Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network  
Monday, June 7, 2010  
Summary of Call  
3:00 PM

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- Technical support of syringe exchange programs. Website has info
- Interventions out there:  
  o outreach education,  
  o HIV counseling and intervention,  
  o Testing  
  o Substance abuse treatment.  
  o Challenge in getting the mix of interventions right
- What does syringe access looks like  
  o Storefronts and street base sites- street base less expensive and more able to move around neighborhood  
  o Syringe Access Programs that have integrated into clinics  
  o Home delivery of syringes  
  o Mobile vans that distribute  
  o Distribute syringes where IDU may be located  
  o Peer to peer exchange recognize IV users are have a social network and can pick up supplies for themselves as well as their peers in their social network  
  o Pharmacy distribution- people can purchase syringes without prescription  
  o No perfect model but key is to be flexible
• Current Data: 212 underground vary in sizes. Survey in 2005, 22.5 million syringes given out but there are 100 million IV users and use 3 syringes a day. So not adequate. 1 billion syringe injections occur per year!
• Concerns:
  o Syringe Access Programs encourage drug use but its actually the opposite
  o That it may increase crime rates
  o Increase in needle sticks
• Syringes may be discarded in public places
• Successful outcomes: 1992 Syringe Access Programs has had a huge impact on its initiation, HIV rates has from IV drug use has stayed low. But still great gaps with racial disparities.
• There is a need to spread awareness and take legislative action. Reexamine organization and determine or asses ability to provide syringe access programs.
• Federal ban lifted on syringe exchange but legal policies (via paraphernalia laws) in Florida prohibit this

Discussion of ADAP Crisis
• AICP waiting list has over 300 people on it and ADAP has approximately 50
• The AIDS institute has been advocating for new resources to apply for ADAP but that’s one strategy, we need multiple strategies. Each state needs to have their strategy
• Controversy surrounds funding sources due to pharma relations
• Fact sheet for ADAP needed
• Perfect time to advocate with local representatives and senate. Be a source of information for them.
• Changes within DOH leadership, vulnerability for restructuring, Bureau of HIV/AIDS spends largest part of budget on meds
• What we need to know is how much in dollars we need.
• Letter from county office will be forwarded to Google group by Joey from Ft. Lauderdale (Medicaid eligibility)
• Evaluate plan; some portion can be rid of because has value.
• Some discussion of future caucuses in DC regarding ADAP crisis

Additional Information
Walgreens no longer participating in CVS Care program: Will affect those with chronic diseases including those with HIV/AIDS.

Next Steps:
• Suggestion to meet more often to discuss the ADAP crisis
• Next meeting is Monday, June 21, 2010 @ 3PM
• Tentative date after ADAP summit is Monday, July 12, 2010 @ 3PM