

# Disparities Core

# Community Advisory Board Meeting February 25, 2020 9:00am -11:00am Mental Health America—San Diego

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#### Commencement

The CAB meeting began at 09:07 a.m.

### I. Welcome from CAB Chair & Co-Chair and Introductions

Mr. James Jackson, Disparities Core CAB Chair, and Ms. Judi Patterson, Disparities Core CAB Co-chair, welcomed the group and facilitated introductions of leadership and participants. See attendee names, affiliations, and contact information above. David Vance, from the Transgender/Nonbinary (TCAB), joined via video-conference.

### II. Review Action Items from Disparities Core CAB Retreat

- Mr. James Jackson opens the floor to Dr. Jamila Stockman to discuss some action items from the Disparities Core retreat at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. Dr. Jamila Stockman shares how the retreat focused on re-energizing and addressing HIV disparities in San Diego and the role of the disparities CAB for the Community Symposium Day of the 2020 National CFAR Meeting. Mr. James Jackson explains the community symposium day is about addressing getting to zero, HIV criminalization, and other issues. More importantly, the symposium is about learning what San Diego community members want to know about HIV related issues and to share what researchers are doing. Dr. Jamila Stockman adds the symposium will be a one-day event with a combination of individual speakers, panels, and breakout sessions that will address HIV related topics specific to the San Diego region.
- Ms. Judi Patterson asks all CAB members for their help and input to invite members from their community in order to get everyone engaged. She shares with the group the HIV awareness event that she attended on February 8 with Mr. James Jackson and how different it was to talk to community members about mental health and HIV due to the unique setting in which it took place. She adds how she had to learn a different approach to outreach and how they were able to get people to fill out the survey in a moving environment. Mr. James Jackson briefly adds that previous community symposium events have done some breakout sessions where different topics are discussed at round tables, in which the benefit of the round tables offered lessons learned from different regions of the country.
- Dr. Jamila Stockman shares with the group some action items as a result of the retreat. The first action item discussed was the development of a survey. They figured it was more beneficial to hear from community members in what they were interested in learning about HIV versus researchers coming up with the topics. The survey is a short 5 question survey designed to be administered to community members who are participating in events hosted by community based organizations. The first event at which surveys were distributed was on Feb 8 at a county faith based event. Mr. James Jackson, Ms. Judi Patterson, and Ms. Yolanda Cordero distributed surveys at this event. The role of the survey is to collect information and then take and come up with a list of topics that are of interest to the community in order to plan for the symposium.
- In addition, the consensus made at the retreat was that it would be good to have a designated planning committee for this event. Members from disparities core CAB as well as the transgender/non-binary CAB come together and have a standing planning committee that meets twice a month. Committee also reached out to leadership for the transgender/non-binary CAB to explain the symposium day and invite members to be a part of the planning committee. David Vance, UCSD co-chair of the CFAR transgender/non-binary CAB has agreed to be part of the planning committee. Based on who agrees to be part of the planning committee, the committee will then come up with standing days and time to meet. The event will be held on November 3, 2020 at the Hilton Bay Front san Diego hotel. Ballroom reserved holds about 100 people.
- Dr. Susan Little suggests distributing surveys at the event this upcoming Saturday (EHE Community Summit). Dr. Susan Little asks if they are soliciting participation from community members or more of a leadership committee.
   Mr. James Jackson responds by stating they are open to having community members be a part of the committee.
- In addition, another action item from retreat was the development of a resource list. Dr. Jamila Stockman states how it is not ok to survey people without providing them with resource list. As a result, Ms. Janine Lopez compiled a resource list for both women and men which will be distributed with surveys. Electronic resource list can also be provided electronically with survey link.

# III. Community Symposium Planning for the 2020 National CFAR Meeting

After providing a broad overview of what the goal the community symposium planning. The planning committee thought it would be best to take a poll in who would be interested in being a part of this planning community. Dr. Jamila Stockman opens up the floor to anyone who would be part of the committee. Meetings would be held the first and third week of every month leading up to the event. (One-hour meeting via zoom or video conference in order to make it feasible to join).

A. Planning Committee

- a. Members: Mr. Diego Flores, Ms. Ilana Goldberg team member (Delilah and Rebecca), Dr. Susan Little, Ms. Yolanda Cordero, Mr. James Jackson, Ms. Judi Patterson, Dr. Jamila Stockman, and David Vance.
- Ms. Elizabeth Johnson adds the Owen clinic CAB wanted to do a community research symposium themselves, if interested they can join the Disparities Core community symposium CAB, as well as reach out to the AVRC CAB. Ms. Alexandra Fernandez Desoto will send out doodle poll to set up a standing meeting time for those interested.
- B. Survey (and Resource List)
  - a. Distribution to community members and at selected events:
    - Mr. James Jackson and Ms. Judi Patterson have distributed the survey at the February meeting. Survey will also be distributed at the EHE Community Summit, as well as the HIV women's conference on March 14.
  - b. Process for reconciling findings
    - Ms. Alexandra Fernandez Desoto will collect surveys responses
    - Ms. Elizabeth Johnson poses a question about whether the survey will be made available electronically as well. Dr. Jamila Stockman responds by stating the survey could be made available electronically via RedCap. Ms. Kate Anderson offers to program the survey in RedCap. Survey link will be made available to all San Diego community advisory boards.
- C. Survey Findings to Date (Faith-based Conference on 2/8/2020)

Dr. Jamila Stockman states 9 individuals have completed the survey so far. Most of the individuals who responded are not living with HIV, however still provided very important information. Key topics emerging are issues around stigma, disclosure, housing, and faith-based awareness events. Findings so far provide really good information that confirms ideas discussed at retreat.

Cutoff date to collect surveys is set for March 26.

Dr. Jamila Stockman states surveys can be turned in to Ms. Alexandra Fernandez Desoto. She will be available to pick up surveys and she can be reached at <a href="mailto:alf013@ucsd.edu">alf013@ucsd.edu</a>

- D. Additional Information to Inform Selected Topics (through observation)
  - a. Ending the HIV Epidemic Scientific Working Group
  - b. EHE Community Summit
- E. Next Steps
  - c. Develop a proposed format for the symposium (panelists/individual speakers)
  - d. Identify topics that will be covered
  - e. Identify speakers and inviting them
  - f. Social media involvement

# IV. Project Presentation & Discussion: "LinkPositively"

Ms. Katherine Anderson presents a newly funded NIH research project, LinkPositively with Principal Investigators, Dr. Jamila Stockman and Dr. Keith Horvath from San Diego State University (SDSU). Intervention focused on Black women living with HIV who are also affected by interpersonal violence designed to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum. Ms. Kate Anderson is the project coordinator for the study. Background

- Black women account for 61% of all new HIV diagnoses in the US
- Only 56% are retained in HIV care, with 49% being virally suppressed
- Specifically, in San Diego, Black women are 8 times more likely to have HIV than white women
- Of those women living with HIV, 67% have experienced interpersonal violence

#### Overview

- Development of a web-based obile application to increase HIV care and engagement for Black women living with HIV
- Develop mobile intervention through focus groups with women living with HIV (n=4), peer navigators (n=2), and 4-6 key informant interviews

Components of Web-based System (LinkPositively)

- Social Networking among other participants
- Education and self-care tips
- Resource locator to look for services
- ART self-monitoring and reminders
- Virtual peer navigators who will educate and provide support

### Eligibility for focus groups and RCT

- Black/African American
- Self-identification as a woman

- Living with HIV
- Age 18 or older
- Experienced interpersonal violence

#### First Steps

- Focus groups with women living with HIV
- Reaching out to service providers and peer navigators
- Currently seeking women for a focus group on March 6, from 6-8:00pm at the AVRC
- Looking for 6-8 women to participate in focus group
- Transportation assistance and dinner will be provided as well as a \$50 incentive
- If interested contact Ms. Katherine Anderson at 858-334-8814 or email at k4anderson@ucsd.edu
- Beginning next month, seeking HIV service providers to participate in interviews, \$50 compensation.
  - o Will be an hour and a half to two hours' long

Dr. Susan Little poses a question on the outcome of the RCT. Dr. Jamila Stockman responds by stating the primary outcomes are retention in HIV care and ART adherence measured by self-report and biomarkers (hair samples). Ms. Yolanda Cordero poses a question about what system the study has in place to support women who are currently experiencing interpersonal violence. Ms. Kate Anderson responds by stating that resource guides will be provided for the women at the focus groups. Within the mobile app, resources will also be embedded. Women will go through a number of screeners to assess for danger. The peer navigator will then be able to look at results and discuss with the participant some resources and hot line numbers will be available on the home page.

#### V. San Diego CFAR Global CAB

Ms. Elizabeth Johnson states that there are 5-7 community advisory boards at UC San Diego that span the Division of Infectious Disease and Global Public Health. Individuals from different CABs have expressed interest in what other CABs are doing. In an effort to better coordinate and better engage community, a global CAB will be formed. The idea is that the group will meet on a quarterly basis and will be a space where CAB representatives can network and get to know what each group is doing. In addition, it will be a place where training and mentoring can be shared among the different CABs. The goal of the global CAB is to increase coordination, communication, synergy, and to be a resource. As a result, each CAB will appoint 1-2 representatives to serve on the global CAB. The HIV Institute will be coordinating the global CAB. If anyone is interested in being a part of the Global CAB let Ms. Elizabeth Johnson at <a href="mailto:liz@ucsd.edu">liz@ucsd.edu</a> or Ms. Janine Lopez at <a href="mailto:jvlopez@ucsd.edu">jvlopez@ucsd.edu</a> know. First meeting will take place at the end of March or beginning of April. Food will be available. In the future, an annual CAB symposium day will take place. Time commitment is one hour to one hour and half meeting once a quarter (3-4 times a year) and then once a year attending the CAB event. Meeting location to be determined but most likely be held in Hillcrest at the AVRC, first floor conference room.

#### VI. VI. Discussion and Announcements

- Ms. Ilana Goldberg announces the CHIP program has received additional funding for one more year. The program targets 16-29 young gay men, African American or Latino.
- Dr. Jamila Stockman shares with the group the Disparities Core was initially funded on April 2016 by the California HIV AIDS research program for a 4 year grant, with end date March 30. As a whole, one of the success of the Disparities Core has been the Disparities Core CAB. After discussions with CFAR leadership, the CFAR has decided to continue supporting the Disparities Core. In addition, the CFAR has established the Ending the HIV Epidemic working group led by Dr. Susan Little. The working group has been instrumental in leveraging other community based organizations, as well as supporting the supplemental CFAR funding. As a result, Dr. Susan Little has taken on the role of leading the working group, transitioning from her position as co-director of the Disparities Core. Dr. Susan Little adds that she is on multiple committees with the public health department in which she has submitted an application for funding. If funded, there may be additional support for the CAB.
- Ms. Janine Lopez, project coordinator for The BRIDGES project, an intervention study aimed to assist women living with HIV to overcome barriers to treatment, passed out flyers for anyone interested in participating.
- Mr. James Jackson poses a question on molecular HIV surveillance. Dr. Susan Little shares with the group that
  molecular surveillance is the combination of using genetic material from the HIV virus combined with traditional
  epidemiology to tract the spread of HIV. The goal of molecular HIV surveillance is to track active transmissions to
  prioritize available resources to where they are needed most.

## VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:43am