

Capital Region ETE Steering Committee Meeting
Albany Damien Center, 728 Madison Ave, Suite 100, Albany
January 21, 2020

Attendees List:

1. Phone – Mary Ellen Adams – Specialized Care Center for Adolescents & Young Adults at Albany Med at Albany Medical Center
2. Suzanne Beattie – Albany Damien Center
3. Wes Burton – Albany Damien Center
4. Callee Carpenter – Albany Medical Center
5. Todd Cramer – Albany Damien Center
6. Phone - Scott Daly – Ellis Medicine Peer Navigator
7. Diane DeGroat – Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York
8. David Gabrielson – Catholic Charities
9. Brittni Gulloty – Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood
10. Jeannie Haller – Ellis Hospital
11. Susan Johnson – Whitney Young Health
12. Perry Junjulas – Albany Damien Center
13. Quentin Lott – In Our Own Voices
14. Kyla Loucks – Albany Medical Center
15. Claire Mone – AIDS Institute
16. Donna Muller – Albany Medical College Department of HIV Medicine
17. Lauren Quinn – Albany Medical Center
18. Gladys Valverde – Albany Damien Center
19. Erika Walker – Hudson Headwaters Health
20. Geri Walsh – Albany Damien Center
21. Christine Wasik – Albany Medical Center
22. Kate Wells – Albany Medical Center
23. Teri Wilhelm – Albany Damien Center

Call to Order – Perry Junjulas, called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

Minutes Review:

- **Motion** –Chris Wasik motioned to approve the November 2019 minutes. Claire Mone seconded. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- Legislative Report – Perry Junjulas,
 - Perry began by stating we are gearing up for the Legislative Education Day on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. This is an opportunity for the individuals we serve to have their voices heard. Each group that attends will have a member of the AIDS Advisory Council work with them. The budget will be coming up shortly, the State is experiencing a deficit. Medicaid is a large part of this. Perry reviewed the FY 2020 Core NYS Ending the Epidemic Community Budget Proposals. He also added the change of language is still needed. Assemblymember John T. McDonald III has expressed interest in being a champion for this initiative.
 - Perry asked Geri to give an update about expanding employment. Geri stated the center has 45 people enrolled in the Employment Pathways program. Currently, there are eight individuals employed and approximately six individuals enrolled in training and furthering education.

Perry also highlighted the cascade from the ETE dashboard. The link is listed here <http://etedashboardny.org/>. The members of the committee as a whole feel that the definition of “retained in continuous care” needs to be updated. Going to a once a year marker in regards to data would be better. Claire will take this request back to the AIDS Institute.

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Committee Reports

- Youth Sub – committee report – Mary Ellen Adams reported they met Nov 1st and were gearing up for World AIDS Day. Unfortunately due to the snow, they couldn't make it. They talked about the new standard of care and AIDSWalk. They have a meeting Thursday, January 23, 2020, at the Alliance for Positive Health.
 - Perry highlighted that AIDSWalk will be May 2nd.
- Adult HIV Testing Sub – committee report – Chris stated they currently do not have much to report. Kyla stated they will be doing education for teens/adults. She requested if anyone's hours for testing have changed please send her an update. Wes has the list on the ETE webpage on the Damien Center website. They are planning for National Testing Day.
- Linkage & Navigation Sub – committee Report – Perry stated the upcoming NY Links meetings are listed on the agenda.
- PrEP Sub-committee report – Donna reported they met last month, and they are teaming up with UAlbany to work on the month of February. Sue added they have a fit fair they'll be tabling at. She is following up to get more details. UAlbany is gearing up for a month worth of activities. The next meeting is in March on the 17th.
- Old Business – No old business
- New Business – No new business
- Agency Updates
 - Claire stated they are in the process of working with getting a better idea of who offers PrEP in different regions. Please send any updates to Claire in regards to the online PrEP locator. She also thanked everyone for a wonderful World AIDS Day and for everyone coming together to make it such a success. Claire's email is claire.mone@health.ny.gov.
 - Terri passed out MPower! rack cards to the group and stated they have 8 people in the program currently. She requested if anyone in the transgender community needs services to send them to her. Perry added this is a status neutral location. The webpage link is <http://www.albanydamiencenter.org/mpower.html>.
 - Geri stated Employment Pathways and MPower will be at the UAlbany for the fit fair. They will be hosting a job fair in May and she'll send out details. Geri also spoke about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) resource. The link is as follows: <https://www.unitedwaygcr.org/cash/VITA>.
 - Kate stated that Darren Truax started as their new case manager. They have a peer position open. Erica Johnson will be leaving, they will be recruiting for a social worker for that position.
 - Chris stated they had the CAB meeting and had over 30 people that attended. At the meeting, they had great presentations from the AIDS Institute. The next meeting is in March on the 10th. Donna will be presenting about PrEP.
 - Quentin reported that Project R.E.E.D. identifies Recruiters from the community to engage their network in HIV and HCV testing. All Recruiters get gift card incentives for their efforts and each of their network associates gets a gift card for testing. In collaborating with other community partners and community-based organizations, the goal is for any PLWDHI or those with potential risk/are on PrEP to possibly be referred to Our Own Voices as a possible Recruiter. Any possible referrals can come to our agency or call on their own or if they are comfortable and sign a release any provider could share their information with the Program Coordinator and they will reach out. Please contact Quentin with any potential Recruiters or any questions. Call (518) 432-4188 or email at qlott@inourownvoices.org.
 - Donna stated they have an STI clinic twice a month with Dr. Gilroy at 1 Clara Barton, please find the flyer attached.

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- Brittnay stated national condom week is February 14th – 21st. They will do a condom crawl in Albany at different bars on Lark Street. They'll be talking about safe sex, giving out condoms, and material. She will send out the information.

Brittni added that on May 5th there will be a lobby day for Comprehensive Sexuality Education. Perry asked about getting the law passed without the resources being assigned. Brittni said there have been some conversations, it is one of the key legislative priorities. They are collecting sex education stories that are very impactful. <http://bit.ly/UHPPSexEdStoryCollection>. Here are two items from Brittni:

2020 State Census Conference
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
10a-2p
Hart Theatre Lounge- The Egg
1 Empire State Plaza, S Mall Arterial
Albany, NY 12203

Rensselaer County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee
Friday, February 7, 2020
9:30-11a
Bulmer Telecommunications Center (HVCC)
80 Vandenburg Ave
Troy, NY 12180

- Lyndsi reported this Thursday at 3:30p, they'll have KeyBank do a financial literacy workshop. The Census will be here on the 30th at 1:00p helping individuals to enroll as employees.
- David stated they are working on expansion at Catholic Charities.
- Sue reported they have two fully qualified staff that are seeing transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals. Teri will connect with Sue about meeting everyone and potentially collaborating.
- Erika reported they are starting to test at jails in Essex, Washington, and Saratoga county (Saratoga Health STI Clinic). They are going to be moving their office in the next few months. They are also doing some rebranding to help with stigma.
- Jeannie Haller reported the HIV team presented at the provider meeting.
- Perry stated the Damien Center has Bowling for PAWS coming up on February 23rd. The link is as follows: <http://www.albanydamiencenter.org/bowlingforpaws.html>.

- **Meeting Adjourned** at 10:29 AM

Next ETE Capital Region Meetings are from 9 AM to 10:30 AM on the 3rd Tues of each month

Next ETE meeting will be on February 18, 2020

Next NY LINKS Meetings are from 10:30 to 2 PM

Next NY LINKS meeting will be on March 17, 2020

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New ETE Webpage at <http://www.albanydamiencenter.org/capital-region-ete.html>