

CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
October 12, 2018
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM, UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND, DEER PARK, NY

<u>MINUTES</u>		
<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
Nancy D., Co-Chair	Angie P	John Galletta
Clara C., Co-Chair	Clement W.	Pam M.
Denise R.	James C.	Evelyn M.
Eileen B.	Juanita C-F	
Ernest B.	June T.	
C. Gausis.	Keith A.	
James H.	Lance M.	
Kevin M.	Paul B.	
Marci E.	Traci S.	
Richard G.	Wendy A.	
Robert S.	Joe P.	
William D.		
Arthur B.		
<u>STAFF:</u>		
Georgette Beal		
Katie Ramirez		
Stephanie Moreau		
Myra Alston		
JoAnn Henn		

I. Welcome/Introductions

Clara C. called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. She welcomed everyone and introductions were made. A moment of silence was observed.

II. Keeping the Promise Presentation-

Mr. John Galletta shared and excerpt from the *Keeping the Promise* video. Meryl Streep narrated AIDS Care Foundation (AHF)'s documentary in support of the more than 850,000 lives in care in 39 countries across the globe.

This documentary spans the 30 year history of how AHF grew from a small community hospice foundation serving AIDS patients into one of the largest global provider of HIV/AIDS treatment, services, and advocacy.

The Committee thanked John for sharing this video and also for providing a delicious breakfast.

III. Approval of August 10, 2018 Minutes

The August 10, 2018 minutes were approved without correction. A motion was made by Marci E. and seconded by Clara C.

10 *Approved* 0 *Opposed* 3 *Abstentions*

IV. CAB Update/Regional Trends

- The Nassau-Suffolk Law Services CAB-Arthur reported that help is available with filing your taxes. One of the topics that was discussed was the fine line between returning to work and possible loss of benefits. He reminded the committee members about the David Project which assists persons with AIDS/HIV (and their families) with legal issues affecting public benefits, housing, and healthcare.
- Marci attended the recent ADAP conference in DC, this included Hep C update as well. An underlying sentiment was that Hep C today is what HIV/AIDS was in the 80s. One statement that was uttered at the conference that she wanted to share was, *stigma is a ghost you will never catch*. Marci will share more of the information she received at the next meeting.
- Based on the success of the Thursday's Child LTS (Long Term Survivor) fun support group painting party, another event is in the works, possibly a cooking class. Stay tuned for more information.
- Dental services are available at Northwell Health at Manhasset and may be paid through ADAP.

V. Consumer Survey-

Ms. Ramirez spoke to the committee regarding the Consumer Survey, which was last completed in 2016. The goal is for 500 participants. The survey will be available in English and Spanish and can be completed in a number of ways: face-to-face, over the phone, and on-line with Survey Monkey. A Target or Walmart gift card will be given to participants, amount yet to be determined. Consumers are encouraged to participate and spread the word.

VI. Goals and Objectives for 2019-

The Consumer Involvement Committee discussed its goals and objectives for 2019. Consumer presence and participation are important, so it was decided that a work-plan be developed by an ad-hoc committee. This work-plan will create goals and execute follow-through. Integrated trainings involving various agencies, advocacies and the community will be discussed and planned.

One suggestion was to have CIC host an event with another agency, with consumers in the forefront to engage new members.

Creation of a mission or vision statement, describing why this committee exists and is necessary may be a good starting point. A form to help create this statement was made available to the committee members.

Using the Boston EMA Consumer Committee End Report as a guide, its format was reviewed and discussed. This report began with an introduction including committee charge and membership, the work of the committee, a summary of its programs and activities, meetings and recommendations for the following year. A report to keep a tangible record of what is being done by the CIC committee and to assist with managing the goals would be valuable resource.

The goals and objectives for 2019 discussion will continue at the February CIC meeting.

VI. Announcements/Adjournment

- Our World AIDS day event is Friday evening, November 30, 2018 at The Heritage Club, formerly Carlyle on the Green. There will be a WAD meeting after CIC to go over the final details. All are welcome.
- Robert S. announced that 93 graduates of the 2018 Peer Certification program, bringing the total number of Certified Peer Workers to 138. There are 550 participants are in the program.
- Northwell's WAD event is the afternoon of Friday, November 30, 2018. The holiday CART party is December 7, 2018.

A motion was made by Marci E. and seconded by William S. to adjourn the October 12, 2018 Consumer Involvement Committee meeting. **All in Favor-Motion carried**