

## **CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**October 11, 2024**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Susan B. Co-Chair  
Pam B. Co-Chair  
Angie P.  
Barbara G.  
Denise R.  
Gauis C.  
Gerard S.  
John V.  
Joseph P.  
Lance M.  
Lisa C.  
Pamela B.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cathy M  
Arthur B.  
Brian H.  
Clara C.  
Eileen B.  
Ernest B.  
James C.  
Juanita C.  
June T.  
Nancy D.  
Patricia R.  
Paul B.  
Roni W.  
Traci B.  
Tyrone B.  
Wendy A.

### **GUESTS**

Avis Giddiens  
Margaret Sukhram

### **STAFF:**

JoAnn Henn  
Nancy O'Keefe

### **STAFF Absent**

Myra Alston  
Katie Ramirez

## **I. Welcome/Introductions**

Susan B., Co-chair opened the October 11, 22 CIC meeting at 10:10am with a welcome and introduction. She then requested a moment of silence to remember those who are not able to join us, those whom we have lost, and those still struggling.

## **II. CIC Co-Chairs**

This meeting marks a new term for the committee co-chairs. Susan has agreed to another two-year term and Pam is beginning her first term as committee co-chair. Congratulations were extended to both, for a new and successful term.

## **III. Approval of August 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes from August 9, 2024, were reviewed. Ms. Ragsdale made a motion to approve minutes as read, Ms. Corso seconded the motion

10 approvals 1 abstention 0 opposed

Motion carried.

### **III World AIDS Day Planning**

The World AIDS Day event is on Friday evening, December 13, 2024, at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore. This event is usually celebrated on the first Friday in December, but that date was already taken. The event will be from 6pm-10pm. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and breakdown. Registration will begin in November. Pam B, Lisa C, and Lance M have volunteered to be co-chairs of the World AIDS Day committee.

Theme- The committee agreed that *Achieving 95% Viral Load Suppression -Communities make the Difference* would be the theme for 2024 World AIDS Day event. Invocation – Barbara G. agreed to once again do the invocation. Candlelight ceremony- John V. volunteered to lead the candlelight ceremony. Music- As in previous years, Mr. Donald Perry will be the DJ. The committee asked that Dr. Pigott be asked to play the saxophone and Pam B. recommended that Mr. Torres, a celebrated performer to sing at the event.

Award nominations- Typically four awards are presented at the event, Distinguished Provider and Community Service Consumer awards from both Nassau and Suffolk County. Nominations were accepted and a Survey Monkey link will be sent to the committee to vote on the nominees. The deadline is November 13 so there is enough time to order the awards. In addition, the committee agreed that an in-memoriam award in George Marzen's honor will be presented to his family. Also, to acknowledge the positive impact of Legal Services of Long Island, formerly Nassau- Suffolk Law Services, the committee members decided to present the agency a separate award. The name of the award to be determined.

A World AIDS Day planning Zoom meeting will be scheduled to plan specific details.

### **VI. Announcements/Adjournment**

The December holiday CIC meeting will be held on Friday December 6, 2024 which is a week earlier than it is usually held. Time to be announced.

A motion was made by Denise R. and seconded by Pam B. to adjourn the October 11, 2024, Consumer Involvement Committee meeting. **All in Favor-Motion carried.**