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Service Committee

Minutes

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Present: Donyee Coleman, Anna Figueroa, Jane Hallinen, Cynthia Jackson, Matt Kaye, Stephanie Pedreira, Annie Piazza, Melanie Poorman, Nancy Prowell, Eloiza Rivera, Ruben Rodriguez, Janice Simmons, Patricia Terziani, Lynn Varricchio, Ann Williams.

Review of Minutes:

Under those present, Tracy Boff's name was added and Stephanie Pedreira's name was corrected. Matt motioned that the minutes be accepted with those two changes and Jane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Update on Domestic Violence Workshop

Nancy reported that Cathy was late, but otherwise it was pretty good overall. Attached is a copy of the evaluation. The third in the series is *Sex Abuse- Implications for People with HIV* on November 19 at 8:30 AM at FLHSA. Maureen Murphy and Luz Thompkins are the presenters.

The committee discussed issues that they would like to have covered in this workshop. The following are suggestions for the presenters:

- How does sexual abuse lead to substance abuse?
- What available for counseling in the community; programs that work for people with a history of being sexually abused.
- How does sexual abuse impact adolescent development.
- How do you sensitively explore the issues.
- Cultural issues – expectations of cultures
- Do victims become abusers
- Red flags to look for in identifying someone who has been sexually abused.
- How sexual abuse affects sexual experiences and practices.

Future Trainings

Nutrition

Agencies felt that there was no need for this training since there are nutrition people on staff at ACHC. Also Cornell Cooperative Extension does it for agencies'

consumers. They offer information of such subjects as food safety, what you can do with food from food cupboards, menu planning, and make and share a meal.

Talking with Patients about Sex

For Case Managers and Providers

Eric Libby could go to agencies.

Some of the issues to cover are:

- How can a CM openly discuss various behaviors without letting personal values get in the way; making people comfortable.
- Develop a standard set of questions to be routinely asked related to safe sex.
- Use of uniform language.
- What do words mean?
- Condom negotiation for providers.
- How to disclose your status when negotiating for sex.
- Emotional abuse.
- Power.
- Relationship dynamics.
- Cultural background.
- How do you know if your partner is monogamous?
- Rough sex/violence.
- Dynamics of discussing sex when each person is the same gender; when persons are opposite genders; and when talking to someone who is transgender.
- No place for transgender – an update.
- When client is providing more information than is needed.
- Safe sex active.
- Dr. Neil R. will talk about reasonable sex. Abbott Laboratories will bring him in.
- The ‘gift’. People who want unprotected sex with positive partners.
- Discussing sexuality with adolescents or developmentally disabled.

The committee recommended a series on Sexuality. What group level interventions. Prevention for Positives.

At ARI each case manager is assigned a Prevention Educator; at intake clients are asked if they would like prevention education.

Agency Updates:

Westside Health Services – all nursing staff has been trained to do rapid testing. They are also doing pre/post testing. Rapid testing will be offered at Brown Square and Jordan soon. There will be one management team for all sites at Westside and Jordan. U of R runs the pharmacy, Laboratory and adolescent program at Jordan. Lots of staff have had babies recently. The softball team is had a winning season this year.

McCree/McCuller – their numbers are still increasing.

Catholic Charities – holding a fundraiser this weekend and next at Empire Lanes in Webster. Kids can bowl for \$7.00 and adults for \$10.00. Participants can solicit pledges to raise money for Camp Soar.

Reservations are being accepted for the Halloween Party which is October 28 from 2:45 PM to 6:30 PM.

LGR – more about the Halloween Party: Joe Robach and Maggie Brooks will be stopping in. Set up will begin at 11:00 AM.

VLSP – Offering presentations on couple wills, stand by guardianship, interview to attorney and document preparation. Ann is willing to do presentations to groups. She reminded everyone that it is important for clients to keep a copy of the Power of Attorney.

ACHC – has openings for an Administrative Assistant and a Medical Case Manager and a Latina Physician. Dr. Roberto Corales is the new Medical Director. Dr. William Valenti is receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award on Friday October 15 at 7:00 PM.

Announcements:

Latino AIDS Awareness Day is October 15 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM at St. Michael's Church.

World AIDS Day Event – December 4, 2004 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Theatre on the Ridge.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4 at 8:30 AM at ARI, 1350 University Avenue.