Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN)

Monthly Statewide Meeting

Minutes and Action Items

Date: Monday – May 2, 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 (TAI Administrator)

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

Members Attending:
Rafael Abadia
Jeff Allen
Dorothee Alsentzer
Paul Arons
David Brakebill
Marty Clemonns
Jess Feiler
Mario Ferri
Theresa Fiano

Bridget Giles
Steve Hoke
Randy Masters
Butch McKay
Alelia Munroe
Laurence Osband
Andrew Paquette
Sebrenah Phillips
David Poole

Michael Rajner
Bob Reynolds
Allison Ruby
Michelle Scavnicky
Suzanne Stevens
Alvin Tyler
Rick Vitale
Mallory Wells
Joey Wynn

Welcome/Roll Call
Quorum Determination
Quorum = 33% Required
Meeting = 61% (20 of 33)

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 Operating Agreement’s Process and 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.

Minutes Approval
Approved.

FHAAN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Agenda |
Product and Policy Advocacy Committee: |
1. Legislative Session/Budget Update

Discussion |
This will need to happen Monday/today.

Plan of Action |
FHAAN letter to our Florida Legislative budget leaders (Negron, Hudson, Senator J.D. Alexander and Representative Denise Grimsley) with cc to Haridopolos and Cannon.

The 1,000 FHAAN members through Florida appreciate their hard work on the budget and for their consideration of the Senate proposed $3m increase for ADAP and $2m increase for AICP.

Jesse will plan to hand-deliver these letters to them all, as well as FHAAN sending an emailing each of them.
TALLAHASSEE: April 25, 2011 Report

Successes:
- About 350 community advocates participated.
- Good comments, centered around problems the drop would create if implemented.
- Impact on having to turn down job offers if that will make people lose meds.
- What happens when 2 person households have 1 member with insurance and how that may impact, 2nd person’s coverage/medications (co-mingle rule).
- Other good comments: impact on prevention, community health issue
- Dr. Arons proposed IL example to grandfather people in/locked in.

Lessons Learned (for next 3 public hearings):
- Crowd Control, and 3 minute limits
- Need recommendations, not just opposition
- Prepare comments and practice ahead of time; begin with “I Oppose…”.
- Streamline meetings so all issues are covered.
- This is not a protest, but a hearing.
- Need for more press. Call newspapers and TV to attend to cover. Work with other associations, etc. and make connection with their support, to media.
- Process for collecting written comments – Include laptops at hearing to use FHAAN system.
- Missed comments so other hearings cover them?: Ryan White services, some HOPWA, Give them constructive solution ideas, make points about data and DOH holes in evaluation of that data/case-by-case evaluation by case managers on eligibility.

Preparations for 3 Remaining:

MIAMI #1: May 3, 2011 (Tuesday), 12:00 Noon – 3:00 p.m. (10am registration begins)
PLACE: Kovens Conference Center, FIU, 3000 NE 151st Street, Miami, Florida 33181, http://kovens.fiu.edu/
FHAAN Executive Committee Regional Contact: Joey Wynn, jwynn@browardhouse.org, C: 954-604-9244.

TAMPA: May 4, 2011 (Wednesday), 9:00 a.m – 12:00 Noon (8am registration begins)
PLACE: Mary Martha House, Room 201-202, 717 S. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, Florida 33609
FHAAN Executive Committee Regional Contact: Ted Howard, THoward@theaidsinstitute.org, C: 813-817-6095.

MIAMI #2: May 9, 2011 (Monday), 1:00 pm – 4:00 p.m. (11am registration begins)
PLACE: History Miami (formerly known as Historical Museum of Southern Florida) 101 West Flagler Street Conference Rooms A-B-C (Basement) Miami, FL 33130
FHAAN Executive Committee Regional Contact: Joey Wynn, jwynn@browardhouse.org, C: 954-604-9244.
Note: Larry Osband is heading up the bus from Palm Beach to Miami hearing: osbandco@bellsouth.net, 561-582-9086.

Focus and Structure Committee
James Talley and Ted Howard

Membership Committee
Cathy Robinson-Pickett and Ken Bargar

Next FHAAN Monthly Meeting: Monday June 6, 2011 @ 2pm (ET)
Dial In: 888.627.7005, Conference Code: 110097#
Webinar (online registration email to be delivered by one week in advance)