

Hamilton EHE Advisory Committee Minutes 6/1/20

Attendance

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Agenda

- I. **Welcome/Check-In (Todd Rademaker & Lakshmi Prasad)**
 - a. Roll Call
- II. **Updates from Last Meeting**
 - a. No-cost extension granted until Dec 31st
- III. **Overview of 1st Stakeholder Meeting Objectives**
 - a. Introduce EHE to the community
 - b. Summary of current efforts into the four pillars framework (Lakshmi Prasad-HCPH & Brent Hartke-CARACOLE)
 - i. *Diagnose:*
 1. 750-1000 tests goal for 2020 focus
 2. Partner with “disease investigators” who interview individuals for contact tracing;
 3. CARACOLE is other partner helping w/testing in targeted treatment locations, events (LGBTQ, etc.) & street testing;
 4. UC has counselors who also do targeted testing (those identified as being in risk population)

5. Looking for over 1% positives to know we are testing the right targets
6. Concerns w/lack of reporting now with COVID-19

ii. Treatment:

1. 5 major hospital systems Trihealth, Christ, UC, Mercy
2. Try to get them connected with a provider quickly for treatment thru "Rapid Care Agreements"
3. "Not in Care" list where viral load and CD4 info is shared (those who have not had labs done in past 18 months), to re-engage those who are positive for treatment

iii. Prevent:

1. PrEP available thru partner organizations (i.e. Equitas, Planned Parenthood, CARACOLE, etc.) for those who may not have access
2. PrEP navigators available who can connect individuals
3. Syringe exchange programs provided thru ODH for 2-week supply out in the field; CARACOLE also doing a needs-based distribution since November and Syringe Service Program since July

iv. Respond

1. Robust department that assists, but not as active now because of COVID-19
2. Testing has been redirected over the years towards PWID
3. Get blood sample from PWID with (+) and do genomic testing

IV. Breakout Groups (See Next Page for all Responses)

V. Wrap Up & Next Steps

- a. Stakeholder meeting will be June 18th
- b. Additional suggestions for people to reach out to:
 - i. CUB Off the Streets: vbarnett@cubcincy.org (Viann Barnett)
 - ii. N. KY Health Dpt. has been engaged
 - iii. Cincinnati Health Network rep has been invited but she's not able to make
 - iv. Salvation Army: Sarah Wagner (sarah.wagner@use.salvationarmy.org)
 - v. Wait List Anchor (?)
 - vi. Adam and Tavon (Caracole) will reach out to LGBTQ community contacts
 - vii. Our Daily Bread: georgine@ourdailybread.us Georgine Getty

June 1 Hamilton County EHE Advisory Committee Breakout Session

Notetakers/facilitators: Kate Warren, Hope Lane, Taneisha Fair

Questions for discussion:

1. Who should be invited to this stakeholder meeting?

Groups from the Survey/ previous meeting include:

- PLWHA
- People of Color/ MSM of Color
- People from Substance Abuse Programs/ PWID
- Justice-involved people

Think about your networks and the people you work with and serve. How will you reach them to encourage them to attend? What incentives would you like to see for attendees?

Responses:

- Board of Education
- Politicians – Elected officials
- Black Chamber of Commerce
- Metropolitan area religious coalition
- Drug Users Empowerment Group
- Champions group – active advocacy group of HIV+ people
- Cincinnati Health Department
- Gift cards to grocery stores
- Hot spots, “burner phones” – can we get cheap smartphones and load Zoom on it?
- Ask people questions in advance – “thinking about your own circumstances, what do you think would be most effective? How would you do it”
- Tamar’s Place - emcnair@franciscanministriesinc.org (Estelle McNair)
- Cincinnati Union Bethel’s Off the Streets Program
- Salvation Army – Josh Spring – sarah.wagner@use.salvationarmy.org
- Community Matters
- LightHouse
- YWCA
- UC Mood D/O clinic
- Service Providers for these individuals
- Those who participate in sex work/orgs that serve them
- Peer navigators for those in these groups (i.e. PWID)
- Trans community
- Youth
- **Incentives**
 - Grocery/gas gift cards
 - Visa/other cards where amount can be used for any needs
- Think about having meetings outside of work day for harder to reach individuals (everyone should work as unpaid volunteers on Saturdays)
- Individuals that we work with, we are serving in hotels and other places – the reality of helping them access computers or smart phones seems challenging.
 - Do surveys or collect info at syringe exchanges in a written form, to capture input from people who are engaged in harm reduction
 - Technology is a barrier to getting stakeholders in this type of meeting

- Partner with Our Daily Bread – 200% increase in daily people showing up for to-go meals; High concentration of people who live outdoors
- Possibility – have people on AC who serve homeless/housing insecure people to develop survey tool to use at shelters/ possibly also at SSPs
- Cincinnati Health Network
- Jimmy Heath House, OTR Community Housing
- Had a lot of medical providers try to do surveys and engage clients- important to decide if you want ongoing continuity from stakeholders and have continuous contact with the group, or do you want to survey stakeholders in general? Ongoing relationships would be of benefit. We've **been providing phones to people** – that could be a good incentive.
- Casting the net wide – survey could include whether the individual would want to be a part of the stakeholder committee- ask what barriers there would be to an ongoing relationship with the committee, ask what needs are
- Need to outline expectations for stakeholders

2. What format/platforms do you think would work well for engagement at this first meeting? What wouldn't work well? Should we plan to use Zoom breakout rooms (like we're in right now) to gather input? (Zoom was the overwhelming favorite in the survey)

Responses:

- Zoom breakout room
- Facebook
- Conference line
- Go to where they are
 - Doing smaller meetings w/social distancing measures
- Building relationships/trust
 - Go thru gatekeepers in the community, allow them to speak during meeting/start them
 - Attending multiple meetings to build comfortability might be needed

3. What questions would you like to ask of stakeholders at this first meeting to help inform next steps and the situational analysis?

Responses:

- What is working well?
- Do you know where you can go to get tested?
- What are implications of a positive test? That in itself can be a barrier- the positive test is frightening.
- Ask about criminalization – especially important with sex workers
- What are your specific needs?
- For PLWHA: experience in getting care (pros & barriers)?
- How has COVID-19 impacted getting care?
- Tips on engaging target groups?