
- Collecting data, even good data, is not an assurance that good implementation of interventions will occur. It helps identify priorities for interventions and evaluate the successes or failure of interventions.
- Sometimes we cannot wait for the ideal data before we need to take action; our actions can be adjusted as data become available.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

STATEWIDE ACTION PLANNING GROUP MEETING

The Statewide Action Planning Group (SAPG) reconvened at 8:00 AM the following morning, February 12, 2009.

Social Networks – University of Wisconsin - Madison

Introduction To Social Networks - Narra Smith Cox, Professor, Division of Continuing Studies, discussed key social networks concepts, described how social networks influence behavior and how social network analysis is used in public health, including HIV prevention and care services. Each SAPG member had the opportunity to create a diagram of his/her HIV social network in which HIV information can be gathered and shared.

Exploring Sexual Risk Behaviors And Social Networking Websites – Megan Moreno, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, described her research confirming that social networking web sites (SNS) are immensely popular; SNS have benefits and risks associated with them; adolescents frequently display references to health risk behaviors like sex on SNS, and concludes that SNS may provide new opportunities for communication with youth about sexual health.

CDC STOP Study Funding Opportunity

STOP - Screening Targeted Populations to Interrupt On-going Chains of Transmission with Enhanced Partner Notification

Jim Vergeront reported that the AIDS/HIV Program will be applying for a four year research study only open to state health departments. The purpose of the study is to identify people during acute HIV infection (AHI). Persons identified with AHI will then be provided with enhanced partner services (including internet and text messaging to their contacts). This competitive grant is expected to fund three to five states beginning in October 2009. If Wisconsin is funded, the project would include one year of planning, two years of implementation and one year of analysis and reporting. The SAPG endorsed this application and a letter of support signed by Community Co-Chair, Sarah Sloan, and Community Co-

Chair Elect, Greg Milward, will accompany the application which is due to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on February 20, 2009.

AIDS/HIV Program 2009 Priorities

State staff detailed the priorities for 2009. These are consistent with the Wisconsin HIV Comprehensive Plan.

Prevention – Tim Pilcher

- HIV Testing
 - Identify HIV infection as early as possible
 - Refer all HIV-positive persons to key health services as quickly and effectively as possible
 - Social Networks Testing
 - Identify newly positive and very high-risk clients
 - Recruit them to bring in members of their peer groups for HIV testing
 - Promote Annual Routine HIV testing for MSM
- Health Education & Risk Reduction
 - Provide persons at highest risk with the information and resources needed to practice protective behaviors
 - Provide all Wisconsin residents with information to reduce the stigma associated with HIV
 - Support behavior change among persons already infected
- Enhanced HIV Partner Services
 - Provide services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive persons, and HIV positive persons needing additional behavioral support
 - Includes use of new technologies (eg – inSPOT, email partner notification)
 - Update policy & procedure, “Lead Agency” based service delivery system
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Adult Viral Hepatitis – Sheila Guilfoyle

- Testing
 - Increase testing in Corrections, local health departments, ASOs and other community based organizations, particularly venues serving IDUs
- Vaccination
 - Increase sites consistently offering vaccination to adults at risk for HBV infection (and completing the 3 dose series)
 - Increase number of methadone clinics providing vaccinations by encouraging methadone clinics to partner with ASOs to offer viral hepatitis testing
- Training
 - Provide viral hepatitis training to local health departments, syringe exchange and IDU outreach staff
- Relationship building
 - Continue work with the Wisconsin Hepatitis Task Force at Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)
 - Continue work with the Methadone providers
 - Conduct HCV/HBV seroprevalence study with Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC)

Care – Michael McFadden

- Access/Linkage to Care
 - Support enhanced partner services and linkage to care coordinators
 - Maintain a viable AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- Maintain viable Insurance Program and Pilot
- Maintain laboratory test reimbursement program
- Support expanded access to mental health services
- Understand and inform about new developments in health care (e.g., BadgerCare Plus Core Plan)
- Quality Improvement
 - Implement client-level data collection and analysis
 - Continue to implement HRSA performance measures for core medical services
 - Continue to develop the case manager certification program
 - Revise case management standards
 - Develop a medical case management model for Wisconsin
 - Provide opportunities for consumer education and input
- Administrative
 - Strengthen working relationships with funded providers
 - Provide technical assistance – especially related to reporting
 - Strengthen care-related contract monitoring

Division of Public Instruction (DPI) 2009 Funding and Priorities

Emily Holder explained the role of state (DPI) in administering a federal grant to provide technical assistance to agencies and districts to support health education and HIV prevention for adolescents.

- **Funding and Goals**
 - Funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention- Division of Adolescent and School Health
 - Funded for HIV Prevention, Coordinated School Health Programs and Youth Risk Behavior Survey
 - Provide technical assistance and professional development to schools and community-based professionals
 - Improve health and educational outcomes of school-age youth
 - Funding is limited
- **Funding is Targeted**
 - Use data to identify disparate populations and program gaps
 - Highest risk youth are not always in school
 - School-based Health Education unable to provide interventions for specific high-risk groups
 - Interventions implemented by community based organizations (CBOs)
 - Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
 - The Counseling Center of Milwaukee
 - Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Youth Services
- **Funding for Professional Development**
 - Creating Infrastructure
 - Adolescent Sexual Risk Behavior Prevention Institute
 - Street Smart- Homeless and Runaway Youth
 - Survive Outside- Incarcerated youth
 - Parents Matter! Program
 - HIV 101 Course
 - Urban Schools Project
 - Standards-based Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment/ Health Literacy
 - Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools
- **Funding for Technical Assistance**
 - HIV/AIDS Policy Toolkit

- Human Growth and Development Resource Packet
- Building Skills for Health Literacy: Human Sexuality
- Educators' Resource Center for Youth Sexual Risk Behavior Prevention
- Wisconsin Adolescent Sexual Health (WASH) listserv
- WI Statute 118.019 and HIV Mandate
- Local Control

Reports:

AIDS/HIV Program Care Unit: Michael McFadden, Supervisor:

- The vacant HIV Client Eligibility Specialist (Insurance Program position) has been filled. Melea Carvlin will begin work on Monday, February 16, 2009.
- FY 2009 Ryan White Part B grant application was submitted in January. We don't expect to receive a notice of grant award until April 1, 2009.
- This year there may be Part B Supplemental awards. Funding for the awards will come from states that had greater than 2% unobligated funds (carryover). The amounts over 2% will be deducted from their grant award and create a pot of money for supplemental awards. Wisconsin had no carryover and is eligible to receive a supplemental award.
- ADAP RW FY2008 to date (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009):
 - Served: over 1,100
 - Claims paid: over 17,000
 - Expended: \$6.9 million
- Insurance Program RW FY 2008 to date:
 - Served: nearly 600
 - Months of coverage: 6,700
 - Expended: \$2.2 million
- 37 enrolled in the HIRSP/ADAP Pilot to date.
- A one-day regional conference (Western and Northern regions) for persons living with HIV/AIDS is scheduled for March 25, 2009. The conference will be held in Eau Claire and is co-sponsored with ARCW. This conference will provide area consumers with health information and opportunities for networking and providing input.
- Client-level data collection began January 1, 2009. The first report to HRSA is not due until July. In the first round of reporting only agencies providing medical care and/or case management must report, but they must report on all Ryan White services that they provide. The AIDS/HIV Program has made funds from the SPNS grant available to grantees for purchase of hardware or other costs related to converting to client-level data collection.
- The AIDS/HIV Program is contracting with Luther, Inc. to modify our databases to receive and analyze the same client-level data file that grantees will submit to HRSA. Eventually, these data files will replace the paper reports that grantees currently submit to the AIDS/HIV Program on a quarterly basis.

AIDS/HIV Program Prevention Unit: Tim Picher, Supervisor

- There will be a presentation on LGBT Health Issues at April 23 SAPG meeting.

Quality Management Committee: Greg Milward

The Quality Management Plan for care is available on the Community Planning website. The committee will begin working with Mari Gasiorowicz on a Quality Management Plan for prevention. There is a potential for integrating care and prevention quality management plans in the future. Future agendas include discussing implications for contracts with grantees and revisiting the grievance policy.

MSM Committee: Tim Lapp

The supplemental award from CDC is focusing on clinician's interactions with patients and promoting annual testing for MSM. During the planning year of this grant, CAIR will conduct two separate surveys: community members will complete written surveys; medical providers will be interviewed. The committee discussed draft questions for both surveys. Committee members will provide additional feedback to Jill Owczarzak by email.

Membership Committee: Christina Garcia

The Membership Committee reviewed the 2008 recruitment, selection and orientation processes and will be making suggestions for strengthening the process in the future. SAPG mentor guidelines will be implemented in 2009. SAPG members can add commentary and improvement suggestions through December.

Next Meeting – Northeastern Region in Elkhart Lake April 22 - 23, 2009

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2009

April 22-23	Northeastern	Elkhart Lake
June 17-18	Northern Region	Wausau
September 16-17	Western Region	La Crosse
November 19-20	Southern Region	Milwaukee

Meeting Notes are posted online for current year

February 11-12	Southern Region	Madison
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The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.