**Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network (FHAAN)**

Monthly Committee Meeting: **Product and Policy Advocacy**

Date: Monday February 13, 2012  Time: 2:00 p.m. (ET) – 3:00 p.m. (ET)

**Toll-Free: 888.627.7005, 110097#**

**NOTES and ACTION ITEMS**

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Welcome, Roll Call, Quorum Determination

Cmte Quorum = 33% Active members  
81% (13 of 16) = Quorum Met

Meeting Guidelines

- Mute phone when in listen mode. Do not put phones on hold.
- State your name prior to speaking.
- Committee and members must adhere to our FHAAN Operating Agreement, including our consensus process and code of conduct.

Review of Mission

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

Previous Meeting’s Minutes Approval


Legislative Session / Bill Tracking

Monitoring HIV/AIDS bills and related – including reorganization of DOH. Jesse and DOH staff are looking through the Governor’s budget and looking for specific advocacy related items for FHAAN. Continue to educate legislators on information and keeping them posted and constant contact if we have an action item for them or not.

ADAP

- Reported $5m increase on Senate side, none on House side. Jesse will research this more. **ACTION: FHAAN Thank You to Senate leadership, and advocacy action to ask House for at least the same.**
- Delay on where to put $35m due to finalizing plan, with plan to be implemented before July due date.

AICP

May be level funded.

Advocate for patient choice (mail order pharmacies)

PCIP Rx requires 3 month direct-mail pharmacy. Medicare Part D has Pharmacy option. Jesse to develop to bullet-points in their committee to share with FHAAN membership.

- Mail Pharmacy Services; One consumer’s experience recently:
  - Poor packaging (loose, no ice)
  - Mail rebate they said was never received
- Debit card automatically deducted
- Had to fight for full 90 day supply
- 4 customer service reps before reaching a pharmacist

*** Jesse/Rick to act as clearinghouse for consumers with these issues

**DOH Reorganization**

| FL DOH Restructuring: HB 1263 amended to decentralize to County. Block grant system would go to Counties, Counties decide on how they spend the funds. Governor Scott is reportedly against this. Does FHAAN have an opinion on this? |

**Medicaid Reform**

- Medicaid Reform: Keep an eye on for now (formulary protection in FL statute). Won’t affect Medicaid Waiver program.
- CMS letter to ACHA: Jesse to Ted for posting to FHAAN – rejected 2 amendments, but remainder of Medicaid Reform in process.

**HIV Criminalization**

| Keep an eye on the HIV Criminalization issues |

**Additional Committee Focus:**

- FHAAN Position Papers
- FHAAN process on taking a position
- Keep educational approach. Info source for decision makers
- Media/Press Outreach
- Work with allies (PCAN, Medicare Rx Access, etc.):
  - Present in dollars & cents (revenue & jobs) to legislators
  - ACA insurance changes: Be prepared
  - Medicare Part D
  - DOH Webinars continue (add prevention). Prevention $ received
  - Needs of Rural/North Florida (NFL/Rural FHAAN subcommittee)*
  - Privatization impact in Florida Sunshine Law

**Old Business:**

- Jesse and Rick to get representation from all areas in this committee and on calls.
- Rick and Jesse continue to seek participation on the Advocacy Committee by at least one member of each Ryan White Consortium and Planning Council.
- Dr. Jeff Beal on future FHAAN calls? Marlene? Others?:
- Activate U webinar?:

**New Business**

Committee name update to **“FHAAN Advocacy Committee”**? No objection, take to full FHAAN call in March for discussion/vote.

**Announcements**

Raising Our Voices Summit & Positive Living Conference: Raising Our Voices Summit is a pre-conference to our local Positive Living which is hosted by OASIS March 9-11, 2012 at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.
Applications for the Positive Living Conference can be found on the OASIS website at: [http://www.aidsosasis.org/AIDSosasis/Positive_Living_Application_Preference.html](http://www.aidsosasis.org/AIDSosasis/Positive_Living_Application_Preference.html)

Next FHAAN Product and Policy Advocacy Committee Meeting:
**Monday, March 12, 2012 @ 2pm (ET)**
*This meeting usually takes place the 2nd Monday of each month at 2pm (ET)*

Webinar Registration Link:  Mon, Mar 12, 2012 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
Toll-Free: 888.627.7005, Participant Code: 110097# * (Thanks to Mick Sullivan with Janssen)