



G2Z MeckCo. Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 2019, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: 2845 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216

Meeting will hold in the HD-Multipurpose Room

Facilitator – Wesley Thompson

*For any questions, call **Renate Nnoko at 980-867-8865***

Main objectives of this meeting:

- Discuss next steps for the recent CDC HIV planning grant
- Develop Prototype for the G2Z webpage
- Understand proposal to increase HIV awareness for AA women
- Understand the Carolina CoOP and provide support for the project (which is in alignment with the G2Z plan).

6:00-6:05

Welcome/Introductions

Wesley Thompson, Co-lead

Welcome and introductions by co-chair.

6:05 - 6:30

CDC planning grant workplan

Renate Nnoko, MCPH

G2Z Project Manager gave an update on the CDC Planning grant which was awarded to develop an Ending the HIV Epidemic for MeckCo. in alignment with the National Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plan . Project Manager presented timeline for deliverables and called-upon workgroup leads to convene a call to identify additional key stakeholders to contribute to the plan. See below timeline for deliverables

Timeline

Activities	Timeline
Community engagement /Meetings	Ongoing
Epi. Profile (Donna Smith, MCPH) /Situational Analysis (Needs Assessment, BAI)	12/17/2019
Draft Plan review by G2Z body	12/23/2019
Draft plan submission to CDC	12/30/2019
Review first draft of final plan	06/30/2020
Review second draft of final plan	07/30/2020
Submit final plan to CDC	09/30/2020

Action item:

Workgroup leads to convene call by Tuesday **Nov 26th** to identify other stakeholders who are currently not a part of the planning group. Workgroups will identify who within their groups will engage with and help recruit stakeholders to the G2Z Planning Group.

Questions to guide the call -

- Who else needs to be at the table?
- Who within the workgroup will reach out to the missing stakeholders for engagement/recruitment?
- What is needed to facilitate engagement/recruitment of these stakeholders?

*Workgroup leads from MCPH will arrange for a conference call number for the call.

6:30 – 6:45

HIV education and awareness plan for AA women

Alisa Joseph, Delta Sigma Theta

Alisa Joseph of Delta Sigma Theta and Pastor Gripper of Faith CME Church presented their mutual HIV awareness plan to reach primarily African American Women. Pastor Gripper encouraged all members to attend the World AIDS Day Service at Faith CME Church on Dec. 1st and the World AIDS Day Symposium on Dec 3rd (flyer for registration sent via email).

6:45 -7:25

Develop prototype for G2Z webpage (breakout session) **Kayla Earley, MCPH**

5 groups each worked on a prototype for the G2Z page. Kayla Earley and Renate Nnoko will combine ideas to create the G2Z page.

7:25-7:55 Introducing the Carolina CoOP

Felicia Brown from RTI

- Inform the G2Z planning group about this project and (briefly) the history it builds upon.
- Answer any initial questions and comments members may have
- Elicit preliminary support of this project
- Begin the dialogue about potential key stakeholders to invite to the stakeholder focus groups (so that if they have recommendations, we can make sure they are contacted)

Felicia Brown presented her research project, “Reaching African Americans to Reduce HIV Disparities in the Carolinas (Carolina CoOP)” which is in alignment with the G2Z plan. Felicia will need guidance from the G2Z planning group in reaching potential key stakeholders to invite to stakeholder focus groups.

Action Item:

G2Z members to read through project abstract provided by Felicia and provide concerns/questions to Renate Nnoko by Nov. 22nd, 2019.

7:55 – 8:00 PM Wrap-up/Adjourn

Misc:

- Co-lead encouraged partners to keep G2Z Project Manager informed of any HIV related projects that they undertake in order to better track the work that we do as a community to end the HIV epidemic.
- Dr. Leonard and Dr. Tapp of Charlotte Medical Center (CMC) gave an update on HIV

testing and PrEP in the EDs - they were able to outline their proposal to increase screening and testing for HIV and linkage to care for PrEP services in the ED and urgent care. The HIV test will be hard-wired into the STD portfolio accessed regularly in the ED to improve access, ease of use and visibility for providers. CMC has been funded through FOCUS for 3 years to improve HIV testing in primary care and year 4 will allow CMC to expand into ER/Urgent care. CMC ER is the busiest ER in NC and one of the busiest in the SE.

Evaluation

Total number of attendees 34

Total number who responded to evaluation survey 16

Response rate 47.06%

100% of respondents thought the meeting aligned to the G2Z plan

93.75% of respondents are confident that they understand their role as a planning group member in helping MeckCo. get to Zero.

Comment from evaluation: Members should be mindful not to use the words "HIV" and "AIDS" interchangeably.