Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN)

Monthly Convening Group Meeting

NOTES and ACTION ITEMS

Date: Monday – August 22, 2011
Time: **10:00 a.m. (ET)** – 11:00 a.m. (ET)
     **888.627.7005, 110097#**

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### Agenda

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

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<td>A. HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta (Cathy <a href="mailto:HIVEducation@aol.com">HIVEducation@aol.com</a> &amp; Layne). Any luck?</td>
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<td>B. Consortia and planning meetings</td>
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<td>Volunteers/DOH sign-in sheets (Layne Kinney) – One day’s list to add to.</td>
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<td>2. Co-Chairs send to Convening group for review – Approved with a minor update.</td>
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<td>3. Co-Chairs present to full FHAAN for approval</td>
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### 1. ADAP

#### A. Eligibility

Final results on Surgeon General’s desk for review, and will then will be distributed publically.
Still waiting, no date set.
Waiting on new data to determine where we are. Those who pushed for 200% in administration, are now gone.
Bureau has to go through approval process (12-14 months).

#### B. Funding

$3m cap on each state of the $50m, regardless of state’s waiting list.
Part A awards that went out recently, but problems, so NGA will be reissued to correct. Folks are uncertain if adjustments will benefit or hurt each area. Part B going forward as expected. We will see if we had an impact.

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**Tom Liberti**

Ryan White:
All Part As waiting for correction
Part B – Remaining $ pending. ADAP supplemental pending.
Emergency funds application being filled out now. HRSA 3 categories:
Category 1: Part B appropriation
Category 2 and 3: This appropriations process

Prevention:
Good news – CDC 2012 cooperative agreements for state health depts.
$23million ($1.5m FTL & $2.8m Miami)
Application due to CDC by Sept 14th. Marlene the lead/our contact.

TA call this week to remove $3m cap.

**TAI will issue a sign-on letter to FL that $ should follow the need.**

Attach our FHAAN name to this type thing. Visually recognize FHAAN by sending a press release / comment, or something ... perhaps ADAP at 10k:

**Topic –**
$3m or what you got last year – whichever is greater.
Part C and D are done.
Issue with HRSA formula. Creator is gone.
$ should follow the need.

**Media Contacts – Co-Chairs?**
Convening group to brainstorm this week and we can have call Monday 29th – ADAP press release ad hoc.
Send Ted an email this week if you are on this ad hoc team.
Federal debt ceiling’s August 2nd deadline will greatly impact us.

**HQHC issue we should address.** Jesse will contact the press (Jim Saunders, AP, etc). Alelia will call Jesse with her contact person’s information. Waiting. We should contact the Osceola Commissioner who championed. Alelia to send name to Jesse.

**CDC FOA – FL benefits if we write them.** $8.3 million available. We need to be more vocal to CDC and each of our US Rep and both senators. Use cover letter and sign-on letter. Michael will draft language for our convening group in next 24 hours. Make it adjustable language. Jesse can help edit it. Miami and Broward can apply directly. Miami wants state to coordinate their application, Broward did not. Dr. Famer has mandated the state coordinate this for state. Broward applying for Part C for FOA: contract management and prioritization of dollars allocated. Joey to push up to FHAAN for network support of local Broward effort consideration. Letter from FHAAN Convening Group to Bureau asking for status. Joey to draft for Convening Group today. Received. Ted to send to Bureau from FHAAN email address and cc Convening Group.

**Debt limit:** If we get involved/take a position, tie it to how it impacts our client’s health/lives. How would we do this? Not as FHAAN, but educate members and why important to get involved? Discuss on Monday’s full FHAAN call. Old issue can be closed out.

### 2. Medicaid
#### A. Managed Care Reform

AHCA asking for more time from CMS. Low Income Pool Extension waiting until July 1st to get extension. Very likely they will get the extension: 1 year, probably 3 years. 4 new plans. 90 day opt-out for HIV/AIDS clients, otherwise 30 days. Draft of handbook changes included in last week’s FHAAN Weekly News email to all members.

Draft of handbook changes from Jesse to Joey and Ted for FHAAN. Completed.


Issues pending are on minor items.

### 3. Legislative
#### A. In-District Meetings

Planning in-district meetings (August).

Is there an advantage to doing this? Jesse will check in with Rick on this. Pass on creating in-district meetings/town hall meetings. More important to write to them.

### 4. Advocacy sign-on letter to Medicare Part D

[Statewide Florida Letter on Medicare.doc](File:Statewide_Florida_Letter_on_Medicare.doc)

List of groups who have signed onto it:
- Community Health Charities of Florida
- NAMI Florida
- Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- PhRMA
- Florida Transplant Survivor’s Coalition
- Lupus Foundation of Florida
- Elder Advocacy of Florida
- Interamerican College of Physicians & Surgeons
- Capital City Chamber of Commerce
- Association of Retired Americans
- Florida Orthopedic Society, etc.

Do we want FHAAN to sign-on as well?

Yes, general agreement.

Ted to add to 9/12 full FHAAN mtg agenda.
**Focus and Structure Committee**  
Alelia Munroe and James Talley


- New Co-Chair: Alelia Munroe
- www.FHAAN.org reset/forms updates
  
  Ted to updated Operating Agreement form’s new URL to web-based membership application system.
  
  Completed.
- FHAAN Volunteers Needed (Vol Cmte?)
  
  Each committee chair has received a list of all individual’s expressing an interest in volunteering on their committee. Each committee’s co-chairs are encouraged to contact these folks to help you with your committee work.
  
  - FHAAN Policy Advocacy Cmte: Good use of a turn-key system (Congress Web), especially identifying opportunities for our. Helpful to email elected, and cc others.
  - Co-Chairs will follow-up with their lists.
  - Ted to send as email format to Focus Cmte. COMPLETE.
  - James to follow-up with Bob Reynolds about meeting minutes/committee documentation volunteer help.
  - Call Reports from industry sponsors
    
    Ted to follow-up with Mick. If too much $, ask for just full call. Mick would like a call with Ted and Michael to discuss.
  - FHAAN Meetings now on TAI web calendar, with registration links
  - FHAAN Weekly News

**Old Business:**  
None

**New Business:**

- Co-Chair Annual Election
  
  Jesse’s position at 2nd year.
  
  2 week nomination.
  
  Acceptance of nominations, if yes –brief bio. (Jesse nominated and accepted) 6th digital vote by 12th.
- Administrator Position Description
  
  Drafted previously. Will finalize now that we have more required duties identified, and send to FHAAN convening group.

**Announcements:**

- 1.5 hour convening group meetings.
  
  Approved and updated on all schedules.

**Set Agenda for Next Full FHAAN Webinar:**


- Standing Committee Reports:
  
  Facilitate Meeting/Exec: Jesse
  
  Policy: Jesse/Rick
  
  Structure: Alelia/James
  
  Membership: Cathy/Ken

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**Next FHAAN Monthly Convening Group Meeting:**

**Monday – September 26, 2011 @ 10am (ET)**

**FORTH Monday of each Month** ([https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/783019947](https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/783019947))

**Location:**

Webinar (online registration email to be delivered by one week in advance)

888.627.7005, 110097# (Thanks to Mick Sullivan with Tibotec)
This Webinar is also held on the following additional dates in 2011:

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Focus and Structure Committee

Mission:
Create and manage the structure, processes and documentation to set-up FHAAN for success.

Goals:
1. Organizational Structure.
2. About Us.
3. Member Application.
4. Operating Agreements.
5. Web-based shared communication systems (listservs, documents, etc).

Product and Policy Advocacy Committee

Mission:
To identify our audiences and educate them on our issues:

Goals:
A. Materials:
   1. Introduction Letter.
   2. Priority Issues 1-Pagers.
   3. Fact Sheets 1-Pagers.
   4. Snap-Shots.
B. Audience
C. Education
Membership Committee

Mission:
Grow membership and enhance membership involvement to help meet member needs and meet the needs of FHAAN.

Goals:
1. 250 members by this time next year.

Objectives:
Go over current membership list to...

A. Evaluate who we have, see who wants to stay on and who does not.
B. Invite more people at various locations such as; Advocacy Groups: Consumers: black, Latino, PCPG, PPG, Etc.
C. Establish or reinforce an advocacy chair at each Ryan White consortia and planning council

Strategy Points:
1. ID Contact info for all these folks. Create database.
2. Communications to each of these people
3. ID Overlap within our FHAAN membership
4. New Florida Legislative contacts