Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN)

Monthly Committee Meeting: **Product and Policy Advocacy**

**Date:** Tuesday October 11, 2011  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. (ET) – 3:00 p.m. (ET)  
**Toll-Free:** 888.627.7005, 110097#

### NOTES and ACTION ITEMS

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<th>Committee Co-Chairs:</th>
<th>Ken Bargar</th>
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<td>Jesse Fry</td>
<td>Scott Brock</td>
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<td>Rick Vitale</td>
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**Welcome, Roll Call, Quorum Determination**  
Cmte Quorum = 33% Active members  
Met with 82% (18 of 22).

**Meeting Guidelines**
- Mute phone when in listen mode. Do not put phones on hold.
- State your name prior to speaking.
- Committee and members must adhere to our FHAAN Operating Agreement, including our consensus process and code of conduct.

**Review of Mission**  
Mission: To identify our audiences and educate them on our issues

**Previous Meeting’s Minutes Approval**  
Approved

### Agenda

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**ADAP Crisis Action**

1,500 removing from ADAP watch list, maybe even more. Week to week.
- First-In/First-Out for waiting list. Therefore, new folks in need would be added to the wait list.
- Michael: Medical component to remove people from Wait List protocol by BoHA?
- James said he is familiar with this. Area 1: Surveillance info from BoHA. ie, co-infections, viral loads, hospitalizations, etc.
- Jesse: FHAAN to request clarification from BoHA.

Florida now near 50% of national waiting list. National dropping some, where are they going: kicked-off?, dropping out of care? What is their disposition?  

Go into active-mode to comment on DOH action? (Review ADAP Premium Plus, AICP, how removing of wait list, how do they prioritize, etc.)
Develop the list of questions by FHAAN Convening Group. Statement of observation/facts, followed by our related question.  
**FHAAN to monitor, review, and evaluate what they are doing.**  
FHAAN to follow-up from written Q&A (time stamped) by inviting DOH lead to be on our
call to discuss. We can then inform our members. Identify the benefit to DOH to do this. FHAAN Convening Group to facilitate that. DOH to involve FHAAN as a value added partner. Dialogue. ADAP summit with DOH.

1. Issues and our questions (top 10). Top 3 to Ted this week, then Ted & Joey to finalize for CG review next week.

2. Call with BOHA

3. FHAAN ADAP Summit with BOHA – Early Dec: Joey to work with Michael to establish date/location/funding.

DOH Reorganization

Dr. Farmer’s proposed reorganization chart sent out. Dr. Farmer wanted to move forward ASAP and move all to 1, but will be Communicable Diseases (3 into 1) = Refugee, TB, STD. We need to advocate for HIV/AIDS to be at top, due to funding and need. Especially with currently losing institutional knowledge with experts/leaders retiring. Division Directors were all asked to submit their resignations, and will then be reappointed. That Division Director would appoint Bureau Chief. Opinion: Dr. Farmer has strong ties to Republican party, conservative, law & order guy, not necessarily an advocate for specific causes (HIV/AIDS). Possibly a “hatchet man”. Dr. Steven Harris – Extensive HIV background. Who is current division director to replace Tom Liberti? Dr. Julia Gill. Final decision to her deputy director.

Sen. Garcia

Jesse to meet with Sen. Garcia staff soon, let us know how FHAAN can work with them.

FL ADAP Press Release and Online Take Action Campaign

ON HOLD: No word back from Rubio’s office to date.

Medicaid Reform

Extension of waiver expired Sept 30th. ACHA letter is into CMS. State revenues will be down. Medicaid may be as much as $1B under budget.

Pharmacy Choice and Access Now (PCAN)

Confirm it is OK for FHAAN to sign-on as a partner organization. Example shared Issue: Keeping choice and face-to-face access to pharmacist.

Old Business

New Business

Tallahassee Democrat article: Make sure community is part of the decision making process. Local LGBT community surprised at ADAP crisis.

CNN Reporter: Article will reach those who do not know the need for the ADAP program, not $.

Announcements

Next FHAAN Product and Policy Advocacy Committee Meeting:

Monday, November 14, 2011 @ 2pm (ET)
This meeting usually takes place the 2nd Monday of each month at 2pm (ET)

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