Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN)

Monthly Statewide Meeting

Minutes and Action Items

Date: Monday – April 4, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m. (ET) – 3:00 p.m. (ET)
Dial In: 888.627.7005, Conference Code: 110097#

Executive Committee:
Joey Wynn (Co-Chair)
Jesse Fry (Co-Chair)
Ted Howard (Administrator)

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

Invited Speakers:
Tom Liberti (Chief, FL Bureau of HIV/AIDS)
Butch McKay (OASIS)

Members Attending:
Jeff Allen
Paul Arons
Ken Bargar
David Brakebill
Katrina Ciraldo
Marty Clemmons
Jesse Fry
William Harper
Steve Hoke
Ted Howard
Tom Liberti
Randi Masters
Butch McKay
Aelita Munroe
Laurence Osband
Andrew Paquette
David Poole
Jeffrey Pope
Cathy Robinson-Pickett
Michael Ruppal
Donna Sabatino
Michelle Scavnicky
Trey Watts
Joey Wynn

Welcome/Roll Call
Quorum Determination
Ted Howard

Quorum = 33% Required
Met = 80% (20 of 25)

Meeting Guidelines

- Mute phone when in listen mode. Do not put your phone on hold.
- State your name prior to speaking.
- Members to abide by our FHAAN Operating Agreement’s Process and FHAAN Code of Conduct.

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.

Goals:
To ensure that Federal & State Legislators, the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS staff and local leaders are continuously in touch with their constituents needs and are supportive of the following:
1. Effective research-supported community prevention programs;
2. Access to adequate, culturally appropriate and stigma-free, care, treatment, housing and social/support services;
3. Biomedical, clinical, and behavioral research;
4. Adequate funding for all aforementioned programs; and
5. Protection of the dignity of all people living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or religious belief.

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.
**Minutes Approval**  
Joey Wynn  
Approved unanimously

**FL BUREAU OF HIV/AIDS UPDATES:**  
Tom Liberti, Chief

### ADAP
- Welvista bridge has concluded, back to ADAP
- $57 million received to avert immediate crisis grant award
- Waiting on Congress
- Approval to negotiate contract for ADAP benefit programs about 8-10 days ago.
- New FL Surgeon General: Frank Farmer
- Withdraw of eligibility rule, and then out with 3 city rules workshops. Starting at 200%, then receive community public hearing feedback. (1) Tally 4/25, (2) Miami 5/3, (3) Tampa 5/4. Right now, limited to just ADAP.
- New Hepatitis drugs; need advice when they come on the market / expensive medications.

### Budget
- Senate Healthcare budget: $3 million new ADAP $, $2 million new AICP $.
- Nothing in the House budget, so we are working to move House towards Senate version.
- If approved, would appear in budget July 1st.

**FHAAN COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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| **Focus and Structure Committee**  
James Talley and Ted Howard | No March Committee Meeting.  
- FHAAN.org works as both direct-link URL and Google search  
- Weekly Email News Summary implemented  
- Online membership form completed  
- FHAAN calendar and all mtg minutes: http://bit.ly/hDEGwB  
- Added Agenda in invitation, confirmation and reminder emails  
- Added call # to webinar confirmation and reminder email  
- Webinar email sends reduced to only: Invite, confirm, and one 10am reminder  
- Motions/Objections: “Seeing none or low, move forward” (Option: Hand-raise on webinar for blind vote). | |

| **Membership Committee**  
Cathy Robinson-Pickett and Ken Bargar | March Committee Minutes:  
- March 15th sent to PPG, PCPG, Lead Agencies, Consortium, etc.  
- Events: Poz Living14, SCSN/PCPG |  
- List Management  
- Recruitment  
- Establish a regular (quarterly, semi-annually, or annually) membership satisfaction/input survey to ask members what/how FHAAN is doing.  
- Revisit companies that use FHAAN for information, but don’t contribute to running it. |
**Product and Policy Advocacy Committee**

Jesse Fry and Michael Ruppal

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**BUDGET:**

Last week Senate and House first shot at budget.

**Senate**

Good:
- Increase GR $3m for ADAP. From $9.5m to $12.5m.
- $2m increase in AICP (state trust fund).
- Continue access to HIV access testing

Maybe Not Good:
- Small AIDS drug line item $140k*

**House**

- Good, but doesn’t mention HIV/AIDS programs at all = probably means they will not touch it = flat funding.
- Political issue they do not want to touch

**OUR FHAAN ADVOCACY:**

**What:**
Get House to move towards Senate positions/Budget.
“FHAAN Statewide Education and Policy Advocacy Call-to-Action”

**How:**
- TAI purchased online system
- Jesse drafted email language - Approved unanimously

**When:**
Wednesday - April 6th

**Old Business:**

**Positive Living Conference**
Butch McKay


**New Business:**

All

**Joey Wynn**

- ADAP Town Hall Forums
- Joey to organize approach with Jesse, Michael and Ted on impact of 200%.
- TAI to get info from Suzanne

**Jeff Allen**

- 4 meetings per year with CAG, Gay Men’s Group and FHAAN to collaborate
- Need to verify with Bureau if any conflicts
- TAI will host

**Announcements:**

All

**David Brakebill**

- National call-in day on April 5th

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

**FIRST Monday of each Month**

**Location:** Dial In: 888.627.7005, Conference Code: 110097#, and

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