

HIV Care Network for the Finger Lakes Region

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Care Coordination Committee Meeting

June 5, 2008

Present: Tracy Boff, Bill Fox, Michelle Karch, Ruben Rodriguez, Ron Skwieralski, Patricia Terziani, Gillian Wells, Ann Williams

Staff: Nora Rowland

Review of Minutes:

The regular meeting minutes and the joint meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Agency Updates and Announcements:

- **FLACRA** – has openings for a Sr. Counselor and a Youth Counselor. Our HR person is Brenda Hale, and she can be reached at 315-462-9116 or at Brenda.Hale@flacra.org. Please contact Brenda if you know of anyone who would like to apply for these positions.
- **ABC/AFC** – organized a pastor's breakfast for the Rochester faith based community. This was a very successful event. Beginning next Monday, June 9th we are going to be doing Healthy Relationships in Spanish, if someone is interested in attending please contact Ruben Rodriguez at the Action Front Center. Healthy Relationships is an intervention designed specifically for HIV positive people and it gets to the depth of disclosure issues. We will be doing five testing day events and we are also hosting an outreach training.
- **ACHC** –Testing event will be Friday, June 20 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. in combination with our Pleasant Street Picnic at St. Joseph's Park. We have over 20 vendors that will be on site for this event. Testing will take place in the clinic across the street from this event. ACHC is also participating in a collaborative event at the Community Place on the next day. We have experienced turnover in some staffing positions. The Director of Community Services is on maternity leave, a case manager has left to continue working on a degree, we have a new physician's assistant, and our

current nurse practitioner will be vacating her position by the end of this month. We now have an on-site dental screening program with Eastman Dental for our patients and we finally have a provider for our methadone treatment program.

- **ARI** – AIDS Walk is on Saturday, June 7. ARI are asking that people leave their dogs at home for this walk. The Rural HIV Update will be in Geneva on June 26th and we do have some opportunities for clients to attend this event. Michelle Karch has now moved to operations, but will continue to do a lot of work with community services and outreach in developing programs. Starting this Monday, we have hired a part-time bilingual assistant to fill my spot which will be strictly administrative. We have two case management positions open, we have finalized one interview and will be making a decision on the second position. PRYD and Baden Street will both be on site within the next week, PRYD will be doing transitional case management and Baden Street will be taking care of the Medicaid issues.
- **CC** – We are still looking for another case manager. Our client picnic is Friday, June 27, 12:00-3:30 pm at Charlotte Beach Park, flyers are going out to clients at the end of this week. Tracy Boff is putting together a group to look at options for advocacy since Camp Good Days & Special Times will not be offering camp for our infected/affected children locally. She would like to do it on a HIV provider level and the meeting has been arranged to meet at FLHSA on July 11, 12:00 pm.

Follow-up on Identified Projects:

- Catholic Charities Safety Training – the training overall went well, the evaluations were positive with some minor suggestions made. Action Front Center, Huether Doyle, FLACRA, Salvation Army, East House, and Sojourner House were some of the agencies in attendance.
- Summer Case Conference – August 1, 11:00–2:00 pm with Catholic Charities and ARI, will be discussing two client cases and this conference will be case specific. Lunch will be served in the afternoon and Tracy Boff has developed a flyer that will be distributed. We have also worked on the letter that will be sent to the providers inviting them to the conference.
- The Committee will be looking for responses from the Network Coordinator to the email letter that was sent out to all member agencies by Roberto and Bill re: Medicaid Churning. We are in need of the feedback to move forward on the churning issue.

Follow-up on Project Inform:

- Contact was made with Paul Dalton who runs Project Inform in San Francisco and he is agreeable to doing a presentation/workshop the first half of which would be sharing his expertise on various trainings. He travels all over the world and works on some of the vaccine trials, but is also a consumer himself and able to speak on both levels for providers and consumers. He would like to do the talk after the International AIDS Conference taking place August 3-8, 2008 in Mexico City, possibly by end of September or early October. The presentation/workshop is tentatively scheduled at ARI, Inc.

Next Meeting: July 3rd, 8:30 am at ARI, Inc., 1350 University Avenue.