# Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN)

## Monthly Convening Group Meeting

### Notes and Action Items

**Date:** Wednesday – April 27, 2011  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. (ET) – 3:00 p.m. (ET)

**888.627.7005, 110097#**

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### Executive Committee

- Jesse Fry (Co-Chair)  
- Joey Wynn (Co-Chairs)  
- Ted Howard (Administrator)

### Committee Co-Chairs

- Ted Howard & James Talley (Focus)  
- Cathy Robinson-Pickett & Ken Bargar (Membership)  
- Jesse Fry & Michael Ruppal (Advocacy)

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### Agenda

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<td>Welcome/Roll Call</td>
<td>Quorum = 33% (3 of 7 required)</td>
<td>Met = 86% (6 of 7)</td>
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<td>Quorum Determination</td>
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<td>Meeting Guidelines</td>
<td>• Mute phone when in listen mode. Do not place your phone on hold.</td>
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<td>• State your name prior to speaking.</td>
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<td>• Abide by our FHAAN Operating Agreement, Process and Code of Conduct.</td>
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| Review of FHAAN Missions, Goals and Objectives | **Mission:** Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN) advocates for statewide HIV/AIDS resources including education, policies, programs, funding and legislation.  
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## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

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<td><strong>Product and Policy Advocacy</strong></td>
<td>1. <strong>Budget (Jesse):</strong> In the Senate’s first offer, they funded Meds AD for physician visits and drugs, zeroed out a proposed rate reduction to Nursing Home care, took the House position on Medically Needy which includes drugs, increased the Medicaid rates for physician visits and dental care by over $150 million, eliminated a proposed rate reduction for persons with disabilities, increased funding of PACE by $500K, and restored AGAPE. All very encouraging and good news and all of those components take the House’s start-up position either outright or partially, right out of the gate. Considering the Senate’s apparent generosity, I’m encouraged that the House’s offers on the next pass may be similarly generous, because the issues represented in the items I just described above are HUGE.</td>
<td>I’ll be appealing to Chairman Hudson who’ll chair the next meeting to take the Senate’s position on ADAP and AICP, considering that the House just got what they wanted on several huge issues, representing many more millions of dollars that the $5 million total increase that the Senate is asking for. Next meeting is about noon today, so I'll do another update around 1:30 or shortly after. You can watch the meetings LIVE by going to: <a href="http://flsenate.gov/media/">http://flsenate.gov/media/</a> Make sure you have your Internet browser optimized for viewing streaming video.</td>
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<td>2. <strong>Workshops (Joey):</strong> Over 350 people at Tallahassee. We may be in danger of it dropping as low as 100%.</td>
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<td>Letter writing to Suzanne being set in Soft Edge system to ask 60k+ to write Suzanne. Sending with legislative letter this Thursday. <strong>Most important that writers/speakers begin with “I oppose ...”</strong> Ted to supply FHAAN membership forms at Tampa, email Joey forms for both Miami’s.</td>
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### Old Business:
All

### New Business:
All

**Our response to HRSA report**
Michael has sent initial request to Tom for community input/process.

**FHAAN will hold off on a public statement until after the workshops.**
Michael will continue to try to communicate with Tom.

### Announcements:
All

**No Membership committee meeting this month**

Ted to send notice to FHAAN today.

### Set Agenda for Next Full FHAAN Webinar:
**Monday – May 2 @ 2pm (ET)**

**Standing Committee Reports:**
- Facilitate Meeting/Exec: Joey
- Policy: Jesse/Michael
- Structure: James/Ted
- Membership: Cathy/Ken

**Plus:**
ADAP, Budget, Reorg: Tom (Jesse to confirm)

Focus will be on Policy:
- Budget
- Workshops

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**Next FHAAN Monthly Convening Group Meeting:**
**Monday – May 23, 2011 @ 2pm (ET)**

**FORTH Monday of each Month**

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

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Executive Committee

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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