

Stamp Out Syphilis Coalition Meeting Minutes June 8, 2006

Welcome & Introductions

Al Polin welcomed and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

Chlamydia/Gonorrhea/Syphilis Updates

Chlamydia

- * Total number of Cases: 503
- Males – 25%
- African Americans – 61%
- Hispanic: 6%

Gonorrhea

- Total number of Cases: 280
- Females: 59%
- Males: 41%
- African American: 69%
- White: 19%
- Hispanic: 2%

Resistant Gonorrhea

- Total number of Cases: 9
- Males: 100%
- African American: 33%
- White: 67%

We had 2 Early cases of syphilis in May. Both of these cases were Early Latent syphilis. One case was an African American female and the other was a White male.

HIV Update- Susan Fay

** Please see Attachment

Susan also reported on HIV Testing Day. She stated that on June 27, 2006, there will be 15 testing sites throughout the community and most will be open from 9a.m. –9p.m. The event will be televised and flyers will be distributed. Bilingual volunteers are needed. For more information please contact Alexis Roth at 221-4621.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Communications – It was reported that the campaign billboards look really good. The billboards read, “Be Wise... STDs are on the Rise!”

- MSM – Mike Wallace reported on the upcoming Indy Pride event that will be held on June 10, 2006 at Military Park. The hours are from 11a.m. – 7 p.m. and brochures and condom packets will be distributed. Mike also reported on the Treatment Plus mobile unit. He stated that there have been 1400 people served thus far in 2006 on the van and they are testing 65-70 people per month. Mike further stated that they are seeing more Hepatitis C than any other disease. The staff would like to identify more places in the community to take the mobile unit.
- Faith, Outreach & Substance Abuse – The sub-committee is designing a curriculum that will be utilized in junior high and high schools that will address marijuana, alcohol and skills building information. We have partnered with Planned Parenthood again to participate in Spirit in Place to conduct the parent/grandparent sessions at an area church. We will also be participating in KidsGames on June 17th at IUPUI Track & Field from 9a.m.-4p.m.
- Young Adult – Charlotte Piket reported that they are preparing for Summer Celebration. They have purchased a booth and will have peer educators conducting outreach education. Street and building outreach will be conducted and pens, bottles and tote bags will be distributed. There were 26 youth who completed the peer to peer training at the Urban League during the month of April. Volunteers are needed during IBE Summer Celebration event. Please contact either Charlotte at 920-5900 or Valerie Jones at 920-1519 for further information.
- Hispanic Outreach – Get Tested Day will be held on June 27th at La Ley Radio Station for the Latina community. The Wishard Hispanic Health Project has purchased a booth at Summer Celebration and has partnered with this sub-committee to help support their efforts.
- Seniors- The Seniors event has been planned for the 17th of August from 11a.m. – 2p.m. at the Urban League. The guest speaker will be Congresswoman Julia Carson.
- Transgender- Paula French reported that we had an excellent meeting and plans are underway to support the transgender community. A food pantry may be available soon and several SOS members said that they were welcome to utilize their food pantries as well: Martin Center and Ebenezer’s Rainbow House to name a few.

“Positive Women United” – Kimberly Wells

Kim provided some information on Ebenezer’s support group for women with and affected by HIV/AIDS. The group meets every other Monday from 4-5:30 p.m. at Ebenezer M. B. Church which is located at 1901 N. Harding Street. For more information and RSVP please call or e-mail Yvette at 317-631-2420 or mercy0566@yahoo.com.

“Still Challenged by AIDS” – Joan Marciniak

Joan, who is from the MCHD Tobacco Control Program, reported that AIDS officially turned 25 on June 25, 2006. According to Nick Arena, the date serves as a grim reminder of the world’s collective failure to tackle the greatest epidemic in modern history. Joan distributed flyers for the next RESULTS meeting which will be held on June 19th from 6p.m. – 7p.m. at Au Bon Pain at 1901 Indiana Avenue. The purpose of

the meeting is to discover how to exercise your political muscles by writing letters and calling your representatives and senators concerning major legislation that affects the poverty-stricken across the globe. For more information please call Nick Arena at nfarena9@yahoo.com Joan also invited members to join Winstone Zulu on June 9th from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Urban League. He is a Zambian activist and global speaker and has been HIV positive since 1990.

Healthy Community Network Indiana (HCNI) Video Presentation- Brad Gumbert

Brad reported on HCNI which is a collaborative statewide network of non-profit agencies and individuals committed to providing health education, advocacy and awareness with a focus on the elimination of HIV and other STDs in our community. For more information please see attachment.

Announcements

- Indy Pride Festival – Saturday, June 10,2006
- Urban League’s Free Mammography Screenings- Thursday, July 6th and Friday, July 7th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Latino Summit @ Garfield Park- July 22
- Black Pride – August 11, 2006
- SOS Chair Quarterly Meeting – June 13th from 9a.m. – 10a.m. @ Keystone Deli
- MSM – June 13th from 11a.m. – noon @ Brothers United
- Transgender meeting – June 13th from noon- 1p.m. @ Brothers United
- FOSA meeting- June 13th from 2-3 p.m. @ Bethlehem House
- Communications meeting – June 21st from 2-3 p.m. @ IBE
- Hispanic meeting – June 28th from 2-3 p.m. # Urban League
- **SOS Coalition meeting – Rescheduled due to IBE Summer Celebration – July 20th from 3-5 p.m. in the 6th floor conference room of the MCHD**
- Partnering With Your Doctor – June 27th @ Urban League from 10-2p.m.
- KidsGames – June 11-17th @Conseco Fieldhouse & IUPUI Track Stadium
- Pandemic Flu Summit – Tuesday, June 27, 2006 @ Conrad Indianapolis from 8 a.m.-3p.m.
- Poetry Slam Preliminary Rounds- Thursday, June 29, 2006 @ the Urban League
- Sickle Cell Fun 5K Walk/Run to benefit Martin Center – Saturday, June 24, 2006