

HIV and Aging Workgroup Meeting Notes

To Develop Policy and Recommendations on HIV and Aging for the LTCCC

May 11, 2015

Present: Vince Crisostomo, Bill Hirsh, Kevin Hutchcroft, Harry Breaux, Loren Meissner, Michael Rouppe, Matt Sharp, Chip Supanich, Erin Allday, Tom Nolan, Joe Ramirez Forcier, Tez Anderson, Mick Robinson, Scott Haisuka

Presenters: Erin Allday, Moli Steinert, Ruth Gay

DAAS: Melissa McGee, Rick Appleby

Presentation: Ruth Gay, Alzheimer's Association

Ms. Gay presented a general introduction about Alzheimer's, dementia and cognitive impairment. Cognitive impairment is concerning when it affects the person's ability to live safely in the community. Important to look at what is causing the cognitive impairment: stroke, medication issues, dementia. Alzheimer's: look for "insidious onset." Importance of support of caregivers. "Concept of cognitive reserve." Dual role of isolation for people with HIV, earlier onset of aging issues and cognitive impairment. Need to emphasize appropriate treatment of co-existing conditions, social support and engagement.

Presentation: Moli Steinart, SteppingStones

Moli presented an overview of the Adult Day Health Center program. IN the tradition of "Continuum" in the 80s, ADHC can be a and important part of care for HIV +. Their nurse/patient navigator provides monthly workshops via Openhouse and individual consultations (Friday afternoons).

SF Chronicle: Erin Allday

Ms. Allday is working on a story on Long Term Survivors who are "off the radar." Focused on men but anyone can talk to her. She will get her contact information to the group.

Announcements

- June 13th Mental Health Fair, AHP, 1930 Market, 11 – 2pm. (Tez)
- ACRIA training tentatively June 11 & 12th, location to be determined. (Vince for Hanna)
- Dignity fund presentation at LTCCC, May 11, 1 to 3. (Melissa)
- Uptick in used syringes in some neighborhoods. Looking at issues and solutions (Vince)

Next meeting – Monday, June 8, 2:00 – 3:30pm
1650 Mission Street, 3rd floor, Policy Room