



Minutes by: Michael Dell Uptyme Prevention Services

Rhode Island Community Planning Group for HIV Prevention Minutes

Date: November 10, 2005

Time: 4:30-7:25PM

Place: DATA 260 West Exchange Street Suite 301 Providence, RI

Present: Jacinta Pene, Midge Sabatini, Donna (Dee Dee) Williams, Deb Davis, Eleanor (Candy) Brown McSwain, Donald Laliberte, Nathalie Mene, Lorraine Kaul, Michael Dell, Jeremy Giller, Jamie Hull, Julie Davids, Paul Loberti, Lucille Minuto

Roll Call: Excused Derrill Isom, Vinnie Velazquez, Tina Shepard, Philip Kane, Elisa DelBonis.

Midge Sabatini, Nathalie Mene (must leave early) (*Resigned*) Francine Knowles (*Leave of Absence*) Geneva Brown is no longer a member. Pat Threats, Stephanie Howie

Quorum Announced by Facilitator, Lorraine Kaul

Approval of Minutes: Don Laliberte made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Midge Sabatini.

Donna (Dee Dee) Williams called the meeting to order at 4:43 PM.

Facilitator, Lorraine Kaul, reviewed objectives for the meeting.

Task Force Updates

Women – Dee Dee reported for the women’s task force. She announced that Teresa Fortes and Katherine Soares-Thompson would Co-Chair for the women’s task force. She asked Paul to define the role of HEALTH department staff. Clarification discussion ensued. Paul stated that the expectation of Health Dept staff is that they are expected to be active partners in task force work. The Co-Chairs will continue the discussion at the Co-Chair meeting. Specifically HEALTH staff may take upon varying roles. Some are co-chairs per the request of community members. Others have volunteered to take minutes and/or facilitate. All are requested to participate when in a TF meeting as members, and assist the groups as consultants. He further discussed the plan to have tool kits that would assist the taskforces in their work as they partner with HEALTH staff. The women’s taskforce revisited their goals. They discussed tragedy’s that have occurred to women even since their last meeting. Dee Dee distributed an example of a survey that

they are considering. They are also looking at a model of cultural competent systems from CT.

IDU -. The group has not met since the last meeting. Lucille reported that the group would be meeting on November 16th, 1-3 MAP Outreach.

Youth -. Lorraine reported that the next Youth Task force meeting is 11-11-05 at 4:00PM Planned Parenthood in Providence. The meeting will focus on is a single agenda item. They will discuss on youth recruitment. Midge reported that she has not received any feedback regarding the Orientation presentation that was placed on the web for member review.

MSM -. Lorraine reported that the MSM task force has not met since the last meeting.

Committee Updates

Empowerment –Deb Davis reports that the Empowerment group has not met but will be getting together soon. They may need some assistance from other members for charter revisions. They are concentrating on bring new members in.

Strategic Planning – No new changes since last meeting. Lorraine requested the group to reference previous minutes for updates.

REACH Capacity Building – Jenn was not present for a report. Paul discussed the certification concerns. They discussed that REACH does not involve as many vendors as it used to in the old model. The group discussed having Jenn come in and take some RICPG meeting time to do a REACH presentation.

RED RIBBON Rally Update: Clarendon Group consultants Jeremy Giller and Jamie Hull presented highlights of the progress. The RRR invitation was distributed. They are designed and in the press waiting for final approval. A discussion ensued regarding the invitations. It was agreed that the fist image in the center of the ribbon should be removed and leave a blue background. Jeremy explained that the fist image was used to symbolize a “rally call”. The group felt that it could have other connotations. Dee Dee made the motion to remove the image. The motion was 2nd by Don with one abstention.

The rally has already received press coverage. Red Ribbons were ordered from China. Paul discussed that they were handmade by individuals who are HIV positive from a remote village. The ribbons were distributed to members.

Jeremy agreed that Clarendon would provide Vinnie with some bulleted talking points. Lorraine brought the emcee award for the group to see.

The group discussed sign distribution and Red Ribbon distribution. Dee Dee offered to have her group deliver red ribbons to the vendors who were promoting the Rally. Jeremy reported on the number of vendors who were providing discounts to customers who wear a red ribbon. The Ujima players have been secured. Parking has been secured behind

Black Rep. There will be nomination forms available at the RRR for Unsung Heroes that will be honored at the February Annual Event. Baby J and Tessa will assist in the presentation. Paul is working with Progreso Latino in identifying some expert presenters. The group discussed inviting elected leaders to be “pinned”. They discussed whether or not the dignitaries would be expecting to speak. They discussed the possibility of a press conference? A half-hour before the event, a select group of leaders could be pinned with a red ribbon. It was felt that they would have ample time to speak (30 minutes.) Don Laliberte made the motion to have the press conference. The motion was 2nd by Deb Davis.

ANNUAL MEETING Update: The group discussed using the same list as the last annual event, before the conference. Lorraine is getting bids. The Shriner (Imperial Room facility is available for the February 9th event. The event is scheduled to be on a regular meeting day so that all members would already have that date marked off in their books. The place and date was discussed by the membership in the previous meeting. Lorraine reported that she followed up on their agreements.

Website: Dee Dee asked for a website update. Jeremy reported that there was no new news.

Name Reporting: Paul invited RICPG members to join the process to prepare for the edits and revisions to the AIDS Omnibus Law. Specifically name reporting legislation will be introduced per federal requirements. He said that the work would require meetings, discussion and extra reading. He is looking to involve the RICPG as well as members of the Provision of Care Committee. He would like to prepare form this group within two weeks.

HEALTH Budget Report: This was tabled for a future meeting in 2006

Programs Update –CHAMP Julie Davids presented CHAMP and distributed CHAMP materials
Community Update –Dee Dee has been selected to be a presenter for the Women Cares program in Geneva Switzerland. All congratulated Dee Dee on this honor.

December Meeting: December meeting will be an end of year party meet. Lorraine will send info and directions.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Public Comment - None

Meeting Evaluation – Lorraine checked in with the group and reviewed the objectives. There was a consensus that the meeting objectives were met, with exception of the budget presentation, which Paul was unable to do.

Meeting adjourned – 7:25 PM

