

## Cuyahoga EHE Kick-Off Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 5.11.2020

### Attendees:

Melissa Rodrigo-Board of Health  
Vino Pannakkal-Board of Health  
Melissa Kolenz- Board of Health  
Courtney Elrod-ODH  
Doug Vest- Therapist; May Dugan  
Nestor Marrero- AIDS Taskforce  
Jean Luc Kasambayi- Social Worker; Nueva Luz  
Julie Patterson- Director; Aids Funding Collaborative (AFC)  
Barbara Gripshover- Infectious Disease Specialist; UH  
Jason McMinn- Social Worker; MetroHealth  
Adriana Whelan- Assoc. Dir. of Primary Care, Dir. of HIV Services, Site Director (temp); Circle Health  
Bob Bucklew- Lawyer, Outreach Coordinator; CWRU Clinical Trials Unit, Chair; AFC  
Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger- Grants Administrator, City of Cleveland  
Anthony Forbes- Director of Education; AIDS Taskforce  
Dr. Kristin Englund-Infectious Disease Specialist, Cleveland Clinic

### CCS Staff:

Emily Campbell  
Emily Muttillio  
Taneisha Fair  
Melissa Federman

### Agenda

- I. **Intro of CCS Staff/Check-in Question: How are you staying grounded during COVID-19? (Melissa Rodrigo/Emily Campbell)**
- II. **Overview of Federal EHE Initiative (Emily Campbell)**
  - a. Goals & 4 pillars of plan
  - b. 3 jurisdictions in Ohio
  - c. Focus on % of new transmissions & prevention in duration of project
- III. **Presentation of Epidemiological Data (Vino Pannakkal)**
  - a. Target populations will ideally be the same as those for the Care & Prevention Grant
    - i. MSM, Minority MSM, Youth (13-24), etc.
  - b. 151 new Cuyahoga cases in 2018: 60% MSM, 45% Minority MSM, 22% Youth
  - c. Review of Care Continuum cascade
    - i. Numbers are based on those “linked to care” as there’s not a lot of good data on the “HIV diagnosed” group
    - ii. ODRS database has a trans male/female group, but this is hard to capture
    - iii. Will be moving to a new system that is more inclusive and w/clearer definitions
  - d. Epi data will be finalized from the state soon, and will be sent to the group to be used to help determine plan

- i. Will do webinar for the committee to explain in depth

**IV. Overview of EHE Strategic Plan Elements (Emily Muttillo)**

- a. CCS Scope of Work (5 Objectives): develop committee; convene stakeholders; conduct situational analysis; identify strategic priorities; draft EHE plans
- b. 6-month timeline (April-September)
  - i. March/April-launch; develop committee
  - ii. May-convene stakeholders/begin key informant interviews
  - iii. June-complete situational analysis
  - iv. July-gather feedback on strategic plan
  - v. Aug-draft, review, and adopt plan
  - vi. Sep-submit plan
- c. Differences between stakeholders and advisory committee
  - i. Stakeholders: broad/diverse community members to help inform plan
  - ii. Advisory: smaller working group to engage stakeholders & adopt plan
- d. CCS proposes 4 meetings
  - i. EHE launch & discussion of project
  - ii. Initial discussion of situational analysis/review epi data
  - iii. Present situational analysis & gather feedback
  - iv. Draft final plan
- e. Expectations of Committee Members

**V. Discussion/General Comments**

- a. Being asked to do something that no one knows how to do yet
  - i. Building on top of efforts already underway
- b. How can we get as many people included and heard as possible, and keep PLWH as the most forefront voice in this process?
- c. Interest in looking at other plans as a model
- d. Form creative strategies that aren't the same as what's already discussed in HIV work
- e. Include Minority MSM in the conversation
  - i. Could use "Brother's Health Connection" as a model
- f. Concerns about not being another group that pulls more info from at-risk groups without providing results/being productive with the info
- g. Look into legal consultation on restrictions/rules when speaking with adolescents
- h. Look into reaching out to schools to help w/prevention for younger at-risk groups
- i. Use existing relationships to connect with individuals
- j. Have committee ambassadors reach out to stakeholders to invite them to meetings