



Meeting Minutes

RAP Board Meeting - September 11, 2006

Minutes – Meeting with KDHE & RAP Board

Meeting was called to order shortly after 6:00 by Chair Melodie Pooler. Present were Isaac Madison, Executive Director; Nancy Winter, Vice-Chair; Brenda Godsey, Secretary; Marc Schiff, Community Partnership Director with KDHE; and Jamie Thorstenberg, Community Partnership Consultant with KDHE.

Marc Schiff started by thanking RAP for meeting with them.

Melodie brought Marc & Jamie up to date with status of the board and results of recent Strategic Planning Meeting.

Marc discussed the grant. He was interested in other funding streams we had besides the grant. He said that he can set us up to receive ongoing information from KDHE about Federal and State Grants as they come to KDHE. He said that in planning for the next few months and years, RAP might need to look at how we wanted to spend our energy. He suggested identifying target populations and needs in the community and recommended that we not spread agencies efforts too widely. Marc said that the most vulnerable populations are women, MSM, youth, HIV+, and IV Drug Users.

Brenda asked if we could work with the younger population and Marc said that KDHE funds cannot be spent on AIDS education in the K-12 population. He said that we could provide services to K-12 population using a different funding stream than KDHE. We would have to be careful to not mix the funds in that effort. He urged that if we did ever provide information or education within the school system that we get permission first from the administration of the School District first.

Marc stated that one way we can get the best use of our efforts is through collaboration with other community groups. He discussed using natural resources – college, etc.

Marc made the Board aware that much of the paperwork requirements had not been met recently. There is a new Program Evaluation Monitoring System and they have not received those reports this year. He said that KDHE must get some

record of interventions made by RAP in order to keep funding the program. He said that they need to see some immediate change and need steady progress through the rest of the year. He said that Jamie was the person who would be willing to provide support to us and that he would be willing to come back and spend some time with Isaac to help him with the forms.

Marc asked if we thought that RAP should continue to be funded. Board members present stated that there is a need for RAP and that with the recent changes, we believe that we can start reporting better. We agreed that services had been provided during the previous 8 months but we can improve on them. We stated that it was important to get the other positions filled. Marc stated that he would have to go back to the office and make a decision at what level to fund us for the next quarter. He felt there would be a reduction in funds. We talked about the possibility of making the MSM position a volunteer position in order to save money. Marc suggested one way to get the most for our dollars spent was in repeated contacts with other agencies or groups. That was the most effective method to get the message out.

Isaac discussed some ideas he has to increase interventions. Isaac also made an appointment with Jamie to go over the paperwork next week.

Board members and Isaac thanked Jamie and Marc for coming out and all agreed the meeting was very helpful and long overdue.

Submitted by Secretary, Brenda Godsey, 9-14-06

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