

Dutchess County HIV Health Services Planning Council
DCHIVHSPC
Membership Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Members in Attendance: Peggy Patterson-Dennis, Chair; Ben Barile; Judy Lyons

Planning Council Staff: Christopher Lee

Guests: Melvin Garrett; Nooreen Rubin

I. Committee Business:

The monthly Membership Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. Roll call was done at this time. Three members were in attendance, therefore, there was quorum was met. Minutes from the February 6, 2008 meeting was reviewed and accepted as is.

II. Recruitment Plan:

The Membership Committee continued to discuss the recruitment plan and ways to get more members involved. The Membership Committee discussed Judy's Traveling Road Show and its efforts to extend recruitment efforts to the Manor at Woodside and local physicians in hopes of attracting older people as well as others who are infected and affected. Judy Lyons will be in charge of the Planning Council group who extends recruitment efforts to local physicians. Ben Barile will be in charge of the group who visits the Manor.

The Committee also discussed extending recruitment efforts to the faith based community. In the past, recruitment packets were sent to all of the faith based organization in Dutchess County and there was very little response. The Committee will ask Planning Council members Juanita Thomas, Gail Williams, and Mary Spriggs to help with recruitment in their parishes. The Committee also discussed a faith based event being held at the Poughkeepsie Grand. Ben Barile will attend the event and try to recruit new members and inform the community of the Planning Council. The event is being held on April 2nd and 3rd.

Mel Garrett discussed contacting the Delta's and the Omega's. Both are black fraternities with local chapters here in Dutchess County. They are very active in the community and could be a source for prospective members.

Also, asking service providers to help recruitment by educating and informing their clients about the Planning Council was discussed.

III. The Membership Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm. There will not be a Membership Committee meeting in April. The next Membership Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 3:00pm at the Catharine Street Community Center.