

# Hudson Valley RW HIV CARE Network

## Consumer Involvement Committee Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 12:30pm-2:30pm

280 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Newburgh 12550

40 Saw Mill River Rd. Hawthorne, NY 10532

**Present:** (Newburgh) Agripino B., Franklin C., Juan Carlos C., Ricky D., Tracy M., Leon W. (Hawthorne) Victor A., Glenn A., Darlene B., Maria D., John F., Victor M., David N., Thomas S., Gerald Y.

### **Overview:**

Everyone received the agenda and the minutes. Minutes were accepted as presented. (Victor M, Victor A.). Updates were given from all the committees (see attached).

### **Old Business**

- o Youth Education Updates

At the previous meeting, Committee members were asked to get names of agencies with whom they want to work. It was suggested that we have an ad hoc committee for this project.

Barbara has contacts from David Lovegreen, ARCS' former Volunteer Coordinator. Victor (A or M?) will be at a meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> and he will speak to the youth component of this advisory board. We need to have a clear objective for the project.

Suggestions were the following:

- Risk reduction, helping teens make healthy choices
- Basic education on HIV, how it is transmitted, etc.
- Make a small part of it about personal life experience being positive.

Next Steps:

- Identify speakers
- Identify schools/groups that you want to talk to/find out where the target youth are.

It was suggested that we have an ad hoc committee. It would involve several conference calls. There also has to be a curriculum that everyone should follow.

Ad Hoc committee:

Tracy M.

Franklin C.

Michael G.

Leon W.

Agripino B.

David N.

### **New Business**

The details for the Kpax Seminar and Seven Steps to a Healthy Immune System were announced. The training will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3pm in the Community Classroom on 280 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Newburgh. Please let us know if you would like to go.

## **Announcements**

- Volunteers are needed to provide testimony for the HIV and Hep C ARCS. Two committee members from each site are needed, and the testimony would last about 5-10 minutes for each person. The following people volunteered: Victor M., Tracy M, and Maria D.
- If anyone would like to get involved with the Faith Initiative or DSS Forum ad hoc committees, to let us know or contact Vernioica Jones from the Urban League who is the point person for this Ad Hoc Committee.
- Network staff asked how people felt about their names being displayed on the minutes as well as language for disclosure for our orientation manual for meetings. No one objected to their first name, last initial.
- It was said that we should use the language “infected and affected”.
- The Steak and Stein dinner hosted by Gilead pharmaceutical is tonight. Topics include medications and Treatment updates.
- Action: Barbara contacted about doing a presentation for the Network. It was recommended that the Network have Michelle Lopez give the presentation.
- It was asked if people would rather that the General Membership focus on a Hepatitis presentation or HIV over 50. It was felt that Shari Foster from Status C Unknown should tell her story because it's very uplifting and inspiring.
- It was asked if there was a membership application for the Executive Committee. Members were informed that elections will take place in October and the a nominations committee will amass names from the standing committees of potential candidates for the Executive Committee. However, if people are interested in participating on the Interim Executive committee there are a positions open for specific representation from Dutchess, Rockland, and Sullivan.

Next meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will not meet in August.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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