



Capital Region
End The Epidemic
Youth Sub-Committee

Thursday June 25, 2020 4p

Meeting via Conference Call

Participants: AMC Adolescent/Young Adult program: ME Adams, L Quinn; Alliance for Positive Health Real Talk: B Lugo, K Bent, S Schillat, T Nguyen, four youth; Damien Center; L Wyckert; Mars

Usual agenda items deferred unless time permits:

1. Welcome and introductions; review of past 3 months:

Albany Med adolescent/young adult program open for HIV/STI testing, treatment, PrEP, mailing safer sex supplies; Alliance Real Talk has been holding virtual groups, providing safer sex supplies; Damien Center has staff working from home but programs still open for referrals; HIV Stops with Me has videos online

2. Review of NYS ETE goals/ and Capital Region Steering Committee purpose:

The three goals of the ETE initiative reviewed; several data points reviewed from ETE Dashboard

3. ETE 2020 and beyond NYSDOH AIDS Institute information:

Virtual Listening session for Capital Region July 21 offers opportunity for community input

4. Old Business (*not discussed*)

- Link to videos developed by youth for AMC SCC dinner programs on HIV/STD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zruPircBY9U>

<https://youtu.be/Ku6rzQWAWJk>

-The website, www.dos.ny.gov/info/register.htm, provides information on regulations that open for public comment and you can register to get notifications

-Palm card funding for distribution at upcoming events finalized; need printing in quantity

5. New business (25min)

-STI/HIV update: *During past three months many agencies not open for testing; concern that gap in testing may results in increased STI; discussion that youth sexually active during the NYpause period; importance of encouraging HIV/STI testing*

-Outreach strategies to reach youth while complying with current restrictions:

Youth/RT staff offered how important social media is during these times to stay connected, offer education and support; social media may allow youth at a distance from agencies to participate in activities. Much discussion on social media and best platform(s) to use considering access to platform, ease of using platform, privacy settings, pros and cons of visual vs. just audio outreach/activities. Youth felt seeing a face important to promote trust. Facebook live education discussed as probably the best format and in a way that public cannot see who is watching; Zoom discussed but not all youth comfortable having themselves visual to the group.

-HIV Ends With Me campaign:

HIVstopswithme.org has videos of 29 spokesmodels sharing their stories; has monthly short video answering questions. Spokemodel(s) remain available to collaborate on youth outreach activities and can be a part of Facebook Live event; meeting with Albany Med adolescent/young adult program to resume discussion of collaboration.

-Agency updates:

-Alliance for Positive Health-no testing yet but referring to NYSDOH Home test program; Albany Med drive up testing; doing a layer reopening; Real Talk has continued groups virtually

-Damien Center: open for referrals with staff working from home and planning layered reopening; doing grab and go meals; Mpower Central Ave office closed and office now at the Damien Center and doing HIV testing by appointment.

-Albany Med adolescent/young adult program open for HIV/STI testing, treatment, PrEP including same day appointments; routine in office visits rather than telehealth visits now; had recent Facebook/Instagram posts letting youth know office open

6. Future meetings:

- **Youth ETE Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 4pm** Youth discussed preference for meeting by Webex so can see speakers but if someone wants to just dial in they can

-**Capital Region ETE Steering Committee - July meeting hosted by the AIDS Institute as a Virtual Listening Session on ETE 2020 and Beyond!!*****Please register:

CAPITAL DISTRICT REGION: JULY 21ST, 9AM-11AM

https://nys_ete2020andbeyond_capitaldistrictregion.eventbrite.com