

Hudson Valley RW HIV CARE Network

Policy, Advocacy, & Education Committee Meeting

40 Saw Mill River Rd. Hawthorne, NY 10532
280 Broadway, 4th Floor Newburgh, NY 12550
September 3rd, 2009 10am-11:30am

Present: (Hawthorne) Susie A., Maria D., Dawn Kittell, Rob Maher, Deborah May, Sandy Vidarte.
(Newburgh) Agripino B., Tina Ithier, Dave Kreuter, Zulma Montijo, Tracy M., Marilyn Rivera, Riquel S., Leon W.

Guests: Matthew Lesieur

Network Staff: Barbara Bennet and Michelle Amatulle

Overview:

Everyone received an agenda, minutes from the August 6th meeting, a print out of Matt Lesieur's PowerPoint presentation "The Storm Ahead: Public Policy Update", Federal AIDS Policy Partnership document, "AIDS Watch: An Update on Health Care Reform", AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition chart, and a meeting evaluation. Committee updates were given. The minutes were approved (Susie, Marilyn).

Announcements

AIDS Walk is October 17th, in Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie from 9am to 1pm.

Old Business

- **Website**
There was a live video presentation of the Network's website. It was decided that comments regarding the design be in by the end of September.
- **White Paper**
The title of the paper is "Failure to Adequately Fund HIV and HCV Prevention Programs Now Means Increased Treatment Costs in Ten Years." The recommendations for the paper have been accepted and ad hoc committee members are in the process of researching data. A draft of the paper will be presented at the next General Membership meeting in October.
- **Legislative Monthly Emails**
An email will be sent to local legislators on a regular schedule. At the August 28th Executive meeting, members were able to edit the email and give their comments to improve it.

New Business

- Matthew Lesieur, of Village Care of New York and National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) gave a comprehensive presentation on health care reform and the HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act (HATMA) reauthorization, which expires on September 30 2009.
- **Nomination Committee**
The Nominating Committee consists of five Executive committee members. They are responsible for identifying new members for the Executive committee and the candidates for Commissioners World AIDS Day Award for excellence in the field of HIV/AIDS.

Evaluations

A report on the results of the Network's continuous evaluation process will be given at the October General Membership meeting. The report will be generated by the Network's Quality Assurance consultant, Susan Witte, PhD.

The next meeting will be on hold due to conflicts with the general membership meeting and the co-chair's responsibilities around exhibiting the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Network staff will notify the committee about the next meeting as soon as possible.

Meeting Adjourned (Riquel and Susie)

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Amatulle
Program Assistant