

EHE Planning Committee  
Meeting Notes for December 9, 2020  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Registrants: Dr. Kristi Stringer, Marvellus Prater, Carmarion D. Anderson-Harvey, Marco Mays, Brittany Sanders, Tony Hawkes, Adrinda Carter, Brittney Brooks, Ka’Laun Hambrite, Ana Santos, Richie Hailey, Dr. Leatha Bennet, Dr. Laurie Dill, Brittany Vincent, Letitia Gilbert, Shakina Wheeler, Summer Preg, Virginia Bozeman, Tiffany Wilson, Dr. Danita Crear, Melissa Parker, Shey Thorn, Warren O’Meara-Dates, Erin Bortel, Jessie Scweiesow, Kendall Maye, Dr. Wesley Willeford, Morgan Farrington, Tony Christon-Walker, James Duke, Julie Hope, Dr. Ritalinda Lee, Kim Love, Martha Robinson, Steve Dellinger, and Dr. LaTeisha Elliott

LaTeisha opened the meeting and welcomed participants. Dr. Danita Crear presented information about the Cluster Identification and Response Plan. ADPH has been tasked by CDC to form a community advisory group to develop a communication plan. The goal of this initiative is to follow up with people within transmission and molecular cluster networks and stop the spread of HIV. Dr. Crear’s contact information is: [Danita.crear@adph.state.al.us](mailto:Danita.crear@adph.state.al.us), phone- (334) 206-6499.

LaTeisha asked that each member recruit one community person by the end of 2020. Tony Christon-Walker further clarified what is meant by “a community person”—someone who is not necessarily affiliated with an organization and is not someone who is usually around the HIV planning table. Carmarion asked the Membership sub-committee to reach out to former focus group participants and offer membership. A plan was made to reach out to them immediately. The Membership Committee will create a Membership recruitment email for distribution. LaTeisha announced she will email each sub-committee to establish group email chains and begin the conversations about 2021 goals. The sub-committees will be expected to report on goals during the January meeting.

Adrinda announced ADPH will host quarterly training via satellite broadcast. ADPH would like the kick-off event to take place during “Love Week” February 14-21. The educational broadcasts will be 1.5- 2 hours in length and offer CEUs. Suggested topics are PrEP, ePrEP PEP, safer sex, condom use, and non-traditional venues for condom dispensers. This is to be a quarterly function of the EHE and ADPH would like to utilize EHE members to give the presentations and suggest additional topics. Carmarion suggested we do more education around lubrication—an important, but often overlooked prevention tool.

LaTeisha gave an update on the progress of the Jurisdictional Plan. Some of the narrative is still in the approval stage, but the latest version of the newly formatted plan was shown via shared screen. Warren commented that we need to be sure Recommendations in the Situational Analysis section include that organizations make efforts to hire more diverse staff, specifically people who can help us get into disproportionately affected communities.

LaTeisha initiated a final discussion about the EHE logos and the members voted favorably in the chat to adopt the End HIV Alabama and Ending the HIV Epidemic Alabama logos.

The meeting hosts met with Adrinda and the three Co-Chairs following the regular meeting to discuss signing the Letter of Concurrence for the Plan. Next meeting: Jan 27, 2021, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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