

END HIV ALABAMA

Meeting Notes for March 25, 2021

10:00- 10:50 a.m.

Registrants: Marco Mays, Marvellus Prater, Steve Dellinger, Carmarion D. Aderson-Harvey, Brittney Brooks, Jonathan Joseph, Ashley Tarrant, Dr. Ritalinda D'Andrea Lee, Christa Brown, Kendall Maye, Shakina Wheeler-Cox, Julie Hope, Tia Gilbert, Emma Kay, Erin Bortel, Gloria Howard, Shey Thorn, Jacky Snell, Dr. Wesley Willeford, Vanessa Tate Finney, Kim Love, Virginia Bozeman, Morgan Farrington, Joshua Eyer, Ashley Tarrant, Chelsey Holland, Sequoya Eady, James Duke, and Adrinda Carter

Work Group (sub-committee) Reports

Ashley Tarrant gave the report for the Membership sub-committee. The members have made edits to the recruitment flyer. All marketing and educational materials must be submitted to Adrinda so they can be reviewed by the Assurance of Compliance Committee. It was agreed that all the committees will work together to recruit new members, with the membership sub-committee acting as lead and being responsible for goals set.

Steve gave reports for Marketing and Policy & Advocacy sub-committees. He updated the group on the bi-monthly digital newsletter that is being developed. The Marketing work group would like to highlight a partner organization in each issue and requests support from other work groups for novel ideas. Policy and Advocacy members have been working on developing in-service training taught by consumers.

Jonathan stated the Education work group has not met since the last meeting and does not have an update prepared.

ADPH Update

Chelsey reported that 13 agencies have been chosen as CDC Prevention Grant sub-recipients. Contracts have not been cleared through legal, so recipients cannot yet be announced.

Jonathan announced that the HRSA RFP is currently in the management approval process, and ADPH is aiming for a May release.

Upcoming Awareness Day Events

- April 18 is National Transgender HIV Testing Day. The EHE Office is partnering with Human Rights Campaign (HRC) for events April 16 & 18. The events will include discussion and Q&A with trans-identified consumers and care providers. All AIDS Service Organizations are encouraged to participate.
- April 10 is National Youth HIV Awareness Day
- Alabama HIV Awareness Day is Monday, March 29, 2021

Discussion

- Membership and Marketing committees agreed to partner on creating a state-wide resource directory that builds on existing directories
- Carmarion suggested we be intentional about partnering with barber and beauty shops and faith-based organizations for National HIV Testing Day (June 27, 2021).
- The group discussed readiness for adding sub-committees to specifically address trans-identified people and Youth. Ashley stated that Membership discussed having a youth advisory group led by a member who would do a monthly report out. The proposed age range is 13-24. Brittney agreed to introduce Ashley to Sue Jones, the Director of the Focus Program.
- Vanessa and Shey reported that AIDS Alabama has formed a partnership with TARP (Teen Advocates for Risk Prevention). The participants' ages are 13-18.
- Carmarion volunteered to work with Membership to recruit more people with transgender experience.

Next month's meeting: May 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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