

Capital Region ETE Steering Committee Meeting
Albany Damien Center, 728 Madison Ave, Suite 100, Albany
February 18, 2020

Attendees List:

1. Mary Ellen Adams – Specialized Care Center for Adolescents & Young Adults at Albany Med at Albany Medical Center
2. Karen Bovell – AIDS Institute
3. Wes Burton – Albany Damien Center
4. Todd Cramer – Albany Damien Center
5. Phone - Scott Daly – Ellis Medicine Peer Navigator
6. Diane DeGroat – Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York
7. Brittini Gulloty – Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood
8. Perry Junjulas – Albany Damien Center
9. Quentin Lott – In Our Own Voices
10. Claire Mone – AIDS Institute
11. Donna Muller – Albany Medical College Department of HIV Medicine
12. Steve Sawicki - AIDS Institute, NYS DOH, Office of the Medical Director
13. TJ Smith – Alliance for Positive Health
14. Gladys Valverde – Albany Damien Center
15. Randy Viele – Alliance for Positive Health
16. Christine Wasik – Albany Medical Center
17. Lyndsi Holmes-Wickert – 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 asked the committee about their experience with the Legislative Day. Scott stated that upstate rental assistance took priority. Gladys reported they met with three Senators from three different areas of New York. All were very prominent voices and were receptive to the information that was being conveyed. Perry stated they highlighted that each of the asks will save Medicaid money. He also added that the 5 million from last year was not spent and has been rolled over which brings it to 10 million. The language changes were given out to each of the groups. Scott received a scholarship from Housing Works so he will be attending AIDS Watch on March 31.

Committee Reports

- Youth Sub–committee report – Mary Ellen Adams reported their group met on January 23 and reviewed activities the youth have accomplished. They have presented at three teaching days and produced three videos. They are looking at 2020 goals. Lauren brought them information from the ETE meeting. They are incorporating PrEP awareness in the conversation. They possibly would be able to capture that in a short video. They also spoke about AIDSWalk and Festival. They will follow up with this today. They are also working with the HIV Stops with Me campaign.
- Adult HIV Testing Sub – committee report – Chris stated Kyla is working ongoing with different venues in terms of testing. Kyla is in the process of early stages to incorporate an art exhibit in testing. Perry asked if Chris knew how many places did rapid start, due to it helping to get individuals undetectable faster. Perry asked who in the group is able to do rapid start. The group agreed to increase awareness of rapid start. Private providers especially need to do a training.

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- Linkage & Navigation Sub-committee Report – Steve reported they have a meeting on March 17. The last meeting had to be cancelled due to weather. They will be looking at regional data including linkage to care. It will be after the ETE meeting from 10:30-2:30. The TCQ+ does training for consumers on quality. The goal is to get 6 people from 10 different areas of the state. They have six openings for HIV positive individuals who might be interested in this. The training is in Schenectady. Steve will provide further information. They will have lunch for NYLinks meeting.
- PrEP Sub-committee report – Donna reported they are collaborating with UAlbany. They are able to attend the Fit Fair next week. However, the STI week was already at full capacity. They are on the agenda for next year. They will be meeting again on March 17 at 5:00 PM at Whitney Young. In this meeting they will be discussing moving forward. They are hoping to in the future partner with some of the colleges. Donna and Brittany will have a conversation about contacts at UAlbany. Donna stated they need to expand to reach different areas of the population. She recommended having young MSMs of color focused on by the AI as well as women. Chris affirmed that it is not just our area, but it is on a statewide level as well. Perry will work with Donna and Steve at looking at local numbers.
- Old Business – No old business
- New Business – No new business
 - Presentations:
 - Donna is working to get someone to come in to do a presentation for possibly next month in regards to STDs. Claire said they also have staff that can take part in a presentation. They have a former HAB member that would be good. The question was asked if youth recognize the acronym STD vs STI. It was confirmed that they recognize STD vs STI.
- Agency Updates
 - Brittany reported they are doing a Sex Ed fair that will be led by teams from youth around the state. They have Team Clinic, which has drop in hours from anyone under the age of 21. She will send the hours of change.
 - Lyndsi stated they are having a series of workshops; the first workshop is tomorrow at 1:30.
 - Wes reported that Bowling for PAWS is coming up on February 23, please go to our website or talk to Wes if you want to register. The AIDSWalk and Festival is coming up on May 2 and we will be working with the Youth-subcommittee.
 - Todd reported the center is putting out eblasts more often. Please continue to keep sending information to us.
 - Diane reported they are setting up community engagement for the year. If anyone is interested in discrimination, confidentiality, or other trainings to please contact her.
 - Steve stated they have a monthly newsletter, if anyone would like to receive it please let him know. They will be doing some expansion. They will be adding resources to their newsletter.
 - Donna stated the adult PrEP program is putting together a networking meeting for March 12 from 10-1.
 - Chris reported March 10 is the next CAB meeting. Donna will be presenting on PrEP. Whitney will be leaving them and the position will be posted.
 - Quentin stated they have a Ball this weekend.

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- Maryellen stated they have the ability for same day PrEP and treatment for newly diagnosed youth. They are partnering with HIV Stops with Me. April is National STD Month. They have been talking about having drop in STI screenings. They may have something starting in April, they are viewing other calendars for timing. They are partnering with Kyla at local events with the adult PrEP.
- Claire reported HIV home testing is expanding to cis gender women of color. They are meeting with Perry after this meeting to discuss ETE 2020 and Beyond Listening Sessions.

- **Meeting Adjourned** at 10:29 AM
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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 March 17, 2020

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

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