Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network  
Monday, February 1, 2010  
Summary of Call  
3:00 PM

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

AGENDA

1. Opening and Introductions. The following members participated.

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<td>Ken Bargar</td>
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Jesse facilitated the call and reviewed the agenda. It was requested that the group discuss the upcoming Positive Living conference.

1. March 12-14, 2010 - Positive Living - An HIV Education and Prevention Conference, [www.AIDSOasis.org/Advocacy Training](http://www.AIDSOasis.org/Advocacy Training)/How SAC and Butch are working together for the Positive Living Conference

- Butch McKay presented the following information as it relates to the Positive Living Conference. He explained that historically Florida AIDS Action had a program called Activate U which is call to advocacy—he explained that they were granted permission by The AIDS Institute to use this program for the conference.
- Butch explained that they are planning a full day of advocacy training on day one and will work closely with SAC, NAPWA, & FHAAN. They plan to include other state advocacy items in the agenda for GA, TN, MS, AL, LA, etc. where most of the participants come from southern states.
- He suggested that FHAAN talk about its Florida focus this year, SAC-discuss regional opportunities, especially the South and NAPWA could do a national advocacy piece.
- Butch asked for one or two people from FHAAN to participate on conference calls to plan the Advocacy component of the conference.
- Jesse reported that he has several ideas to share including member fact sheets. He agreed to participate in the conference planning.
- Jesse suggested a request be sent from Butch and Patrick to the membership via the google group.
- Bob Reynolds reported that he and Janet conduct an empowerment seminar (10 hour program). However, they agreed to condense the information to fit a 1.5 hour workshop, if needed.
• Christopher Bates from HHS will be attending the conference and available for questions, etc.
• The cut-off deadline for registration for the conference is February 15th - maximum of 400 participants.
• If a participant is more than 75 miles and applying for a scholarship - they can apply for a Thursday night room reservation.
• SAC Leadership Council (Advocates from all over the country) Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2010 and Saturday, February 27, 2010 in Birmingham, AL.

2. **Education goals for ADAP and AICP and other 2010 priorities.**
• Jesse explained that the Governor has been traveling all over the state with his recently released budget recommendations. Jesse has been actively looking at the Infectious Disease control section of the budget. It appears that they were able to offset a 3.8 million reduction from Federal grants. Jesse will get with Tom Liberti or Sherry Riley to find out how they have been impacted. Jesse explained the general overview of the budgeting process. He also explained that he is seeking more information as we move into Legislative session on how the HIV/AIDS community is reacting to the budget.
• Next steps: Jesse Fry to meet with Sherry Riley and other Medicaid Folks - to determine the implications for the budget cuts. Also, lingering is the Ryan White budget.
• Jesse explained that the focus is how we prepare our State Advocacy efforts in preparation of the Ryan White award notifications. If there is no increase for ADAP, educating members on ADAP is critical. Also, if AICP is already on a waiting list, then real cost to the state if not funded. He further suggested educating/advocating on the immediate impact and long term implications for Florida Medicaid
• The next thing would be educating members on what the federal grants Part B grant awards - what that funds and what the implications would be for a 0 percent increase in FL. Also, how this translates to what the FHAAN does. He suggested that a handwritten note, along with a fact sheet addressing our top issues on the FHAAN letterhead/logo — would have a major impact.

3. **Syringe Access in Florida, discussion of current status, updates and opportunities.**
• Ken Bargar explained that they held a call recently to discuss collaborative efforts with other entities including EMT, Sheriff’s office, Diabetes folks, Hepatitis, Firefighters, etc. to promote better health.
• Ken stated that FHAAN can promote it among the coalition of individuals to advocate on education of syringe exchange.
• Jesse explained that we are going to need assistance from industry and Hepatitis groups in terms of advocacy and education of syringe exchange and harm reduction strategies. Andi Thomas from Alert Health and Debbie Barnes from Chance Center were suggested as possible advocates.
4. **Discussion of advocacy and education opportunities such as Hepatitis Day in Tallahassee.**

Jesse reported that the Hepatitis Day at the Capitol will be held on March 18, 2010 in Tallahassee, FL. Jesse agreed to get more information from April Crowley. He asked Michelle Scavnicky to forward the save the date notice for this event to the FHAAN google group.

5. **Other items or updates.**

6. **Next steps and next meeting-March 1, 2010 at 3PM (EST)**

   Thank you to Tibotec and Mick Sullivan for providing the toll free number for today’s conference call.