

Health Disparities Workgroup: African Americans

Purpose

- Assess the reasons that African Americans are under-utilizing RW core and support services (completion date July 2013)
- Develop strategy and establish goals to remove barriers to care that lead to under-utilization of services by and addresses unmet need of African Americans. (Completion date October 2013)

Introductions / Announcements

Background

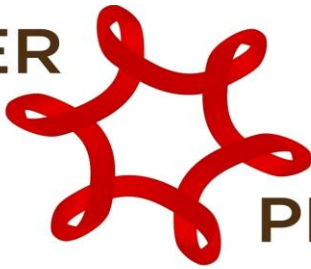
- Review 2011 Comprehensive Needs Assessment Findings for POC
- Reduce disparities in accessing care for the following special populations: African Americans, Foreign born, undocumented and African Immigrants/refugees.

Goals to Address:

<i>Agenda Items: Driven from Action Steps of Work Plan</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Was Goal Addressed?</i>
1. Discuss Minority Health Disparities Needs Assessment Plan. a. Get committee input on plan	Jean Finn	1 hour	Yes/No
2. Discuss Minority Focus Group: a. Populations Identified by i. Minority Health Disparities Needs Assessment ii. 2011 Needs Assessment Findings b. Where to recruit participants? c. Where to hold focus groups?	Maria L.	20 minutes	Yes/No
3. Discuss Minority AIDS Initiative Process Change	Maria L.	20 minutes	Yes/No

Current Goals:

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1. Discuss Minority Health Disparities Needs Assessment Plan. a. Get committee input on plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal with this data is to focus on action. How can we use this information to do something actionable? • Group requested the 2011 data we currently

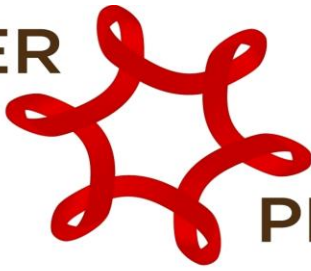


have be compared with 2012 data once received.

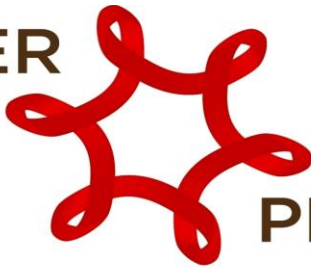
- Group thought data presented both ways (organized by demographic and by service category) would be helpful.
- Care Cascade: Data from Elaine April 26; Hope is to find out where we need to focus efforts. Keep it simple.
- Dr. Rowan: How do we define 'linked to care?' Is this within 90 days?
- Group decided a data pull of linkage to care within 3 month **and** 6 months of diagnosis would be most useful.
- Look to see how this data aligns with folks in the TGA.
- Why is viral load pulled? Best indicator of whether or not someone will survive their HIV infection. In theory, tell you how well other services are working.
- Dr. Rowan: Organize results as "suppressed" and "not suppressed" rather than range category.
- Imani L.: Agrees. You can draw some conclusions from this but you are not dealing with individuals.
- Jalene S.: Knowing actual viral load categories is useful. It waves a flag to a problem.
- Survival Data: Death by what? HIV complications? Homicide? AA population deaths are not always HIV related.
- Dr. Rowan: Compare AA with HIV and AA without HIV.

Questions

1. SR: Denominator should be what you get from CAREWare. Num/Den should be coming from same data set to compare apples to apples.
2. JS: Question of the language (Latino/Black/etc.) used. How to people self-describe? The numbers are skewed. Be



	<p>sensitive and value demographics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ML: Limitations; consistent and persistent about getting a standardized message. What’s going on in the community? Data over speculation? How well is system working? • No transgender in CAREWare. Data input, uniform description of demographic, data system across the board. • IL: Illegal immigrant participation will be difficult for groups; fear of being seen. Imani to connect Ida and Sarah Rowan.
<p>2. Discuss Minority Focus Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Populations Identified by <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Minority Health Disparities Needs Assessment ii. 2011 Needs Assessment Findings b. Where to recruit participants? c. Where to hold focus groups? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 people per group. Waiting for viral load suppression data to drive category topics. Survey Monkey is OK to use. 2-3 groups. Need time/location. • SR: CDC breaks down demographics. • JF: Data sets lumped together; should we separate/breakdown? • SR: White-non-Hispanic; Hispanic; black. The Culture of Data Conference. • Group prefers to have Hispanic broken out with limitations listed. • Requests that data source records country of origin. • SR: In Sarah’s study she used social security numbers. If they had this, they were probably undocumented. • Who to invite? Refugee Clinics – agencies can coordinate better. Imani to connect Jean Finn with Ecumental? • JS: Create strategy with providers, those providing services to POC. Someone from University. Monica to address immigrant population in Aurora. Whitney Star. Jose Costillo. • As far as data presentation the group wanted both options available; one in main booklet and the other as an appendix.



3. Discuss Minority AIDS Initiative Process Change	
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Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Agenda Items (Should be driven by Work Plan Action Steps)	Responsible Party	Length

Next Meeting:

When: TBD
Where: TBD

Members present: Terri Alexander, Debi Bridge, Penny DeNoble, Robert Riester, Kristine Erlandson, MD, Robert Riester, Jalene Salazar

Members absent: Larry Taylor, Robert George, Michael Pearl

Community Members Present: Shari Wilkins (Program Manager, SAGE of the Rockies)

Community Members Absent: Laura Harter, Rene Hickman, Loretta Martinez, Raymond Fowlkes

Staff present: Maria Lopez, Carrie Webber

Committee Leadership	Name	Phone or Email
Program Manager	Maria Lopez	marial@dhrpc.org

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