

THE COMMUNITY

Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition

December 2011

CARC Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Attendance: Bob Freeman, Yvonne Chandler, Nancy Howell, Kasey Harding, Jenn Kolakowski; John Merz and Shawn Lang, staff.

President's Report: The meeting began at 9:50 a.m. with Bob Freeman calling the meeting to order with a quorum attained. The board accepted the resignations of Yvette Bello and Michael Hawkins. The board nominated and elected officers for the upcoming year: Bob Freeman, President; Yvonne Chandler, VP; Kasey Harding, Treasurer; Chelsea Turner, Secretary. Board committees will be convened ad hoc as needed. The minutes of the September 7 board meeting was M/S/P as published in the monthly newsletter. The board approved the annual meeting, consisting of disseminating the list of continuing board members and those who rotated off the board at the end of the October 6 conference. There were no votes that came before the membership this year.

Treasurer's Report: During the transition of treasurers, John reviewed the balance sheet and year-end analytics as of 9-30-11. While there is a deficit currently listed, this is comprised of: unrealized loss on long-term investments, our board designated savings account, and slightly less fundraising income than was budgeted. We anticipate ending the year in the black, not taking into account any unrealized loss/gain on long-term investments. M/S/P as presented. John will work with Kasey to assume the role of presenting the Treasurer's reports.

Executive Director's Report: John reported that Kim Jackson, formerly of Perceptions Program's Omega House, was hired to coordinate the Training Institute for case managers that recently was funded by DSS. This will meet the new Standards of Care requirement that case managers receive a minimum of 10 hours of training per year; non-CARC trainings also meet this requirement. HPRP is ramping down but we are replacing the intake position and hiring another temporary position to assist with that program through April. A "town hall" is scheduled for November 8 to share and get feedback from member agencies about the potential merger. Kasey and Bob plan to attend. We are awaiting a new contract with DSS to assist with the disbursement of AIDS bond funds for 4 agencies' repairs and the paperwork with programs will likely begin in the early months of 2012. Regarding the creation of staff camaraderie with APH, our joint luncheon needed to be rescheduled due to the storm. The joint fundraiser, AIDSWalk, had a good turnout with lots of college students. We hope to incorporate a race into the event next year as well. The draft 2012 annual budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

Old/New Business: John asked that the board affirm that on 1/5/11 that the former employee handbook was incorporated into the Policies and Procedures document that were voted on at that date. The minutes from that meeting do not make that explicit. A few references in the P&P to the handbook

will need to be removed. The board affirmed this. In light of the two resignations received at the beginning of the meeting John asked if the board felt the need to recruit new members. This will be put on the December agenda and informed by the timeline given to us by the pro bono law partnership that John and Kasey are meeting with on November 8.

State Budget Update: Shawn shared with the board that DPH is putting together the \$25K pilot Non-Occ. prophylactic program. There is also a pilot for 25 Medicaid slots for non-nursing home based support that was approved last session and Shawn will be tracking that. This year's budget is not safe from cuts and programs need to invite legislators to their programs to show how cost effective and dynamic our programs are. Kasey suggested that Shawn pro-actively offer her training services to programs and their consumers on how to host legislator visits.

Executive Session: John and Shawn were excused and the board went into executive session to receive and approve the Executive Director's annual evaluation, set compensation level, and to determine incentive payment parameters for ED and staff. The board came out of executive session and thanked John and Shawn for their work during the year.

Adjournment at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Teleconference
December 7, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

M/S/P = moved/seconded/passed

CARC Calendar - December 2011

AIDS LIFE Campaign December 6 Noon - 2:00 p.m. Community Health Center, Meriden	CARC Board of Directors Meeting December 7 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Teleconference	CARC Member Meeting (E.D.'s only) December 14 10:00 a.m. Center Church, Meriden
---	---	---

For directions go to ctaidcoalition.org/meetings.htm



HARTFORD ACTION - World AIDS Day, December 1, 3pm

In conjunction with Occupy Hartford, we will be gathering at Turning Point Park, at the intersection of Broad and Asylum in Hartford. The goals are to raise awareness, and advocate for the UNAIDS vision of "Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths."

We will be making signs to hold up as rush hour begins. Suggested signs are:

- WORLD AIDS DAY - 30 years. What are you doing to end the epidemic?
- OUR VISION - Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths.
- HIV Positive? Get tested!!

Bring your own signs and ideas. We are 30 years into this plague with no end in sight. We're calling on everyone to commit to a renewed sense of energy and urgency and a return to our activist roots. We remember that there would be no AIDS services, care or housing without the courageous folks who took to the streets to make good things happen. Let's bring some of that energy back!

World AIDS Day Events:

Bridgeport:

Hope Beyond 30 Years
December 1, 11am -2pm
Univ. of Bridgeport, 126 Park Ave.

A Day of Reflection
December 1, 7pm
Amici Miei Cafe, 957 Main St.

Hartford:

LCS presents Red Shoe Affair
December 1, 11am - 3pm
LCS Satellite Office, 617 Park St.

LCS presents Vice Night
December 1, 5:30-8:30pm
Azucar Restaurant, 494 Franklin Ave.

A Service of Prayer and Meditation
December 1, 5:30pm
First Church of Christ, 675 Main St.

Free HIV testing at HGLHC
December 1, Call 860-278-4163 to
make an appointment

HYHIL's Wine and Beer Tasting
December 2, 5:00-8:00pm
Casona, 681 Wethersfield, Ave.

New London:

AFL's World AIDS Day
December 1, Noon
Provenance Center, 165 State St.

Willimantic:

Free HIV Counseling & Testing
December 1, 1:00-4:00pm
Perception Programs

Case Management Training Institute

December 7 - Developing a Meaningful Care Plan
December 14 - Navigating DSS Benefit Programs
January 11 - Social Agency Forums on Energy



Register online at ctaidcoalition.org/training.htm for one or more of the upcoming sessions of CARC's new case management training institute. All sessions will take place from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Center Congregational Church in Meriden. Space is limited, so please register early!

CARC wishes you
and yours...

**Happy
Holidays!**

Go to ctaidcoalition.org and click on **Join Our Free Email List Today** to get the latest CARC news and updates.