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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

December 12, 2006

Present: Wilson Augustave, Roberto Burgos, Joan Cain, Trilby deJung, Renee DeVore, Sady Fischer, Rich Fowler, Bill Fox, Priscilla Hardy, Bob Lebman, Letty Padilla, Kraig Pannell, Barb Turner, Lynn Varricchio.

Review of Minutes: Bob moved approval of the minutes of the November meeting. Sady seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as mailed.

Coordinator's Report:

The Ryan White Care Act passed at 2:15 AM December 8th. It is a 3 year bill, and NYS will lose a maximum of 5% off the 2006 base year in 2007. After that the state should return to the 2006 funding levels, staff has been told. Overall the bill appears to be one that NYS can survive with until additional funding comes along.

Julian and Lynn went to the National Assn of People with AIDS Conference in New Orleans. At a future date the two are willing to make a presentation to RATFA. Lynn's way was paid by NAPWA to help present the issue of NIR. NAPWA has now adopted as its highest policy priority getting CDC to change the way that CDC assigns risk categories to people who were heterosexually infected who now are assigned the NIR category. The MS Foundation will be supporting NAPW in its efforts. The issue of NIR that this Network has been promoting has now reached the national agenda of a leading AIDS Advocacy organization. Our advocacy work at NYAC and PPG has paid off.

PLWH/A from around the country who were at the NAPW conference now understand that Senator Clinton was not the enemy on Reauthorization of the Care Act. A number of people spent a lot of time bringing home this point to folks from across the country, and making sure people understand the importance of not allowing political forces to divide the AIDS community by redistributing flat/or inadequate funding so the community is fighting with one another rather than being united in a fight for full funding.

Julian and Lynn had a personal tour of the New Orleans devastation by someone living with AIDS from the community. What the two saw and learned is an important topic for a future meeting.

Work Plan for the Continuing Funding Application:

Lynn reminded the Executive Committee that our funding has been cut \$30,000 from last year's funding level. This year we must present a work plan that costs no more than \$100,000. Lynn then reviewed an outline of a work plan which she would propose be submitted. She indicated that members should identify those areas where they felt items should be added, deleted or amended. Once there is agreement on the substance of what should be submitted, she will develop the activities etc. for the Committee's review. The Committee reviewed and concurred with the general outline of what Lynn proposed.

Executive Session: The Chair then asked Lynn to leave so that the Committee could be brought up to date on strategic planning of FLHSA and possible implications for future Network staffing.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 10:00 AM at FLHSA.