

DENVER HIV RESOURCES PLANNING COUNCIL

DHRPC Communication Meeting Minutes

People of Color Leadership (POCL) Committee
Undocumented Work Group
November 19, 2009
3:30pm-5:00pm

Meeting Purpose

To set structure for the workgroup's success and ongoing operations and identify areas of concern for HIV+ immigrants and undocumented populations.

Meeting Objectives

- Understand who's at the table and the expertise and experience they bring.
 - See list of professionals and their organizations.
- Identify other people who need to be involved in order for the Workgroup to meet its purpose.
 - See list of getting the right people at the table
- Decide on a decision making model for the Workgroup.

Meeting Summary

- No Human Being is Illegal
- We have a wonderful system of care
- Gaps?
- Prevention – Linkage - Experts
- Prevention – Limited
- Network
- Approach?
- Experience
- Decision process
 - Thumbs up: Agree
 - Thumbs sideways: Needs further discussion
 - Thumbs down: Do not agree
- Brainstorm top three issues
- How big of a dent can we make?
- Keep in mind of the things that can make an impact.

- Keep an ongoing list
- Brainstorm issues the Workgroup will/may address.
 - Housing is a part of health
 - HOPWA
 - Health care
 - Education
 - All three are not available for undocumented
 - It's all connected
 - No employment – No Health Care
 - Society taking advantage of the undocumented
 - Non-Ryan White assistance?
 - Resource Book
 - Proof of address
 - Proof of ID
 - Financial Assistance for undocumented that is Non-Ryan White
 - Economic depression has hit Aurora hard
 - They can't find work
 - Fear of being discovered
 - Hatred of all immigrants
 - No support system
 - No Family
- Brainstorm the data needed to meet purpose.
 - Tri-County Health Department
 - Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas
 - Latino Prevention
 - Resource to other providers
 - Secondary prevention
 - At or near AIDS diagnosis
 - Learning and Representing
 - Marshal Gourly
 - To whom and for what
 - Ernest Duff – Rocky Mountain African Agony
 - ID needs that can be met.
 - Leslie Mathews
 - Linkage to care for immigrant – CDPHE
 - Data @ linkage?? Available resources
 - Build foundation of issue with regard to HIV+
 - NCAP from Fort Collins
 - Network – learn other approaches
 - Conference...ask Marshal to help....
 - Services other agencies provide.
- Set the agenda for the next meeting.

- See break-out groups issues brainstorming and top three issues
 - [Group 1](#) (pdf)
 - [Group 2](#) (pdf)
 - [Group 3](#) (pdf)
 - [Group 4](#) (pdf)
 - [Top Three Issues](#) (pdf)

Next Meeting

- December 17, 2009 (3rd Thursday of every month)
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- Servicios de la Raza, 4055 Tejon Street

Background Information

Within HIV/AIDS services in our communities, there are limited resources that speak to the needs of immigrants and undocumented positives. Their legal status poses many additional challenges in areas such as:

- Healthcare
- Housing & assistance
- Employment
- Transportation
- Language & Cultural perceptions
- Support systems
- Mental Health & support groups
- Education
- Meeting & sustaining basic needs
- HIV Education & Prevention
- Financial Assistance (non-Ryan White)
- Obtaining proper identification & documentation

As a committee, we will discuss these and other issues in further depth.