

Minutes:	Commission on AIDS PAC/RAC Committee/Community Relations Committee	
Date:	Thursday, February 5, 2009 3:30-5:00 p.m.	
Location:	490 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa, CA	
Present:	Dwayne, Ellen, Sean, Ginger, Ruben, Theresa, Jay	
Meeting Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed the 2008 Consumer Needs Assessment Report and Dental Task Force meeting summaries. The next meeting will be: Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at 490 Mendocino Avenues, Santa Rosa (Manzanita room). 	
Follow Up Tasks		
Who	What	When
Jay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up with Sean regarding the Commission on AIDS brochures for distribution 	Before February 13
<i>Meeting summary for Commission report</i>		
Topic	Discussion	Update/Action needed
2008 Needs Assessment Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2008 Consumer Needs Assessment Report distributed to members, discussed preliminary results summary 	FYI
Dental Task Force Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of Dental Task Force was shared, discussed information from the two meetings 	FYI

Monthly Countdown: The implementation of the transition for services needs to be complete in less than 11 months.

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- 1) Public comment
 - a. There was no public comment.
- 2) Approval of January Minutes
 - a. The January minutes were accepted with meeting attendance added.
 - b. Amended minutes to be updated and posted on website.
- 3) Announcements, changes in agenda and updates
 - a. The Medical Case Management Workshop was a success. Several PAC members attended. From this workshop members were recruited to be a part of the Medical Case Management Transition Team composed of providers, administrators, consumers, and staff.
 - b. FAWG membership and member recruitment discussed. Applications were distributed. The PAC members discussed the significance of FAWG in current economic times and necessary funding shifts, and the vision of services in the future. Time commitment for FAWG is every Friday afternoon starting the last week of March 27, 2009 through May 2009.
 - c. Members discussed the pros and cons regarding PAC members being segregated from with Services or Business by being their own committee. This topic will be discussed further at the March meeting.
 - d. It was announced that there are problems with web and email distribution of COA minutes, agendas, and other documents and they will be resolved when the web site maintenance person returns from leave in early spring. A ReConnect Advocate will update and maintain the COA and ReConnect boards at the HIV Clinic.

- e. The World AIDS Day (WAD) meeting occurred to brainstorm events for next year. A theater inspired event was discussed. WAD 2009 committee member recruitment has begun.
- 4) Living Calendar update
- a. The update was postponed until next month.
- 5) Needs Assessment Results:
- a. The last needs assessment was done in 2005. The 2008 Assessment will be used along with epidemiological, services, and other data for the FAWG. The survey was a shift to the ReConnect philosophy as it was not intended to be a client or agency satisfaction survey but focused on clients well being, concerns, and ability to secure assistance for themselves. There were almost 200 responses. Results showed that a majority of respondents are in good physical health, have strong support networks, have health insurance and have a very low viral load. One quarter of clients indicated that the ability to pay can be a barrier to receiving services. Approximately half of the respondents are working or seeking work. Staff will continue to review the data. The document will be available on the Commission website. Members discussed the overall positive results compared to past needs assessments. Members expressed the need to release the survey again to gather more survey participants and to focus more efforts on finding those out of care. Past efforts at finding those out of care and the difficulties finding those out of care were discussed.
- 6) Dental Task Force update
- a. A brief Dental Task Force history was shared with members. Two task force meetings were held to educate one another and to determine: what services are needed, what can be paid for, and looking at ways to get services information to consumers.
- 7) Commissioner Recruitment – regular update
- a. Three potential applicants have expressed interest and may submit applications. Members shared recruitment avenues.
- 8) Items for next meeting
- a. Welcome to new ReConnect Advocates, Discussion about Commission committee structure, and WAD report.
- 9) Meeting adjourned – **Next meeting will be March 5th, at 490 Mendocino Avenues, Santa Rosa (Manzanita room-upstairs) from 3:30pm-5:00pm.**

PAC/RAC: PAC (People with AIDS Advocacy Committee)/RAC (ReConnect Action Committee) - This dual committee provides greater involvement in the planning process for persons living with HIV/AIDS, and addresses their social, emotional, educational and vocational needs to help them take positive steps that lead to satisfying, meaningful, and healthy lives.

PAC (People with AIDS Advocacy Committee) Mission: Our mission is to identify, represent and advocate for the needs of persons living with HIV disease in Sonoma County. We work to promote measures that help persons with HIV to live healthy, dignified and productive lives and to build and sustain a community in which persons with HIV are actively involved in the decisions and actions, which affect their health and well being.

RAC (ReConnect Action Committee) Mission: The ReConnect Action Committee works to support people with HIV to re-imagine our futures. We seek to address social, emotional, educational and vocational needs and to equip individuals to make positive steps to explore new possibilities, which lead to satisfying, meaningful and healthy lives.