HIV / AIDS Update

Alexandria City Council Work Session

Alexandria Commission on HIV / AIDS
and
Alexandria Health Department

September 27, 2011
Objectives for this Work Session

- Update Council on the dimensions of HIV/AIDS
  - Demographics
  - Current Efforts
  - The Impact of Stigma
  - Priorities for Community Engagement

- Council Discussion
  - Obtain Council’s input
  - Identify areas for Council support
Commission on HIV/AIDS

- Citizens at Large
  - David Hoover
  - Kevin Jura
  - Tameka Macon
  - Brent Minor
  - Ladonna Sanders
  - Ebony Stoutmiles
  - Gayle Terry
  - Alancia Wynn

- Org. Representatives
  - Melissa Arons, Red Cross
  - Ralph Cagle, Hospice
  - Marcos Castillo, K.I. Svcs.
  - Rachel Chieza, INOVA
  - Kim Sheridan, NOVAM
  - Bill Smith, Comm. for Women
  - Tom Suydam, AGLCA
  - Shelbert Williams, Sheriff’s Office
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<td>CDC – cluster of PCP in MSM</td>
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<td>First Reported Case in Alexandria</td>
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<td>May 12, 1987</td>
<td>Alexandria Task Force on AIDS</td>
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<td>June 20, 1996</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant Position Established</td>
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<td>June 23, 1998</td>
<td>Needle Exchange Proposal</td>
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<td>May 13, 2000</td>
<td>Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS</td>
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<td>April 2003</td>
<td>Survey of Mayoral Candidates</td>
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<td>December 1, 2007</td>
<td>First of 3 Annual World AIDS Day, HIV Service Awards Events</td>
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Demographics of HIV/AIDS in Alexandria

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**Age Distribution**

- 20-29: 32%
- 30-39: 11%
- 40-49: 0%
- 50-59: 0%
- 60+: 0%

**Sex Distribution**

- Female: 32%
- Male: 56%

**Transmission Categories**

- MSM: 100%
- Heterosexual: 808
- No Known: 361
- IDU: 0%
- MSM+IDU: 0%

**Ethnicity**

- Not Hispanic, Black: 56%
- Not Hispanic, White: 32%
- Hispanic, any race: 11%
- Other: 1%
Other Data

- Prevalence of HIV in Alexandria is 1.2%
  - 0.65% in Arlington
  - 0.16% in Fairfax

- 2005-2007 – Alexandria had 107 Early Syphilis cases
  - 90% with MSM risk
  - 39% previously diagnosed with HIV

- 2005-2009 – All 13 pregnant women with HIV delivered healthy, uninfected babies in Alexandria

- 862 persons diagnosed with AIDS through 2009 in Alexandria have died

- Estimates of lifetime cost of a person diagnosed with HIV
  - In 2006 = $618,000
  - In 2009 = $1,000,000
Alexandria Health Department

**Funding / Resources**
- City Only
- City/State Cooperative
- Federal

**Activities**
- Administrative support, Information and Referral, HIV Prevention, STI Clinic nurses
- STI Clinic
- HIV Testing
- Partner Counseling and Referral - Epidemiology
- Rainbow Tuesdays Clinic
- Program Management
- Comprehensive Primary Medical Care & Services
Partners

- VA Dept. of Health
- City Departments
  - ACPS
  - Adult Detention Ctr.
  - Health & Comm. Svcs.
  - Recreation
  - Shelters
- Other Commissions
- NGOs
  - ANHSI
  - Alex. Red Cross
  - Carpenters Shelter
  - INOVA
  - K.I. Services, Inc
  - NOVAM
Stigma and Its Costs

- Education and early testing and treatment:
  - Promotes the health of the individual
  - Reduces the risk of further transmission
  - Reduces societal costs

- Racism and homophobia (external and internalized)
  - Discourage targeted individuals from accessing these resources, and
  - Perpetuate the costs to all.

- Our challenge is to mobilize the communities involved to take leadership in addressing the stigma and promoting behavior change.
2011 Priorities for Community Engagement

AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CLERGY COUNCIL
(supported by Fairfax County)
ALEXANDRIA FAITH COMMUNITIES

GAY/BISEXUAL POPULATION

RAINBOW TUESDAY CLINIC
GAY HEALTH COLLABORATIVE
RISE CURRICULUM

AA G/B MEN
Needed: Council Support

- Support in making community connections within Alexandria

- Support for pilot of RISE curriculum in Alexandria

- Support for outreach and coordination of sexual health services for gay and bisexual men