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**Washington Syndemic Planning Group General Meeting**

**Notes/Minutes**

Tuesday November 26, 2024

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Conference Call

**WSPG Members Attendance:**

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**MEMBERS of the PUBLIC PRESENT: Vanessa Leja, Huong Duong, Becca Hutchison**

**DOH SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:** **Alisha Howden, Claire Mocha**

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| **TOPIC** | **FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS** | **ACTIONS & DUE DATES** | **PERSON RESPONSIBLE** |
| I. Call to Order/ Welcome by Tri-Chairs and member check and connect (15 mins) | * James called the meeting to order. * Community Agreements were discussed, focusing on two key aspects:   + Sharing Space: Giving others time to speak within reason.   + "I" Statements: Ensuring participants share from their own experience. * New members were introduced:   + Christopher Claypool   + Hexe Fey   + Elsa Daly * Tamara shared that her World AIDS Day story was featured on the Spokane KREM (krem.com). |  | James |
| II. DOH Program updates (15 mins) | * WSPG 2024 Yearbook:   + Sent in October and last week.   + Members who haven’t received it should contact Starleen. This is not for public sharing due to its private nature. * Annual Syndemic Action Plan 2024-2025:   + Starleen reviewed key achievements and upcoming plans.   + These documents will be uploaded to the public website and distributed to the WSPG listserv. * MS Teams Engagement:   + Eight participants signed up, but engagement remains low.   + The group is exploring the WA Portal page as an alternative platform due to its less restrictive public disclosure rules.   + Feedback on user experience is encouraged. * End-of-Year Survey:   + Claire will distribute the survey this week and allow two weeks for responses.   + Results will be compiled into a written report and shared for group discussion. |  | Starleen |
| III. DOH/WSPG member updates (25 mins) |  Updates from Beth:   * Legislative Session:   + The next WSPG meeting will be in January, during the legislative session.   + Beth will provide updates on bills and budget issues affecting the group.   + OID does not have any bills moving forward but there are requests submitted by DOH.   + The state budget deficit may impact operations; updates will be shared as they arise. * Advocacy:   + James inquired about citizen advocacy.   + Beth emphasized the importance of voicing concerns to representatives individually, as the group’s role is advisory and cannot advocate collectively.   + Bridgette suggested creating a "How to Do Political Advocacy" guide. Beth will confirm if this can be shared within DOH communications. |  | Ray |
| IV. WSPG Committee Opportunities (20 Minutes) | * Planning and Evaluation Committee Overview:   + Commitment: Long-term through Fall 2026.   + Areas of Contribution:     - OID strategic planning process.     - Evaluation of the current HIV Integrated Prevention and Care Plan (2022-2026).     - Development of the new HIV Integrated Prevention and Care Plan (2026-2031).     - Quarterly updates to WSPG on progress and feedback.   + Application survey to express interest will be available within a week, with a due date in December. * Claire presented a PowerPoint overview and encouraged participation. * Starleen highlighted the importance of equitable community representation and reassured new members that they are encouraged to contribute. |  | Claire |
| V. Public Comment and other additional updates (5 mins) | * Vanessa: Raised concerns about the potential stripping of ADAP under new administration policies.   + Beth reassured the group, citing bipartisan support for the Ryan White Program in past administrations and the presence of stopgap measures. * Simone Krieger introduced herself. |  | Tri-chairs |
| VI. Closing Thoughts/ Adjourn | **Closing Thoughts/Adjourn**   * Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm. |  | Tri-chairs |

**Minutes prepared by:** Alisha Howden

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:** Starleen Maharaj-Lewis

**Minutes reviewed and approved by Tri-Chairs:** James Tillett, Omero Perez,Beth Crutsinger-Perry