

Meeting of CCPHE June 2010 Workshop Advisory Committee

When	February 12, 2010	11:00 – 12:00 (PST)
Facilitator	Jane Buxton	
Recorder	Megan Smith	
Committee Members in Attendance	Adriaan deVries, Art Gordon, Amanda Elliot, Bunmi Fatoye, Marcus Lem, Nancy Wrenshall, Debra Gaskell, Shannon Waters,	

MINUTES

A. Welcome, approve Jan/10 minutes & Terms of Reference

i. *Introductions*

- New members were introduced; welcome to Shannon Waters and Amanda Elliot.
- Regrets were received from Diane Rothon, Jonathan Slater, and Anne Marie Hume.
- A complete list of committee members is available in the Terms of Reference document, found at http://www.familymed.ubc.ca/ccphe/events/Bridging_public_health_community_and_corrections_-_Workshop_June_2010.htm

ii. *Review and approve minutes of Jan/10 meeting*

- Minutes of the Jan 2010 were reviewed and approved.
- Action items were reviewed and completed, with the exception of the participant list generated by the implementation committee. The implementation committee has not met yet due to unforeseen circumstance, but will be meeting in the coming week.

B. Review membership of workshop planning committees

i. *Review membership of workshop advisory committee*

- There is a recognition from the advisory committee that this is already a large group and we don't want to grow much more. However, it was decided that the voice of formerly incarcerated men is still missing from the advisory group.

ACTION ITEM: Amanda will ask her fiancé (a former inmate) if he would be interested in the advisory committee. Art will also connect with LINK to ask if there is a man from there who is interested in joining the committee.

- A suggestion was made to include the education component of corrections (eg Justice Institute); however, it was agreed, after discussion, that representation from this group may be more

appropriately suited for the participant list, instead of the advisory committee, since they respond to the needs from corrections. The implementation will make note of this group for representation among the participant list.

ii. *Review membership of workshop implementation committee*

- The implementation committee consists of REM, JB, MD, and MS. If there are others interested, please contact either Ruth or Megan.

C. Goals, Scope and Format of the Workshop

i. *Review CCPHE/CPHA working document, the Goals and Scope of the Workshop document, and the preliminary schedule document – build on this to choose 1 or 2 themes for the workshop*

- After the last meeting, we decided to focus on 2 themes (instead of 3), opening up the day with a speaker who will “set the scene” for the workshop and provide a background as to why this workshop was called. This workshop will need to focus on 2 themes only, recognizing that we can’t cover all of the issues in a single day.
- There are 2 suggested themes, pulled from the CPHA document and used in the CIHR grant to receive funding, but these themes are open to discussion/change. The suggested themes are: (1) the scope of untapped opportunity that currently exists inside prison communities for engaging wardens, prison staff and incarcerated men, women and youth in health promotion and health education activities, and (2) the current situation related to the failure of (re) integration and community health care follow-up for prison leavers
- The committee had a discussion on inviting the wardens as a key group in order to facilitate dialogue on this level of logistics: Wardens are a key group that can significantly influence the philosophy of each prison. However, getting wardens logistically to a day-long workshop can be difficult, and this group has a high turnover rate which may not leave a long-term effect. Also, the wardens have a limited ability to implement change and programming. While they have influence over the implementation of programming, they do not set the agenda for health goals; this is set by a separate division of corrections (in accordance with the Health Services Governance Structure, for federal corrections). This division works with the wardens to implement programming and services that are needed for each institution. The dialogue that directly involves the wardens could be umbrella-ed under a larger theme of collaboration.
- We should consider a larger theme of collaboration, broken into 2 focused portions: one theme being the prison side of collaboration (within the prison itself) and the other theme being the community side (community-prison) of collaboration. For example, (1) health promotion and health education with a whole prison approach, and (2) the continuity of care as people are released from prison back into communities. There are many groups doing lots of good programming and initiatives, but groups are not always aware of what is happening in other jurisdictions. This conference will provide the opportunity to hear from other jurisdictions on successful initiatives and programming. We need to remember to keep the outcomes for this workshop achievable; the agenda needs to be move forward as a result of this workshop.

- The committee discussed the meaning of public health, what public health agencies are we identifying here? There is a consensus among the group that we need to consider the Public Health Agency of Canada, as well as, public health at the local level as each level has an important role to play. Similarly for primary care. When we consider “continuity of care”, it is implied that the perspective of primary care providers is important. However, the voice of the “client”, the prison inmates themselves, are central to this discussion. The committee discussed being mindful of invitees to the conference in order to allow for a significant presence of former inmates among the voices.
- There was interest in the balance of the two themes within the overall lens of “collaboration”: (1) transitioning individuals from the institution to the community and (2) better involving the community during incarceration. When considering continuity of care from institution to the community, it should be continuous from the institution back to the community. Half of the theme suggests “health on the inside” and then the other half suggests “health on the outside”: with regards to health promotion and health education. Developing that sense of continuity can be challenging. We also need to be mindful of how we are defining “health”. This term often gets reduced down to the mere physical aspect, whereas mental health, socio-demographic considerations, addiction, etc., play a huge part to the health of an individual as well.
- The committee then discussed the issue of poor/inadequate housing as individuals are leaving the institutions and (re)integrating back into community. Geography is a huge factor that greatly impacts the individual as they try to reintegrate. Housing is a huge topic that may come up in discussion at the workshop itself, even without prompting. This could be a topic within one of the themes. One idea is to have the discussion groups tackle one topic each within the theme. Alternatively, each discussion group could tackle one ‘successful’ program and/or initiative. These are details that still need to be sorted through.

ACTION ITEM: The implementation will meet and synthesize the discussion from this meeting. The WIC will then send a document outlining the themes chosen to the WAC for final approval. The WIC will also draft a list of potential invitees and email to the WAC for feedback.

ACTION ITEM: The advisory committee will please send any ideas for speakers to Megan and/or any member of the implementation committee.

ACTION ITEM: Megan will re-send the budget to the advisory committee.

- The WIC will consider inviting an interim advisory meeting *before* the scheduled March meeting, if needed. The March meeting will still go ahead as originally planned.
- The goal is to have the themes for this workshop confirmed within 2 weeks.

D. Invitations to the Workshop

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i. Discuss and generate the list of potential participants

- The Implementation committee will meet to generate a list of invitees and send this to the advisory committee for feedback.

E. Date of the Workshop

i. Tuesday June 8, 2010

F. Dates for Future Advisory Meetings

i. We will continue on the 2nd Fridays every month at 11AM PST, February – June 2010. The next meeting is **March 12th 2010 at 11AM PST.**