

## **Minutes**

### **Morris/Sussex/Warren HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee November 22, 2011**

Attending: Joann McEniry (NJ AIDS Services), Taryn Bell (BSW Intern), Marijean Sperry (BSW Intern), Sunny Khosla (Member), Cathy Boccard (HH), Joel Aronson (HH), Bob Armstrong (HH) Shelia Carter (Morris Co. Dept. of Human Services), Linda Hendrixson (Sussex Co. AIDS Task Force).

Absent: Sr. Roberta Feil (HH), Ray Suttles (HH), Bill Shapiro (Morristown Hospital).

JoAnn McEniry led the meeting in Bill Shapiro's absence.

1. Introductions were made.
2. Moment of silence was observed.

#### 3. NEMA Report/2012 Activities

a. Our health planning committee, comprised of Bob, Cathy, Sunny, Bill and Joann, is writing a revised comprehensive health plan for NEMA which is due in May 2012. The plan assesses the current MSW/Essex situation, sets goals, and develops steps to meet those goals. Sharon Postel, a NEMA consultant, will assist our committee.

b. Future MSW Advisory Committee plans include recruiting more consumers from Sussex and Warren Counties plus members from groups that do not receive Ryan White funding. We need at least two more members from each of these counties.

#### 4. Member Reports

a. Hope House. Cathy reported that one HH case manager has moved to Paterson, and a new case manager has been hired. HH now has five case managers. HOPWA still has money for short-term client needs (past due utilities, back rent, etc.). HH World AIDS Day program will be held December 1 from 11-2 pm at HH. Dr. Edward McManus will be the keynote speaker and will provide an update on HIV treatments. Clients will present personal reflections.

b. NJ AIDS Services. Joann reported that they will hold a WAD program on Dec 1 at 3:30 pm when clients will decorate Eric Johnson House for the holidays. A "Walk to the Green" in Morristown will be followed by a 6 pm candlelight vigil, with the reading of names and a red ribbon tree. Dinner will follow at EJ House. NJ AIDS Services will sponsor gift wrapping at the Rockaway Townsquare Mall in November and December.

c. Morris County Department of Human Services. Shelia discussed the December 8 Project Homeless Connect program at St. Peter's Church in Morristown where service providers will be available to the public. She also discussed the Point-In-Time Homeless Count program in January. Shelia reviewed procedures for their new members who are appointed to the MSW Advisory Committee.

d. Sussex County AIDS Task Force. Linda discussed three recent presentations to Senior Citizens clubs in her county, as the CDC is now reporting 6,000 new infections each year in people over 50 years old. Sussex Co. Senior Services has helped her send letters to all other senior clubs in the county to offer HIV prevention programs. Linda has also presented at several health fairs in the county during 2011. The Sussex County AIDS Task Force will receive a donation from the NJ Ride Against AIDS, as Sussex County freeholder financial support has been eliminated.

Linda discussed the WAD theater production, "Between the Seams," that will be offered again by Sussex Co. Community College on Wednesday, December 30, 10:45 a.m., and will send information to Joann to be emailed to her address list.

e. Art Therapy. Joel Aronson discussed his on-going photography project with HH clients, and efforts to contact Vice President Joe Biden with information about clients who are vets, and who are interested in presenting their photography efforts.

5. Old Business --September 2011 minutes were approved—Joel moved, Bob seconded. Approved.

6. New Business--Next meeting date set for January 24, 2012, 11 a.m., Greystone campus.

7. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hendrixson