

HealthWatch January 2008

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Minutes from November meeting were approved Announcements: Khalid Nzinga now with UnitedHealthcare, no longer with iCare</p>
<p>Agency of the Month Julie Bock, Director of Programming, LGBT Community Center</p>	<p>Website www.mkelgbt.org large repository of information.</p> <p>Community Center has a vast array of social service programs, Julie described them as a “hybrid organization”- social services as well as advocacy issues. Celebrating 10 years officially incorporated; “unofficial” work going on prior to that. Staff of 13 people. Have internship opportunities for associates and bachelor level students at many of our local colleges. Open to providing internship opportunities for any school that is interested.</p> <p>Mission Increase and support lives of LGBT people in our community, increase their capacity to live a high quality life.</p> <p>CyberCenter offers walk-in access to 5 computers with high-speed internet. If there is a wait, limit is 30 minutes on the computer so that everyone has a chance to utilize this resource. Don’t need a library card to utilize. Noon to closing</p> <p>Project Q Drop in programming Tues, Fri, Sat – cooking class, HIV ed, AODA awareness, looking at “isms”, healthy relationships, finance, working with parents, looking at political issues particularly in our election year. Serve individuals from 14 to 24 years old.</p> <p>Wednesdays – small group day btwn 3 and 7:30 PM. Young people running the groups themselves, have a Youth Advisory Board who are guiding.</p> <p>Thursday night – population night. Women identified, men identified, gender non-conforming identified.</p> <p>Field trips Case manage btwn 100 – 150. Touched over 700 people last year. Some young people have “Graduated” and return as alumni</p> <p>Anti-Violence Project Staff person Megan is trained in domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes Looking at what does primary prevention for LGBT individuals look like? Beginning to conduct focus groups and looking at what is done across the country.</p> <p>Legal Night Quarterly meetings. Presentation for first hour, questions in second hour. Each lawyer on LGBT website has agreed to provide minimum of one 20-minute pro bono consultation per year for LGBT members.</p>

	<p>Library No library card needed; very low-tech ☺. Between 3,000 – 3,500 books.</p> <p>Speaker's Bureau</p> <p>OutVote voter mobilization project. Conduct voter registration.</p> <p>Center Advocates 501 © 4 Can lobby, take political positions, etc. Link to Center Advocates website on the website</p> <p>Many Men Many Voices HIV rapid testing (initial screening in 20 minutes – if + then you need to have further testing) and non-rapid traditional testing (sent to state lab, return is 2 weeks) Testing is 2 part process, rapid testing is 1st part. Testing is free and confidential</p> <p>Tobacco Control program Training staff on smoking cessation topics. Work with City of Milwaukee Health Dept.</p> <p>Offer Classes – Tai Chi, offer massage services on site and 10% of funds support the center.</p> <p>Working with Childrens's Service Society of WI on recruitment of LGTB foster parents, providing support to LGTB Tremendous need not only in child welfare system but also kids who are running just below the radar outside the system. Also looking at youth age about ages 18 to 21 who still need guidance, mentoring, etc.</p> <p>Center is very invested in working with community organizations</p> <p>If there is no specific programming going on, Center tends to close-up about 9 PM</p>
<p>AGENCY REPORTS</p>	
<p>Income Maintenance Verlene Perry Newburn</p>	<p>Currently undergoing BC+ Training -Phase 1 (4 hour) Phase 2 (all day)</p> <p>Verification must be all updated by January 11th due to fact that state will run eligibility for BC+ shortly thereafter</p> <p>January 1st 2008 no longer doing Energy Assitance apps. Go to SDC sites</p> <p>IDAP applications no longer taken at 12th and Vliet: must go to Community Advocates to apply.</p> <p>New Child Care customer service number: Call 289-6464 to get child care authorizations changed, etc.</p> <p>ESS class March 2008 planning for 23 in class.</p> <p>Corey Hoze to be presenting in February on modernization projects.</p>
<p>GAMP Report Bridget Murray</p>	<p>Application fee raised to \$50.</p> <p>Pharmacy Network – letter sent to all members. Copy shared with HealthWatch. Explains new pharmacies. All Walgreens pharmacies in Milwaukee County. About 25 independent pharmacies.</p>

	<p>Jan 14th new outstations - 2 outstation at MLK, 1 at Southside Health Dept, adding one at Isaac Coggs at 82nd & Silver Spring. Hours for outstations Mon – Thurs 7:30 to Noon, 1 to 3 PM</p>
<p>COALITION REPORTS (if any)</p>	<p>HASSR - Masiel meeting Wed Jan 16th 3:00 PM Southside Health Center</p> <p>Voices Against Hunger – Leah reported on email from Jon Janowski Farm Bill – both House & Senate passed. Negotiations have begun. Hoping to increase FoodStamp benefit. Call Jon at 238-6475 or email jon@hungertaskforce.org if you have any questions.</p> <p>Congress passed and the President signed, a \$900 billion bill that will continue full funding for the WIC Program and continued funding of school breakfast grants for Wisconsin schools. There will most likely be no waiting lists within the WIC Program in 2008.</p> <p>HTF worked with Milwaukee Public Schools on expanding the number of schools serving universal free breakfast to students, and the number of schools that have gotten into the program increased to 72 (compared to 62 last year). This will result in over 25,000 kids receiving free breakfast every day at these schools.</p> <p>2008 big issue – A big issue in 2008 will be implementation of the new WIC food package. Final federal rules were published in December. This is the biggest change within WIC in 25 years. Hunger Task Force will be working with state and local WIC staff to ensure that the changes go smoothly for clients.</p> <p>EPIC Frank made announcement regarding need to get people particularly those over 150% of FPL signed-up ASAP (before 1/31/08) b/c they will not have backdating under BC+.</p> <p>Mental Health Task Force 3 main items from meeting last night Mental health parity bill Feb 20th. Email will be forwarded Crisis Resource Center up and open. Have received feedback, people using facility feel it is serving purpose. Utilization is higher than anticipated</p> <p>West Samaria closing. Jim Hill is lead in terms of relocating residents who are displaced by this closing. Jim feels this will be a good thing</p> <p>SSI Managed Care Enrollment for 11 expansion counties pushed to March rather than Feb. Good cooperation with state in knowing about network changes. They had a lot of input in notification to members about pharmacy carve-out.</p> <p>Make it Work Milwaukee Action Day is Feb 20th for Mental Health Parity Bill Email LaShawndra</p> <p>Next meeting is January 15th at 3:00 PM at IMPACT 6737 W Washington St</p> <p>Heath & Human Needs county meeting –LaShawndra has date and meeting information. She can forward information – email her LaShawndraV@communityadvocates.net</p>

	<p>Masiel talked about BC+ Provider Training January 15th – important for us as community advocates to hear what information the providers are told</p>
<p>ON-GOING ISSUES AND ACTION</p>	<p>Updates - Leah BC+ Training – room was packed; thank you for participation. Mary Moyer working on document with questions and answers. Leah will have it soon and will forward to HealthWatch.</p> <p>BadgerCare Plus Enrollment Task Force – met once, next meeting is January 18th.</p> <p>HealthWatch Wisconsin Annual Conference 2008 Tuesday March 11 all day, Madison. More information will be available once they have agenda more finalized. Asked for our input on areas to include...BC+ basics, County implementation issues, technology assistance, have “mock” fair hearing, possible panel of state representatives (Jim Jones, Jason Helgerson, Kevin Hayden)</p> <p>Pharmaceutical Carve Out Meeting scheduled by DHFS Wed Jan 16th 9:30 to Noon. Grantosa Room at Radison 2323 N Mayfair Rd. RSVP to Sean at the state.</p> <p>Shirin announced that DRW is opposing the co-pays for prescriptions, feels that the savings projected by the rebates and the co-pays are not worth it. They are talking to legislators in an attempt to possibly change.</p> <p>Frank raised issue that the State has not provided a forum or anything in order to educate recipients about the impending changes with co-pays, premiums, etc. This will take members completely off-guard.</p> <p>Bridget shared that the GAMP letter that was sent-out was returned by 2/3 of recipients because they have moved. LaShawndra asked when the last time the income guidelines had changed for GAMP. Bridget stated it was about 5 years ago or so.</p>
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 13th, 2008. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Aurora Family Services</p>