



Chemung County AIDS Task Force

Raising awareness and educating our community

Chemung County AIDS Task Force minutes 11/15/16

Attendees: Linda Swarthout, Deb Kluss-CCCS, Dawn Bush-CCHD, Rebecca Ciotti-Ivy Clinic Arnot, Roger Laughlin, Bob Bennett

World Aids Day (WAD): The group discussed final preparations for WAD on December 1st. Roger explained that Anthony had reached out to local media to conduct interviews to promote the event. **Beckie agreed to do this with him. Dawn said she had talking points already made up that she will share with the group.**

Beckie provided names of those that died from AIDS. **Dawn will combine these with a list from 2007 for the event. Roger will order refreshments from Sweet n Saucy and pick up a couple cases of water. He will let Beckie know the details and provide amounts and receipts as Island Care Pharmacy has agreed to cover these costs.** She also asked that a gluten free option be made available. **Bob will pick up the cookies.**

Roger is waiting to hear from the Clemens Center re displaying a Quilt panel. There are two shows during the week we will have the panels so it is a good opportunity to raise awareness. **He will contact them again.** Dawn said Elmira College had agreed to display one of the panels.

Roger will provide sound equipment for the candle light vigil at Wisner Park. Dawn has submitted the paperwork to the City and paid for the electric. Linda believes there is a key we will need to get from the City to have access to the electric. **She'll check.**

Barb has not had a response from the school health teacher re students to read the names at the ceremony. **Roger will reach out to some people and have them ready as a backup.**

Deb Kluss got the okay to attend the event and table. **She will have give aways available and educational material. Dawn will also bring what she has.** Deb is helping to spread the word about our event sharing information with Finger Lakes Community Health and at RAFTA and Southern Tier Sexual Health coalition meetings. **Deb will share our facebook posts with them.** As soon as we know other places the Quilt panels can be seen we will add that to the flyers. Dawn said to be sure to use the latest ones as the library is not open on Sundays. The date should indicate through 12/3.

Dawn will forward the updated version of the flyer on the history of the Quilt. Andy Fagan is all set to play at the event. A speaker is not yet lined up. Beckie said they are working on it, but we should have a back up. **Dawn will ask STAP.** Linda is working on getting the sign up at the library for WAD. **She will call and followup.** The group discussed changing the meeting time to allow a Trillium representative and public health nurse to attend our meetings. **It was agreed to move the meetings to the third Monday of every month at 10 am. Our next meeting will be December 19th at 10 am.**

Dawn will bring some candles to the park, but we need to remember to encourage participants to download a candle app.

The group discussed a donation to the annual show put on by the performers who raise money for various non-profits, including the AIDS Task Force. It was agreed to donate \$180 for a \$10 gift card to each of the 18 performers. **Dawn will submit a check request to Roger for this.** Deb Kluss said she may also be able to provide a donation.

The group talked about setting up and getting to the library by 4:30 to make sure everything was ready to go. Someone will stay at the library while others head to the park.

Our next meeting is 12/19 at 10 am