

5:30 – Meeting Brought to Order

Attendance: Dani A., Sheila B., Nick F., Cody G., Michael K., Kim S., Rob P., Jackie D.

Handouts – Available under Member Resources on www.RochesterVictoryAlliance.org/CAB

- ACTG Study Updates
- HVTN110 Overview
- Draft of rcAd001 Household Contact Informed Consent
- HVTN Conference Report by Jackie Dozier

Educational Topic

- Kim Smith from the Monroe County Department of Public Health presented on the HIV Care Cascade and local programs to address it.
 - Governor Cuomo wants end the HIV epidemic by 2015. Objectives include: 1) Improve linkage and retention 2) Push PrEP and 3) Viral load suppression.
 - NY Links – a Federal grant-based program to improve linkage and retention in HIV care. More info: newyorklinks.org
 - NY Links started in Manhattan and has since spread to Rochester and Buffalo. Each region designs its own intervention program.
 - In our region, NYS sends Monroe County Dept. of Health a list of HIV+ persons that have been out of care for 12-24 months. Kim Smith’s team locates them (in-person) and brings them to care at Jordan Health. The key to this program’s success is that these individuals have priority for connecting with care - Kim’s team can arrange for same day or next day appointments. This program is named, “CAPTAIN.”
 - SWAT or “Social Work Access Team” was later developed to link the same folks with care at Strong’s ID Clinic if they prefer that over Jordan.
 - A similar program with Trillium Health is in development.
 - Kim’s team has also developed a related program with Action for a Better Community that works with high-risk HIV-negative clients for up to 3 months. This program is named, “LEARN” or “Linking Elevated Risk Negatives.”
 - Kim’s team is also working with Catholic Charities to help connect individuals with social workers if necessary. This program is called, “Catholic Charities Comprehensive Services Approach.”

Sub-Committee Updates

- Special Events & Community Education
 - Dani A. gave a presentation about HIV and vaccine studies (followed by an interactive trivia game) with another Seventh Day Adventist Church
 - On December 6, Sheila B. will be giving a speech at a World AIDS Day benefit dinner at RIT, which is collaboration between a local sorority and fraternity.
- Membership & Sustainability
 - New CAB recruitment cards provided by HVTN staff.
 - Jackie D. suggested placing cards in salons & barbershops.
 - Sheila B. requested a flyer-version of the cards for area residence halls.
 - Suggestion from Kim S. to speak with RATFA about CAB recruitment – maybe their advisory committee.
 - Nick F. suggested listed past and upcoming educational topics on the CAB website as available.
 - Michael K. suggested asking questions to current and prospective CAB members, “How can we help you? Would you like to do something HIV/AIDS-related? Ask us! We can help.”
 - Sheila B. wants to see HIV researchers in communities of color.
 - Rob P. suggested focusing more on other colleges and hospitals for CAB recruitment, rather than just U of R and Strong.
 - Kim S. suggested reaching out to ABC to recruit young members from their already-established youth groups.
 - Kim S. wondered if our agenda was too intimidating, and if we should focus more on community pulse. We should be asking at every meeting, “How is the community feeling about vaccine trials?”

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- Dani A. suggested splitting the meetings between community conversation and education first, then conducting business and providing updates at the end.
- Kim S. followed with a suggestion to build a team first and do separate CAB orientations. Also, a picture of CAB on our website would humanize the group.
- Protocol Review Committee
 - Nick gave a summary of an ad hoc protocol review meeting of upcoming oral vaccine studies with HVTN. The committee offered thoughts and considerations to the researchers, such as 1) a volunteer's significant other should be present during informed consent, 2) there were some wording tweaks to improve the consent form 3) recruiting subjects may be difficult, but feasible.

Network and Research Updates

- ACTG
 - ACTG still needs a GCAB representative. Ideally this would be a consumer or someone directly impacted by HIV/AIDS.
 - Study updates provided in handout.
- HVTN
 - Michael K. shared that the goal of the upcoming HVTN studies is to provide better immune responses on mucosal surfaces.
 - HVTN 110 uses a live, oral vaccine (Ad4), but requires no isolation.
 - We are also planning an isolation study with Harvard in a similar vein. This live, oral vaccine uses Ad26 as a vector. Recruitment suggestions from the CAB include: games, artists, writers, couples or roommates without children, those that just got out of college, graduate/PhD/post-doc students – some of which may live together. Sheila B. suggested we use weekly email lists that go out to all grad students.
 - There is also a small upcoming study to investigate folks that have received a BCG vaccine. The investigators will be working with their blood samples only – no administering of experimental vaccine product.
- CFAR
 - Dani A. reported that CFAR would like to begin sending community members to regional meetings.

Other Discussions

- HVTN staff will be sending out questions to CAB (and possibly RATFA) via Survey Monkey to help answer some critical questions about CAB.
- Nick F. suggested having more in-depth discussion surrounding these critical questions during actual CAB meeting time.

7:00 – Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 17th (to accommodate Christmas holiday)