Best Practices for maintaining relationships with CBOs & stakeholders providing services to MSM and/or transgender people

Perspectives from Cape Town Area

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Overview

• Key Population’s Division Philosophy
• Recruitment and Advertisement
• Way forward
Key Population’s Division Philosophy

“You don’t do research and leave; but live and engage the community in the process of clinical trials.”
Background on DTHF KP’s Division

• Began work in 2005 as the only African site for the global iPrEX study among MSM.

• In order to reach MSM we had to use a number of strategies…CTU CAB not sufficient.

• Since the iPrEX study our team has continued to conduct 5 research projects with MSM/TGW in Cape Town.
Partnerships

- SWEAT
- Triangle Project
- NACOSA
- Rainbow UCT
- Inner Circle
- University Based MSM groups
- ANOVA
Best Practices from Partnerships with Stakeholders

- Build of trust and relationship with stakeholders.
- Approach every stakeholder holistically as an entity.
- Reach out to the stakeholder (Not “THEM” but “US”).
- Demonstrate to stakeholders and identify as partners before they know us as researchers.
- More engaging and we had to reach different stakeholders in sustainable way such that they were leading the research process.
Engaging MSM/transgender Stakeholders on HIV prevention research

Use of guiding principles of Good Participatory Practice (GPP) in bio-medical HIV prevention trials with this model.

• Respect
  – Developing partnership and fostering trust to achieve a collective goal.
  – Proper communication that value and honor each other’s perspective and realities.
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Mutual Understanding

• Socio-cultural competency
  – The community understanding the importance of research.

• Research competency
  – The research understanding the community as a stakeholder.
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Transparency

• Ensuring that the stakeholder community receive open and honest information and objectives to maintain a clear collaborative relationship.

• Ensuring role and responsibilities and how that may influence related decisions.
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<td>Co-ordinate HIV prevention training &amp; work closely together on advocacy projects.</td>
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<td>Health4Men</td>
<td>MSM</td>
<td>Referral clinic for our research participants.</td>
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<td>LGBTI</td>
<td>Resource &amp; rights center for LGBTI community; support with community engagements &amp; recruitment.</td>
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<td>Cape Town Pride</td>
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<td>Support the organization with the Pride event &amp; with recruitment during pride events.</td>
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<td>Metropolitan Church</td>
<td>LGBTI Religious Centre</td>
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<td>Co-ordinate advocacy work for MSM and other key populations with the expertise and support from Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation.</td>
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<td>Sonke Gender Justice</td>
<td>MSM and other human rights groups</td>
<td>Work closely with the site on human rights and advocacy and assistance with recruitment.</td>
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Establishing stakeholder relationships

• Inter stakeholders meetings
  – Organizations

• Provincial meetings
  – District AIDS Councils
  – Local Government meetings

• National Meetings
  – SANAC
Maintaining stakeholder relationships

• Partnerships
  – Ongoing irrespective of studies e.g.
    • Referrals, health and para-legal, psycho-social support
    • Couples HCT

• Working together on projects
  – Reviewing Protocols
  – Guidance on Prep related demo projects MSM

( HSRC, ANOVA, WHRI)
Our Patron… Archbishop Desmond Tutu

“Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

• Passion
• Innovation
• Progress
• Integrity
• Respect
• Excellence
Gratitude…

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