Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN)

Monthly Convening Group Meeting

Notes and Action Items

Date: Monday – July 25, 2011
Time: **10:00 a.m. (ET)** – 11:00 a.m. (ET)
**888.627.7005, 110097#**

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<td>Welcome/Roll Call Quorum Determination</td>
<td>Quorum = 33% (3 of 8 required)</td>
<td>63% (5 of 8) = Met</td>
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| Meeting Guidelines | - Mute phone when in listen mode. Do not place your phone on hold.  
- State your name prior to speaking.  
- Abide by our FHAAN Operating Agreement, Process and Code of Conduct. | |
| Review of FHAAN Missions, Goals and Objectives | **Mission:**  
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## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

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1. **ADAP**
   A. **Eligibility**
      Final results on Surgeon General’s desk for review, and will then will be distributed publicly.
      Still waiting, no date set.

   B. **Funding**
      Alelia reported Gov Scott pulled funds from their DOH work.
      Michael:
      $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.
      Federal debt ceiling’s August 2nd deadline will greatly impact us.
      TA call this week to remove $3m cap. TAI will issue a sign-on letter to FL that $ should follow the need.
      HQHC issue we should address. Jesse will contact the press (Jim Saunders, AP, etc). Alelia will call Jesse with her contact person’s information.
      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.
      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.

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 from Jesse to Ted for FHAAN.

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.

**Focus and Structure Committee**
Alelia Munroe and James

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<td>• New Co-Chair: Alelia Munroe</td>
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<td>Each committee chair has received a list of all individual’s expressing an interest</td>
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<td>Old Business:</td>
<td>Convening group moved 4th Monday meetings from 2pm to 10am (ET)</td>
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<td>New Business:</td>
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<td>Announcements:</td>
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<td>Set Agenda for Next Full FHAAN Webinar: Monday – August 1 @ 2pm (ET)</td>
<td>Standing Committee Reports: Facilitate Meeting/Exec: Joey Policy: Jesse/Rick Structure: Alelia/James Membership: Cathy/Ken</td>
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**Next FHAAN Monthly Convening Group Meeting:**
**Monday – August 22, 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 held on the following dates:

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**Objectives:**
In collaboration with local, state, regional and national organizations, FHAAN will develop and implement
1. Public policy, education and advocacy strategies;
2. Engage in message development and media activities; and
3. Support community mobilization and grassroots activism.

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