

THE CARC COMMUNITY

Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition

January 2012

CARC Board Meeting - Wednesday, December 7, 2011

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

President's Report: Bob Freeman called the meeting to order at 9:00. November 2 minutes approved M/S/P.

Treasurer's Report: John walked the board through the 2012 proposed budget using a comparison against the 2011 budget. There is a slight reduction in the grant line, based on what we believe we can expect for 2012. In terms of other income, for 2012, we tried to make this number more realistic. The biggest change for 2012 will be the HPRP program coming to a close. In FY2011, we had rolled in an extra \$300,000 that was underspent during FY2010. In FY2012, the HPRP budget reflects a four month amount which we expect will be spent and then the program will be fully exhausted. Also, two small DSS projects only go through June 30 so we will want to do a mid-year budget revision with these 3 lines, otherwise it will look like we're overspending those grants. There are increase in salaries and benefits which reflect a new trainer position and two part-time positions attached to the HPRP program. Client funds are based on the amounts that we expect to come in; that's money in, money out. In development expenses we have budgeted board designated funds of \$37,000. This figure is arrived at by subtracting projected expenses from projected revenue and reflects our intention to in-

crease our assets each year. On the monthly analytics we treat the board designated fund as an expense line and book 1/12th each month. A portion of actual savings at the end of each year is moved into our Davis Funds. M/S/P to accept the 2012 budget as presented.

Executive Director's Report: The next Town Hall meeting is Wednesday, December 14 at 10:00 at Congregational Church in Meriden. We are preparing a packet of materials. Four draft documents were sent to Board members for their review: 1) cover sheet, 2) proposed organizational structure, 3) concerns and responses, 4) benefits of new agency and proposed voting structure. The proposed mission statement will be added to this package. Board members were asked to review these documents and provide feedback. Two board members were also asked to lead the Town Hall meeting. There was some discussion about the lengthy and thoughtful process engaged in to date regarding whether or not to merge. A consultant was hired, there were many meetings between the directors, feedback from board members, organizations, and individuals has been solicited. There was additional discussion about the voting and incorporation process should a merger be recommended.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. Next meeting: January 4, 9:30 a.m. at Community Health Center in Meriden.

M/S/P = moved/seconded/passed

World AIDS Day 2011

CARC staff members and AIDS activists gathered at Turning Point Park in Hartford to raise awareness on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2011.



Send us your World AIDS Day photos and we'll post them on CARC's website.

Website Design

Does your website need a fresh look for the new year? Contact Jenn at jenn@ctaidcoalition.org or 860-761-6699 x302 to find out how our low-cost design services can help you.

CARC Calendar - January 2012

Board Meeting

January 4
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Community Health
Center, Meriden



AIDS LIFE Campaign

January 24
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Community Health
Center, Meriden

For directions go to ctaidcoalition.org/meetings.htm

CARC Audit Season

Audit packets will be mailed out the first week of January, so now is the perfect time to request technical assistance in preparation for your agency's AIDS housing program audit. The audits are scheduled to start in April. To request technical assistance, please contact Cecilia at 860-761-6699 x304 or cecilia@ctaidcoalition.org.

Case Management Training Institute

Ongoing - OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens (online)
January 11 - Social Agency Forums on Energy
January 25 - Care Plans & Documentation
February 8 - Workforce Re-entry
February 22 & 23 - Mental Health First Aid



For complete details on any of these upcoming training sessions, including online registration, please visit ctaidcoalition.org/training.htm, or contact Kim at 860-761-6699 x306 or kim@ctaidcoalition.org.

Get to Know Your Legislators



The next legislative session will soon be upon us, so now is a great time to organize a legislative breakfast or to arrange a meeting with your legislators. Legislators are especially moved by meetings with people living with HIV/AIDS. Many have no context and don't know people with HIV/AIDS.

If you already have relationships with your delegation, it's a good time to thank them and catch them up on any new developments. If you don't know your legislators, it's a perfect time to establish relationships and provide information about your agency and who benefits from your services.

We don't have a major legislative agenda this year. We want to hold the line on current funding. So, these meetings with have no "ask" attached to them. They are simply informational and about building relationships.

If you need assistance with planning contact Shawn at 860-761-6699 x301 or shawn@ctaidcoalition.org.



Transitioning from Incarceration Pilot Program

Transitioning from Incarceration is a pilot program funded by DSS for residents of Connecticut living with HIV/AIDS who are transitioning from incarceration to permanent housing or have had difficulty finding affordable housing due to criminal history. This pilot program targets the following populations:

- PWAs leaving incarceration to permanent housing (HUD defines permanent housing as "housing which is intended to be the tenant's home for as long as they choose").
- PWAs with a history of incarceration who are leaving emergency shelters for more permanent housing.
- PWAs with a history of incarceration who are leaving transitional or congregate living programs to live independently within the community but have had difficulty locating housing due to criminal record.

This program provides for First Month's Rent, Last Month's Rent, Security Deposit, and Short Term Rental Assistance (through June 2012). Eligible participants have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis; have income at or below 200% FPL, have a rent-to-income ratio between 40-80%, and must demonstrate difficulty obtaining housing **due to recent incarceration**. Case managers can access the application for this program at ctaidcoalition.org/assistance.htm. For more information contact Cecilia at 860-761-6699 x304 or cecilia@ctaidcoalition.org.

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