

**Dutchess County HIV Health Services Planning Council**  
**DCHIVHSPC**  
**Membership Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 1, 2008**

Members in Attendance: Ben Barile; Judy Lyons

Planning Council Staff: Christopher Lee

I. Committee Business:

The monthly Membership Committee meeting was called to order by Ben Barile at 3:00pm. Roll call was done at this time. Two members were in attendance. Ben Barile was a proxy for Peggy Patterson-Dennis. A quorum was established. The draft minutes from the August 6, 2008 meeting were reviewed and accepted as is.

II. World AIDS Day Event:

The Membership Committee discussed the World AIDS Day event. Ben Barile updated Judy Lyons on the plans for the event. He stated that this year's event is being held on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will take place at the FDR Henry A. Wallace Center from approximately 9:00am – 3:00pm. The committee reviewed the agenda for the plan and discussed guest speakers and the topics that will be covered. The Planning Council plans to have speakers discuss Medicaid, ADAP and Medicare. Also, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Gary Blick from Norwalk Medical Center in Connecticut. Following Dr. Blick's presentation there will be a Q&A session. He stated that breakfast and lunch are being served and awards will be distributed following lunch.

The committee discussed the viewing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at the event. A panel from the quilt is coming down from the Names Project in Albany, NY and will be displayed at the event. The quilt comes with pole and wire to hang it. Ben Barile stated that he originally planned on driving to Albany to pick up the panel, but might have it shipped instead. Ben also discussed the creation of our own panel for the quilt. He stated that the PLWH/A Committee is working on creating a panel to help memorialize those from Dutchess County who have passed away from HIV/AIDS. The panel being created will include a bridge to represent our area and the names of some who have passed. He stated that the PLWH/A Committee plans to have the panel finalized and ready to be submitted by our December 3<sup>rd</sup> event. It will be displayed at the event along with the panel from Albany. Afterwards, it will be submitted to the Names Project to be part of the entire quilt.

III. Next Meeting:

The next Membership Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 3:00pm at the Catharine Street Community Center. At the next meeting, the committee will continue to discuss committee membership and the World AIDS Day event. The Membership Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.