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Prevention Meeting

Minutes

September 21, 2007

Present: Bridgett Baumer, Tom DellaPorta, Sady Fischer, Allan Forbes, Kim Smith, Patricia Terziani, Calvin Twoguns.

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Excused:

Staff: Pat Zacharias.

NOTE: Meeting was opened by Calvin Twoguns who chaired the meeting with Kimberley Smith the regular chair that attended the meeting later on during discussions on topics for the retreat being proposed for November 2007.

Members introduced themselves and the agencies they represented.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and Patricia Terziani being added to the Regional Gap Analysis and Service Delivery Plan Review Committee noted minor corrections. Tom DellaPorta asks for clarification on disc from the Minority Health Office. Calvin states they are CD's. Motion was made by Patricia Terziani to amend the minutes, seconded by Tom DellaPorta and accepted. Motion carried.

Calvin stated that this meeting would be about the retreat and that the reports that were undertaken were to be presented at the upcoming retreat.

Discussion ensued about DEBI's and the ability to make them effective by organizations that utilize them Both Allan Forbes states his concern of agencies not reporting their effectiveness or weakness in service deliverables of DEBI's to the community at large. Charlie Lytle from the Center for Health and Behavioral Training discusses his experience on DEBI's and the training he does across the nation.

Patricia talks about concerns of DEBI's not being effective to audiences, once they are chosen because training is needed, and so often people get rained in agencies only to leave before the DEBI's are even utilized, and trainings are very limited.

Calvin discusses the barriers of DEBI's to the Native American Community are even further impacted because there are so many factors involved for 576 tribes that are recognized by the Federal Government.

Charlie Lytle discusses the 4 core elements of DEBI's and further indicates that the CDC normally takes a 5-year process to make or modify changes to present scientific-based DEBI's offered. He suggests that Pat-Coury Doniger be present for further discussions on this topic.

Sadie makes suggestion as to topics for retreat to include:

- ❖ Adaptability of DEBI's
- ❖ Service Delivery Plans
- ❖ Education of Clinicians – Tom DellaPorta

Kimberly Smith states that she has discussed issues of community leaders and concerns of the prevention committee to Lynn Varracharrio and Bob Lebman through various meetings. She also states her agreement on "limitation" issues vs. CDC guidelines and ask the members present "Does our plan match up?" in regards to the medical model that Pat-Coury Doniger if Monroe County Department of Health has suggested.

Retreat Date approved by members present – November 16th, 2007 from Noon to 5 PM at the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency. Charlie Lytle will send a staff member from CHBT.

Tom DellaPorta has minor comment on the knowledge of the general community. Patricia Terziani states because of the funding stream to programs that she has seen a shift of knowledge about HIV/AIDS become less important to the community her organization is involved with. She further states that "stigma issues" are worse now than they were 5 years ago.

With that in mind, Sadie suggested that a small Prevention meeting take place to ensure logistics for the retreat were in place.

Next Prevention Meeting: October 19th, 2007 at 2:00 PM at FLHSA, 1150 University Avenue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin E. Twoguns
Volunteer Secretary