

Hudson Valley RW HIV CARE Network

Care Coordination Committee Meeting
40 Saw Mill River Rd. Hawthorne, NY 10532
280 Broadway, 4th Floor Newburgh, NY 12550
June 2nd, 2009 10am-12pm

Present: (Hawthorne) Lorraine Anglin, Victor Alvarez, Latoya Butler, Marley Harry, Veronica Jones, Joseph Juste, Julie Lehane, Deborah Max, Victor Martinez, Trevor Payne, Peter Saetta, Jill Sallie.
(Newburgh) Saqib Altaf, Emily Boardman, Agripino B., Catherine Emestica, Edna Fantauzzi, Kristin Fountain, Bill Gallagher, Tracy M., Carolyn Saldana, Joanne Schmitt, Leon Wade.

Overview

Everyone received an agenda, May 5th minutes, the Faith Initiative Ad Hoc agenda, and evaluations. The minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented (Catherine, Latoya). Committee updates were given (see attached).

Old Business

- Trainings Update
The training entitled “Engaging the Mentally Ill/Substance Users in HIV Care” is scheduled to be on July 13th at ARCS Hawthorne and in Newburgh. The Network will provide food depending on the budget. There may be a form constructed but as of right now, it’s just an RSVP. The HIV/HCV seminar will be done by ARCS regional trainer at the Hawthorne office at the end of September and at the Newburgh office in the beginning of October. It follows the state mandated curriculum. They will reserve 10 seats at both sites for the Network and also include 15 minutes of consumer testimony as per our suggestion. The trainers will be Deborah May, ARCS Regional Trainer and NDRI trainer Diana Padilla. Please send your RSVP as soon as possible.
Action Item 1: We will formally promote the seminar this week via email. Please send your RSVP. **Action Item 2:** I will call Dusty Hackler, Columbia HIV Mental Health Project, to find out about the agenda and a flyer.
- Faith Initiative Update
We need more representation from the upper counties on the ad hoc committee. Rev. McAlister would like to participate. Veronica gave us a short update on the progress made on our conference call. We’re trying to put together a solid introductory letter to present to faith communities to invite them to a focus group. At the focus group we would like to have a list of questions to help identify what their needs are, what are they lacking, what is the sensitivity level around HIV, etc. Our goal would be to have a forum to help them with stigma/barriers, dealing with someone who might be homosexual and have HIV/AIDS and basically just raising awareness in the faith community. It was suggested that we anonymously survey the beliefs/attitudes of the faith leaders before the focus group so that we have an idea of how they feel about this HIV/AIDS and that will help with formulating the questions. It was suggested that we look into World AIDS Day contacts. Currently, we have four county’s information. We have to set a date for the focus group and it will be via videoconference from Hawthorne and Newburgh. The

information we get from the focus group will be used to coordinate a larger event or forum. It was suggested that Father Bob from Graymoor be contacted for Putnam.

- Provider Survey/Needs Assessment
We have sent out letters with the attached survey and will follow up with phone calls. We will report back at the next meeting. We will have a conference call scheduled for June.
- DSS Forums Update
Kristin Fountain reported to the committee on the progress made during the Ad Hoc committee conference call. We need representation on this committee from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Sullivan. This will be a county-specific forum. The letter to all seven commissioners needs to be revised. We got feedback from Dave Jolly and Mike Piazza who said that we need to clarify why they should be involved and clearly define what our objective is. They agreed to introduce us in the letter. We will have an individual from the committee representing each county sign the letter so that when the time comes for follow up calls, they know who to contact. The first meeting would be by the end of September. The next conference call would be in mid-late June.
Action Item 3: Carol Tyrell will be invited to the next conference call and the focus group. **Action Item 4:** We will contact Barbara Bento-Fleming from the Housing Committee, Part A and Danielle Ahmed.

New Business

- June General Membership Agenda
The meeting has been changed to July 17th from 12pm-3pm to accommodate travel time and the location will be Ulster/Orange County. We will start our recruiting efforts in mid June.
- National Testing Day- June 27th
It was asked if anyone has any events to announce for June because we will be sending out another calendar mid-June. Joseph Juste informed us of a testing event in Rockland County on June 26th from 11am-5pm.

The July meeting has been cancelled.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Amatulle,
Program Assistant