



Chemung County AIDS Task Force

Raising awareness and educating our community

Chemung County AIDS Task Force minutes 9/20/16

Attendees: Anna Lechowska-Ivy Clinic Arnot, Ana Gundlach-STAP, Elisha Wolfer-PPSFL, Linda Swarthout, Deb Kluss-CCCS, Bob Bennett, Roger Laughlin, Dawn Bush-CCHD

Introductions and services: There were several new representatives in attendance. Introductions were made. Deb Kluss from Catholic Charities was in attendance. She explained her program saying case management services were available for those testing positive. This includes funds for housing and transportation. She distributed brochures, flyers, and business cards to the group. Ana from STAP explained they will always help the newly diagnosed, but focus on those who are struggling and non-med compliant. She said Gry will be leaving STAP as she accepted a position at the Ivy Clinic. Anna from the Ivy Clinic said they are excited to have Gry. She explained Arnot no longer does case management. They focus mostly on primary care. They have 240 patients and 30 on Prep. Their current provider is retiring and Rebecca will be replacing him. Deb described the handoff in Rochester to McPete, Trillium, or other organizations and that they work together to meet the needs of the patients. Dawn suggested posting to facebook to promote their services. Deb will have to check on that and get approval. Dawn suggested inviting Trillium. **Ana will reach out to them with an invitation.**

World Aids Day (WAD): The group discussed what to do for WAD on December 1st. A candle light vigil in Wisner Park like last year was recommended. It was suggested those reading the names have a little prep time to practice the pronunciation of the names and learn about the significance of the event. **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 provide sound equipment** for the event as it was hard to hear last year.

The group wanted to get the quilt panels again this year. It was suggested signage be developed to explain the origin and significance of the quilt. Ideas for other places to display quilt panels in addition to the library were discussed. **Roger will ask Mike about the Clemons Center. Linda will talk to the library to confirm displaying the quilt and once again hosting the event as they did last year. Dawn will ask Barb is there is a school it could be displayed at.** Linda reminded us that the quilt needs to be hung in a protected area where it won't be damaged. **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.** The group discussed ordering additional give aways for the event. Deb said the Aids Institute had several items that could be ordered at no charge. **She will give Dawn the order form.** The group discussed possible speakers. It was thought someone should speak in Wisner Park explaining why we were there. It was thought the same should happen at the library, but perhaps someone with a personal story should speak. **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.** Roger asked about the scavenger hunt of questions about aids at the library. **Dawn will complete the application to get the quilt panels here. Linda will check on the WAD sign to be displayed at the library. Ana will check the quilt website and send Dawn language for posters to explain the significance of the quilt panels.** Anna explained that Dr. Roberto Corales would be doing grand rounds for Arnot on Dec. 1st. She said they have discussed providing additional information to the physicians participating in that. The group suggested providing flyers about our event or having someone mention it. **Elmira College was mentioned as a possible site for a panel – Dawn will check with them.**

The group discussed food for the event. Roger said he could ask Sweet n Saucy again. **Anna will check with their drug reps who may be willing to provide refreshments.** Wegmans is another possibility. The group discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time. It was decided meetings will now be at 10 am.

Our next AIDS Task Force Meeting will be October 18th at 10:00 at the Health Dept. Please note the new start time.

2016 Meeting Schedule	
9/20/2016	9:15 – 10:45 am
10/18/2016	10:00 – 11:30 am
11/15/2016	10:00 – 11:30 am
12/20/2016	10:00 – 11:30 am
1/17/2017	10:00 – 11:30 am