



Chemung County Sexual Health Task Force

Raising awareness and educating our community

Chemung County Sexual Health Task Force Minutes - March 20, 2017

Attendees: Community Members - Roger Laughlin, Bob Bennett, Linda Swarhout, Morgan Steward-Elmira College, Lauren Price-Elmira College, Ashley Reichard-Elmira College, Dawn Bush-CCHD, Sarah Robbins-CCHD, Megan Wise-Trinity, Christine Nightingale-Trinity, Abbey Gerard-PPSFL, Lisa Kruckow-CCHD, Gry Johansen-Arnot Ivy, Anthony Novakowski-Arnot Ivy, Tom Rogers-ViiV HC, Ana Gundlach-STCC/STAPP, Deb Kluss-CCCS, Barb VanDine-ECSD, Elisha Wolfer-SARC, Janet LaRue-Trinity

Welcome and Introductions

Condom baskets – thank you!

Dawn thanked TF members for putting the baskets out. She said there are a couple baskets left if anyone would like to take more. Roger reported that all 3 of his sites, SNAP, Club 205, Key West Tan took baskets.

PrEP Outreach at CCHD - Anthony

Anthony started 3/6 at the Ivy Clinic as PrEP peer navigator doing outreach and working with current patients. PrEP stands for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis and is for those without HIV, but are at substantial risk. On 3/28 the Ivy Clinic will be at the CCHD during the HIV/STD testing hours. Plans are to have a continued presence during this time. They will be looking at establishing a presence and grow in different areas within their five county catchment area.

Open House at Steele Memorial Library for STD Awareness Month on April 10TH 2 – 4 pm

- **Tables** - Tables are provided by the Library. The following organizations will have a table: CCHD, Planned Parenthood, Ivy Clinic, Sexual Assault Resource Center, Yellow Umbrella, Trinity, and STCC/STAP. Other suggestions for invitations to table at the event included Arnot, Office of the Aging, Mental Health (Shannon Oakes), First Tee (John Wilbur), and Reality Check of Chemung, Schuyler & Steuben.
- **Promotion** - Roger met with Marcie Daniels who is with WETM. She confirmed that it will be on WETM in some format ie. Community Bulletin Board. Dawn will send out the updated flyer for to members if they would like to post it.
- **Press release** – Dawn asked if anyone was interested in writing a press release? She will create a press release for the County. She will send it out to the coalition.
- **Food permit/handling** - Food permit has been obtained. Directions for handling food was distributed. Bob and Roger volunteered to manage the food table. Roger will ask Sweet and Saucy if they will provide cookies. He will also purchase paper products and water for the event.
- **Other ways to promote STD Awareness Month?** - Abby said that Planned Parenthood advertises free clinics. Anthony said that they are certified to perform rapid HIV testing and that it may be a possibility for the Open House. Ana said STAP has a mobile testing van that might be available for the event. The group thought this would be a better, more private option for testing. Dawn will check with the library to ensure they don't have a problem with testing being done at the event. It should also be promoted if it's going to be provided.

Dawn asked the Elmira College students what could be done on campus to promote STD Awareness. They said different groups table in the student center, but it is out in the open and they didn't think very effective. They suggested using a separate room with several different types of "health focused" tables. They also said flyers could be distributed to staff members and in various locations including the health center. Dawn will send students flyers to be distributed via email and on campus. Deb suggested getting advertisements on the campus digital advertising screens.



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LGBT Update –Safe Zones training April 7th 11 am – 1 pm at Steele Memorial Library

Anthony said that Kim Stanton will be doing a training on how to work with LGBTQ youth. RSVP's need to go to the Chemung County Youth Bureau. The flyer will be sent to coalition. The Elmira College students said they can pass the information on to those involved in Safe Zones and other appropriate contacts on campus to participate in the training.

SaFe Zones LGBTQ Youth Group meetings at Steele Memorial Library 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Anthony – A new Safe Zones group is being established at the Steel Memorial Library. This group will provide LGBTQ youth with the support they need. Possible events in the future include an alternative prom for students who are not comfortable with attending their High School prom. The target age for the group is students who are aged 13-20. Some programs will be just for older teens depending on the topic. There is a demonstrated huge need for these kinds of services in the community. Dawn will send out the flyer for this. EC students will help promote this on campus too.

Elmira College Students – The EC students explained they are required to go to one community meeting as a part of their program. As a result they have been out in the community discovering all the great programs that are available. They told the group where they were from and that they are nursing students.

Other – Agency Updates

Gre – Ivy Clinic is now fully staffed

Tom – Brought some unbranded educational materials for the Healthy Lifestyles Open House.

Janet – Trinity Club House at EOP will be opening April 1

Roger – Children's Miracle Network raised \$7,800 at their NICU event. Next event will be May 20 for the SPCA

Barb – Yellow Umbrella with Christine Baze is still working very hard to improve the numbers regarding the HPV vaccine.

Deb – June 10 – Finger Lakes PRIDE is hosting annual festival at the lake front in Geneva from 2:30pm-7pm. Non-profits are not being charged to table. Info will be sent out. The Finger Lakes Sexual Health coalition is doing their "Sex Drive" again. This is a kick off on how to reach youth in the car to talk about Sexual Health. Their Facebook page is - https://www.facebook.com/flxshc/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf

P.E.N. (Professional Elder Networking) networking opportunity for seniors on April 25 at 8am in Penn Yan. There are job openings – Housing Coordinator in rural areas (main office in Penn Yan), Peer Coordinator (Rochester office), Behavioral Health Educator (Rochester office). Catholic Charities Community Services website lists other job openings.

Megan – Drug Free Community Coalition is currently focusing on the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey for area schools. The next meeting of the Drug Free Communities Coalition is March 29 at 10am at CCHD.

Christine – Focusing on distributing Prom focused literature – Prevention regarding drinking and driving

Next meeting: April 17 at 10 am CCHD