AGENDA

1. Opening and Introductions. The following members participated.

Rafael Abadia  Alma Howard  Bob Reynolds
Ken Bargar  William Koliba  Michael Ruppal
David Brakebill  Butch McKay  Donna Sabatino
Marty Clemmons  Andrew McCabe  Michelle Scavnicky
Anagha Desai  Valerie Mincey  Debbie Tucci
Jesse Fry  Alelia Munroe

Ken Bargar facilitated the call. It was requested that the group discuss the upcoming Positive Living conference first on the agenda.

2. Discussion of advocacy, ActivateU at Positive Living March 12, 2010 - Positive Living Conference

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Butch McKay provided the following updates:

- Conference calls to confirm speakers
- Policy speaker on Health Care reform
- Slide presentation from Department of Health
- NAPWA, SAC, FHAAN-time to introduce each group, mission, and point of contact.
- Breakout sessions, interactive sessions-advocacy work-nuts & bolts work
- ADAP, Housing and AICP-topics will be addressed
- Meetings with some of the officials from the Office of White House, trying to arrange for Jeff Crowley to speak (not sure due to travel restrictions).
- Chris Bates, HHS, Office of AIDS Policy-conducting a workshop/town hall meeting on the National AIDS Strategy
- Pre-conference session, ActivateU-advocacy workshop-10AM-4PM, March 12, 2010-leading to the kick off of the Positive Living Conference.
- The majority of the conference attendees will be attending the pre-conference as well.
- 400 registrants is the capacity for the conference
3. **Education goals for ADAP and AICP and other 2010 priorities**
   - Jesse Fry reported that he will be creating fact sheets on these issues along with the FHAAN logo to distribute to the legislative members (health care committees) as well as during the upcoming Positive Living Conference. He explained that due to the term limits, it is critical to continue to educate all members and he encouraged FHAAN members to write their constituents independently.
   - Legislative session starts Tuesday, March 9, 2010 and runs through the first week of May, which Friday, May 7, 2010. (9 weeks)
   - Jesse stated that having Activate U is very exciting to get the momentum going.

4. **Syringe Access in Florida, discussion of current status**
   - Ken explained that we are looking at the syringe access coalition to meet and that the only statewide gathering this year will be the SOS conference in June which may provide an opportunity to meet.
   - Michael Ruppal reported that Harm Reduction Coalition is willing to work with Florida to get people involved.
   - Jesse Fry reported that he is planning to meet with Florida Legal Services to discuss the implications for Florida regarding the lift of the federal ban.
   - Rafael Abadia asked the question regarding Syringe Access and requested information about the current terminology being used be shared to this group.
   - Jesse explained that the term needle exchange may be widely used, however, as a community we were hoping to use syringe access.
   - Michael reported that we have received some documents from HRC and we will be sending those out to the FHAAN.

5. **County jail release 30-day supply rule**
Donna Sabatino clarified that this issue was with the prisons, not the jails. She provided an update to the group about the HIV re-entry task force, specific for HIV and inmates being released into Miami-Dade County. In MD County, they are released to the community, etc. but they are only released with a 30-day supply of their HIV medicines. Typically, the meds run out before they can get into a care or treatment appointment. They are looking at the following two options:
   - Try to get the 30 day along with a prescription-The task force group will be talking with Dr. Beal, DOH Medical Director and the DOC folks
   - Change from 30 day supply to 45 day supply-However, this is an issue as the language appears in Florida Statute (a 30 day supply has to be given)—recommendation is to change the Florida Statute

5. Next steps and next meeting—Ken reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at 3PM (EST). Call number will be the same.

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