



Chemung County AIDS Task Force

Raising awareness and educating our community

Chemung County AIDS Task Force minutes 10/18/16

Attendees: Michelle Rodabaugh-STAP, Linda Swarhout, Deb Kluss-CCCS, Anthony Novakowski, Dawn Bush-CCHD
Rebecca Ciotti-Ivy Clinic Arnot

Introductions: Introductions were made.

World Aids Day (WAD): The group continued discussion on preparation for WAD on December 1st. Anna put together information about the origin of the quilt to display with the panels. This was lacking last year. **Dawn will make suggested changes and forward to the group.** It was suggested the emcee (Barb?) add an explanation of the origin and meaning of the quilt to their remarks. Anthony suggested trying to get media coverage to promote the event prior to Dec. 1. WENY and WETM have community focus programming that may be available. **He will reach out to them and will also speak if given talking points if they can do the coverage. Michelle will post in the event section of the Star Gazette.** It was decided to start the candle light vigil in Wisner Park at 5:30 to give those working until 5 pm time to attend. **Roger has offered the use of his sound equipment** so those speaking can be heard. We still need to recruit kids for the reading of the names. Dawn will check with Barb again. There is a health teacher whose class has sold aids ribbons that may have students that would understand the significance of the event. The list of names needs to be found and updated. **Michelle and Rebecca will check their files for this.** The students also held the banner as the group walked to the library after the reading of the names. We need to check the candles and holders for the ceremony. It was suggested we use our phones and a candle app to eliminate all the problems with actual candles. There are several – one was the red candle app. We will suggest people download it in our promotional material.

Linda said the library agreed to display the quilt. Dawn ordered and paid for the quilt for 11/28 thru 12/5. A signature panel was discussed. **Linda will look into materials and pens.** Rebecca said Island Care had agreed to cover the cost of refreshments for the event. **We'll have Roger ask Sweet n Saucy again.** Drinks were also provided. Possible speakers were discussed. **Rebecca will consider and check. Michelle will also check as they have a speakers bureau.** Dawn suggested Bob might speak too as he can tell what it was like to live through the epidemic. Dawn ordered giveaways and wondered if more were needed. Flashlights were not available. **Linda is going to check into ordering more.** The group discussed having tables with information. Last year materials were available. The group talked about the lack of availability of support groups. Funding cuts have led to the elimination of these and none are available in the County. Linda has not heard back yet about the sign that gets placed in front of the library. Dawn explained she received an email to offer a screening of the documentary The Last One. The group discussed showing the film. A couple years ago there was very low turnout for a showing of the Dallas Buyers Club at Elmira College. Deb said events in Monroe County have also had low turnout even when lunch is offered. It was suggested showing the film in the community room of the library during our event. **Dawn will check with the organization to get the details. Linda will see if the room is available.** A certificate of insurance is needed for Wisner Park along with a park fee. **Linda will call Angela Williams at the City to see what is required.** Dawn said the County has a blanket COI for the City that can be used. **Deb will see Emily from Trillium tomorrow and find out when she is available to attend meetings.**

Our next meeting is 11/15 at 10 am

Outstanding follow up items from previous meeting:

Elisha will check with the school educator for possible kids to read names.

Dawn will check with Barb VanDine to see if she knows anyone.

Roger will ask Mike about the Clemons Center. Roger will ask Andy if he will provide music again this year.

Dawn will ask the mayor and county administrator for proclamations and invite them to the event. Anna will check with some people at the Ivy Clinic to see if there is anyone willing to speak. It was decided Barb could emcee at the event. Linda will check on the WAD sign to be displayed at the library.