

**Mission:** *The overall mission of the HIV/AIDS Prevention Committee (HAPC) is to reduce the spread of HIV in Region 7 (Butler, Darke, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren) Ohio.*

**Vision:** *Region 7 (Butler, Darke, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren) Ohio will become a region where new HIV infections are rare. Every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality HIV prevention services and life-extending care free from stigma and discrimination.*



***HIV/AIDS Prevention Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2016***

**Present:** Michele Howard-Graham, Nan Smith, Gwen Reynolds, Cheri Glanton, LaBarron Springer, Andrea Young, Jackie Phillips, Cynthia Adeyemi, Melinda Osborne, Tamica Blanks, Tiffani Arnold, Amber King, Jocelyn Love, Katherine Kava, Jostin Schimmoeller.

- I. Called the meeting to order @ 3:35 pm and introductions were made.
- II. LaBarron motioned to approve September 3, 2015 minutes as written, second by Amber, motion passed.

III. **Committee Updates**

**Executive Updates:** Andrea briefly covered topics.

- Test Kits for 2016: Establish a contingency budget for HIV kits.
- No word on community planning, be advised there may be some changes. Updates will be provided later.
- Hepatitis C Test Kits cannot be purchased with HIV Prevention Funds.

**Advertising & Special Events:** Amber (reported for Debbie) National Black HIV Awareness Day is February 7, 2016. If your agency has any special activities for this event, please contact Debbie so that your information can be added to the press release.

The National Woman and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is March 10, 2016. If you are interested in participating in the “Rocking our Red Pumps Event” please contact Debbie. She is still seeking volunteers to assist with special activities, the educational booths, and setup and break down of the event.

IV. **Old Business**

**Capacity Building (Program Collaboration Service Integration (PCSI)):**

Group recapped the training. A discussion took place regarding how to get our communities talking and participate in the Town Hall Meeting. The group agreed to sit down and create a plan to set focus goals; will meet quarterly to discuss our order of business.

**Resource Guide:** Discussed compiling a list of various resources that will be available for clients. Melinda will provide a list via Email, once she has received proper resource information. Tiffani and Cynthia have offered to provide their list of resources.

V. **New Business**

**Opscan:** Andrea announced that the New Opscan forms have been sent out to those who test in the regions. Waiting on printing services to complete the submission for new Opscan numbers: two week expected time frame. As of now the old Opscan numbers can be attached and used with the new forms until further notice. Old Opscan forms will need to be discarded. If addition numbers are needed, they can be collected from downtown at the Reibold Building.

**National Black Church Week of Prayer (March 6-13, 2016):** If anyone knows of any churches that would like to participate in this event, please contact Debbie.

VI. **Syringe Exchange Program Update (SEP)**

Michele provided a brief update for SEP. Over 2,000 needles have been exchanged since the start-up date of April 17, 2015. There have been seven or more new clients in addition to over 30 repeat clients seen weekly. Cheri and Johnnie are continuously referring clients to drug treatment programs and assisting them with various other resources.

Andrea announced Columbus will be opening a Syringe Exchange Program soon. Discussion on how SEP data is being collected.

**VII. HIV Care Update AIDS Resource Center Ohio (ARC)**

Tiffani reported that case management focused has been on Health Care Enrollment.

Latest news, ARC has a new employee Jostin Schimmoeller. He is working primarily with the MSM population in Butler and Warren County.

**VIII. DIS Syphilis Update**

Not in attendance

**IX. Announcements**

Numbers for testing in 2015 were 4,200 people with a Positivity Rate of 6.4.

Andrea reported syphilis numbers are high again and she is asking whenever there is testing and/or education, please educate on syphilis. Recent update reported a stillborn death has occurred due to syphilis.

No word on Rapid Syphilis training.

Hepatitis C kits have been received and E- Clinical Training will begin next week. Brochures for Hepatitis C are available to order for free through ODH.

Gwen spoke about the Project Hill Event at Drew on 1/9/2016, 9:00 am-4:30 pm, Sat-Sun. The group is seeking eight more HIV Positive individuals for this event.

Tiffani reported that Darnell is the new PrEP Advocate for ARC.

**X. Adjournment**

LaBarron motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:05 pm and Michele second.