Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network  
Monday, July 19, 2010  
Call Summary  
3:00 PM  
Call Participants:

Ken Bargar  
David Brakebill  
Jesse Fry  
Alma Howard  
Steve Hoke  
Karen Jaeger  
Butch McKay  
Michael Rajner  
Michael Ruppal  
Donna Sabatino  
Michelle Scavnicky  
James Talley  
Rick Vitale

1. Federal ADAP Update-conference in DC, update on ADAP situation:
   - Michael Rajner-many presentations on healthcare reform, discussions about Gulf Oil spill is affecting HIV care in the Gulf States. 
   - Butch McKay is working on the Oil spill survey results.

Any update on the emergency dollars and the distribution?
   - David Brakebill reported that there may be announcement along with the supplemental funding announcements by the end of August. 
   - Michael Rajner reported 85 million was given by the House Subcommittee, for Next fiscal year 25 million emergency, 50 ADAP-States will folks currently on wait lists are eligible. 
   - Will there be guidelines or formulary to go along with the supplemental funding? TAI will track down the information and get it out to the group.

2. Florida ADAP Update
   - Florida ADAP is September 1st, Get all drugs on the formulary as it is until September 1st. 
   - Florida ADAP Wait list is 685 as of last week. We are averaging approx. 110 per week 
   - 735 ADAP number as of Friday, 757 as of today. 
   - It was agreed that the ADAP workgroup would get weekly updates from the State ADAP program office as far as the waiting list numbers. 
   - Michael Rajner met with Senator Bill Nelson twice this past week about the issues. He explained that he does not have a health staffer at this time and will be calling his old staffer back to help with these issues. A dear colleague or sign-on letter has been requested to begin discussions in the Senate. There is a possibility that he may appear at USCA in September. 
   - Jesse raised the concern around the ADAP issue in reporting the waiting list numbers to the Obama Administration on a daily basis. There is an obvious missing link from the national organizations not reporting this information. 
   - Michael Rajner said that wait lists are coming up so frequently, so the need number can’t be accurately reflected.
Michael Ruppal reported that recent discussions with Tom Liberti to begin in-state advocacy, he says the problem is the number is taken as it is written in stone and becomes a moving target, and can shut down the issue before we get started with the messaging.

Much discussion ensued in regard to national AIDS service organizations not taking on the ADAP crisis and bringing it to the forefront.

Michael Rajner suggested meeting with our state representatives and begin addressing the issues ourselves. We need to develop our action plan as a state advocacy group.

Michael Ruppal stated that often times, there is so much data information, but we need to focus on getting our community mobilized to talk at the national and local area.

Rick Vitale suggested implementing Activate U (empowerment training) in all of the local areas.

Michael Rajner stated that he produced mini stories of people and posted them to the FHAAN Google group.

Karen Jaeger-town hall meeting locally in Orlando, needs information and is pulling together things for the meeting but is requesting a letter and number to call, etc. for people to take action.

Butch McKay stated that we need to come up with a “ask” number.

Michael Rajner suggested coming up with a template for the ADAP issue.

Jesse Fry suggested a personal letter from the person affected along with the “ask” official letter. (Postmark.org) or hand deliver the letters on July 31st-most are back in their districts.

Much discussion ensued in regard to educating and empowering newly diagnosed persons living with the disease that weren’t around 20 plus years ago.

Michael Ruppal agreed to put together an “ADAP Crisis Fact Sheet” for talking points for the town hall meeting and the FHAAN members can assist in fine tuning the document.

Michael Rajner suggested putting the advocacy tools out the list serve so everyone can access them.

3. Florida AICP
   - 378 AICP waiting list-reported by Butch from Robert Sandrock today.

   - Michael Ruppal reported that David brakebill will be working with the Patient Care Planning Group to host discussions on the NAS in Florida. Michelle stated the calls would be held in the coming weeks.

5. Other business:
   - Gay Men’s Health Summit-it was agreed that there will be a time for FHAAN to meet during the conference.
   - Michelle Scavnicky will acquire the list for the local area consortia’s in the state of Florida and the contacts for the lead agency offices and circulate that to the
FHAAN group. Michael Ruppal suggested that the FHAAN members review the list and volunteer to contact the local co-chairs to begin advocacy presentations across the state.

- It was suggested to dedicate the next agenda to the National AIDS Strategy. We need to examine the cost strategy and gain background on the distribution of 25 million.

- Michael Ruppal announced that it has been one year since we held nominations for leadership for FHAAN. It was suggested that we conduct a call for nominations on 7/20/10~individuals can self nominate and the nominations will close on August 3, 2010. The names will appear by ballot and distributed via a survey for the final vote and then we will announce the new co-chair.

- It was suggested to look at the membership of the FHAAN group and determine the key participants.

- **Next Call: August 2, 2010 @ 3PM (EDT)**
  - Email agenda ideas to Ken Bargar at RW2001President@aol.com or Michael Ruppal MRuppal@TheAIDSInstitute.org