

PREP COALITION MEETING – June 29, 2016

ROLL CALL

Molly Malloy, Frank Catrone, Diane Thompson, Henry Lustig, Joy Dougan, Ashanti Parker, Angela Genet, Andre Elliott, Betsy Bunner, Kevin Shepherd, Lorneeshia Elliott, Melissa Johnson, Tamira Suggs, Cindy Baker, Larkyn Forchione, Desiree Garcia, Helene Martinez, Terrie Brownlie, Dr. Amy Hite

REVIEW

Molly Malloy greeted and thanked the entire group. She introduced herself, and then briefly identified everyone in attendance by name and organization. She said Dana Hale is no longer with Canton City Health Department or PREP. At this time, any questions regarding PREP can be directed to Molly Malloy, Frank Catrone, or the director of nursing for Canton City Health Department, Diane Thompson.

Molly presented Youth Intensive Services (YIS) with an award of recognition for outstanding participation and leadership in Ohio PREP. Lorneeshia Elliott and Melissa Johnson accepted the award. YIS is currently conducting the sixth youth training with PREP, and is beginning to coordinate a youth training for Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center. This will be the tenth youth training for the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center.

Molly explained PREP stands for Personal Responsibility Education Program. It is a teen pregnancy prevention program that targets youth in juvenile justice and foster care settings. Ohio PREP is divided into nine regions. We are in Region 6, which encompasses nine counties. Region 6 is in the fifth year grant cycle, and has a one year extension from August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017. Molly said this is a busy time for the region – seven youth trainings will be in progress this summer. Region 6 will provide a Human Trafficking Training next grant cycle. Trainers will also be made aware of Trauma Training opportunities as they become available.

Molly asked if anyone had any questions, comments, or concerns about PREP. Andre Elliott said the students (especially the boys) at Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center are very receptive to the program. He said he is very happy that the staff is able to provide PREP to their youth.

Henry Lustig said Ohio Department of Health is currently reconstructing the PREP curriculum. There is a new, revised edition of the RTR, which will probably start being used in November 2016. The new material incorporates more LGBTQ information, as well as additional ways to better communicate the curriculum (e.g. adding real-world applications and check writing to the financial section, and more focus on interviewing and less focus on application completion in the employment section). He added that master trainers will be trained on the new curriculum in late October. Master trainers will then train the instructors in their region. Instructors will be trained in one day, in a format chosen by the master trainer (e.g. one-to-one, large group, or all instructors from all of the region's agencies).

Molly asked if anyone had any ideas for future PREP coalition trainings. There were none. She said if any ideas come to mind, write them down, and give them to her at the end of the presentation.

Molly introduced Dr. Amy Hite, the administrative director and clinical manager for Summa Health System's Darleen C. Claypoole, R.N. Center for AIDS Research and Education (CARE). Dr. Hite greeted attendees, then began her "HIV in Young Adults" presentation. The presentation provided an overview of the causes and effects of the disproportionate diagnosis of HIV among young adults versus other age groups. Dr. Hite spoke extensively about demographic dynamics including gender, race, and sexual orientation. She covered the transmission and treatment of HIV, as well as the importance of talking openly about the infection. Dr. Hite presented information about how HIV is related to other sexually transmitted infections including, chlamydia, herpes, syphilis, human papillomavirus, and gonorrhea. She also talked about many of the facts and myths surrounding the treatment and transmission of these infections. Upon the completion of the presentation Dr. Hite opened the room to questions.

Molly asked what the law states about HIV disclosure between sexual partners. Dr. Hite said that in Ohio, individuals aware of their positive HIV status, must disclose this information to their partners before having sex. Omitting this information is a felony.

Tamira Suggs asked how youth without insurance can obtain HIV medication. Dr. Hite said the medications are expensive. However, Medicaid expansion has made obtaining medication feasible for more people. Additionally, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) can be good resources.

Frank Catrone asked if the medications used for HIV treatment for youth are the same as those used for adults. Dr. Hite said medications are the same for teenagers and adults, but she does not know which ones are used for younger children because she is not a pediatrician.

Dr. Hite asked the group if they had any more questions or comments. There were none.

Molly thanked everyone for coming.