Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network
Tuesday, August 4, 2009
Meeting in Tampa and Conference Call
5:15 PM

The conference call number is the following:
Dial In: 888.627.7005
Conference Passcode: 110097#

AGENDA

1. Opening and Introductions. The following members participated.
   - Rafael Abadia
   - Ken Bargar
   - Shelby Bays
   - Justin Bell
   - David Brakebill
   - Marty Clemmons
   - Marvene Edwards
   - Dab Garner
   - Jesse Fry
   - Butch McKay
   - Larry Osband
   - Andrew Paquette
   - Jeff Pope
   - Michael Rajner
   - Bob Reynolds
   - Michael Ruppal
   - Donna Sabatino
   - Michelle Scavnicky
   - James Talley
   - Valerie Wojciechowicz
   - Ksena Zipperer

   a. Email nominations to Advocacy@TheAIDSInstitute.org
   b. Nominee must agree to nomination.
   c. Deadline for nominations is August 21, 2009.

3. Discussion of Meet in Greet at the Gay Men’s Health Summit in Fort Lauderdale, August 29, 2009-(Afternoon).
   a. Call in capacity will be provided by The AIDS Institute (TAI)-800# and passcode.
   b. TAI will send out meeting notice flyer for face to face meeting that identifies the call in number.
   c. Agenda-meet and greet-update only, very simple, not a full meeting agenda

4. Formation of Legislative Sub-committee-pre sent a legislative plan
   a. Encourage handwriting letters, versus Electronic
   b. Action Alerts-how frequent, type, etc. reflects how we mobilize quickly
   c. Goals-set some realistic goals
   d. Build a better infrastructure internally
   e. Utilize Google Group-reply to all, but for FHAAN Business only.
   f. K. Bargar suggested Jesse to lead the group and work with Michael Rajner and other interested parties.
   g. J. Fry suggested identifying other people from the outreach list
h. Anyone who would like to work with this sub-committee-email Jesse Fry at jessefry@earthlink.net

i. It was suggested to concentrate on FL and have some Federal priorities as well to focus on.

j. M. Rajner suggested that there are particular priorities that we can advocate for now. For example, send comments in support of the lift of the HIV ban, etc. We need to focus on specific issues related to Ryan White Funding-when positions are created we need to be considerate of all parts of Florida, and there are concerns.

k. Jesse suggested that we focus on Florida and have a common goal and maybe have a federal component, but primarily focus on FL.

l. D. Brakebill suggested specific legislators who need to be targeted that will have a major impact on Ryan White Issues.

m. M. Ruppal reported that the majority of the individuals that signed up for the network is for Florida Advocacy. It is very specific to Florida however we can communicate how the Federal issues impact FL-TAI can be the liaison to the Network to tie that information in.

n. It was suggested that there be a Federal workgroup to the Legislative Sub-committee.

o. B. Reynolds: AICP, service wait list—when do we act on that?

p. Developing the first draft of the legislative plan is what is needed from the Sub-committee-a writing group-Jesse will head this group up.

q. M. Rajner suggested working with Shelby’s group for Advocacy training.

r. B. McKay commented on membership—outreach-people to do the work-he proposes a membership committee—care and treatment and prevention, research, etc. Offered to share the information from the SAC meeting-Google group will be a good place to share this information.

s. K. Bargar agreed to head up the membership committee-recruitment.

Other Items

a. A special thank you to Mick Sullivan and Tibotec for sponsoring the toll free call in number for this meeting.

b. Sign-up for the FHAAN ListServ is Advocacy@theaidsinstitute.org

c. Suggestion to send an email to the group about how to use the listserv, cut down email traffic—120 people on the listserv as of right now.

d. Survey as to how people are hearing about the call: support group, email communication, facebook, etc.

e. It is encouraged to share your ideas, thoughts, concerns, etc. as it relates to the FHAAN, post on the Google Group listserv.

f. AIDS Health Care, Chicago and NAPWA-collecting stories for Health Care Reform