

World AIDS Week 2009
Planning Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2009

MINUTES

1. Introductions: Carrie (HIV/AIDS Resource Center, Public Health, Social Work), Brandon (Social Work), Bolaji (Kinesiology, African Students Association), Stephanie (Washtenaw County Public Health), Laura (Public Health, Planned Parenthood, SexperTeam, OutBreak), Chinyere (University Health Service), Susan (RESULTS of Ann Arbor), Amrit (Med School, American Med Students Assoc, American Medical Association), Lauren (Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center), Jangwan (RESULTS-UM), Sheyonna (WIHAN), Caitrin (Public Health), Samantha (U-M Red Cross Club), Samantha (Black Student Union, AIDS in Black and Brown)
 2. Brief history of World AIDS Week: started 2005/2006 to provide a week's worth of campus and community events. Includes awareness, education, fundraising, arts, activism, cultural, etc.
 3. Discussion of meeting time. Conclusion: every other Thursday at 6:00 PM, possibly weekly in November.
 4. World AIDS Week 2009 dates: Monday, 11/30 – Sunday 12/6
 - i. Thursday, November 26 = Thanksgiving
 - ii. Tuesday, December 1 = World AIDS Day
 - iii. Other dates to note: **5/18** (HIV Vaccine Awareness Day), **5/19** (National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day), **6/8** (Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day), **6/27** (National HIV Testing Day), **10/15** (National Latino AIDS Awareness Day), **2/7** (National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day), **3/10** (National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day), and **3/20** (National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day)
Learn more at <http://www.hhs.gov/aidsawarenessdays/>
- b. International 2009 Theme: Universal Access and Human Rights
- i. Do we want a local theme? Yes said group
 - ii. How is theme used? Can we make sure people remember that HIV exists in our own community here in Michigan and in the USA? Maybe a tagline to bring it literally 'home'?
 - iii. Tagline ideas: "Universal Access and Human Rights: What are *you* doing" "Universal Access and Human Rights: Close to home" "Universal Access and Human Rights: Do you have it?" "Universal Access and Human Rights: it's not everywhere" "Universal Access and Human Rights: Coming to your backyard"
 - iv. Decision tabled until next meeting. PLEASE BRING THEME IDEAS
- c. Leadership:
- i. Past iterations: 1 chairperson, 5 co-chairs, 2 co-chairs
 - ii. Ideas: 2-3 co-chairs in case someone can't make it, maybe thinking who has connections w/community/student groups, really great opportunity to learn managerial skills, community-building skills, learn more about the

local community, looking for at least one person who will continue to be here next year (2010 fall semester!)

- iii. Taking nominations until next meeting, where we can vote.
- d. Brainstorm of possible 2009 World AIDS Week events
 - i. Chinyere wants to try to pull together a jazz event, perhaps with some faculty
 - ii. Kacie's play about two women, one from LA and one from Zimbabwe, who just found out they have HIV
 - iii. Students from Rent to perform on one of our diag days (possibly in September or October). Kacie, can you contact them please?
 - iv. WIHAN interfaith service as in previous years
 - v. Suggestion: When we have events with tables for many groups, we should have a table that has a "get involved NOW" sign where people can sign up on one sheet/board to get involved. 'centralized volunteer action'
 - vi. Day Without Art w/UMMA, work with UMMA for space (UMMA = Univ of Mich Museum of Art)
 - vii. Caitrin from Public Health has some crafts and AIDS related items to sell to raise money for a women's collective in Kenya. Would like to collaborate with other groups to sell the goods at their events. Please contact her about this: caitrinkelly@gmail.com
 - viii. Fusion of Cultures from African Students Association. Fundraiser that collaborates with other multicultural groups on campus.
 - ix. Red Cross conference-type event
 - x. Washtenaw County Public Health working with Washtenaw HIV/AIDS Coalition to do some work on the Community Television Network with Phil Volk. Can do STD and HIV testing with student groups.
 - xi. Planned Parenthood partners with other events often for demos, condoms. Speakers on various health/HIV topics
 - xii. SexperTeam available for presentations around sexual health. Do more holistic things too, like relationships and wellness.
 - xiii. OutBreak (public health LGBT group) wants to look at community responses to HIV. Perhaps a photo installation of activist work
 - xiv. UHS can send HIV test counselors available to other events. Willing to support the "Know Your Status" buttons again this year. Possibly can supply some safer sex supplies.
 - xv. Responsibility for Ending Starvation by Utilizing Legislation and Trintabs and Support (RESULTS, look up 'trimtab' on the internet please) helps add advocacy actions to events throughout the week. Will know what action in November, once the events get closer. Signing postcards, making phone calls, send letters, etc. at others' events.
 - xvi. AMA/AMSA 'Students teaching other students about AIDS' where med students going into high schools and teach about AIDS
 - xvii. Washtenaw Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (WIHAN) want to do the vigil again, perhaps earlier in the day. Trying to get speakers from various faith communities and for the celebration afterwards. Suggestions: student dance groups, RENT singing

- xviii. SAPAC willing to help with advocacy against sexual violence, doing speak outs, etc.
- xix. HIV/AIDS Resource Center can provide HIV testing: we'll be able to possibly coordinate so to have walk-in testing many hours each day of WAW.
- xx. Multicultural and Gender Affairs Committee at School of Social Work working to increase diversity at SSW and trying to add to level of empowerment of students who participate in MLK Day activities this year. Mini-social forums leading up to the Social Forum happening in Detroit in 2010. Looking at how various systems interact with HIV and how HIV affects various social interactions. Social reform problem, social policy that we want talk about patbran@umich.edu with suggestions
- xxi. Other awareness days:
 - 1. National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, 10/15
 - a. WCPH handing out a flier to community providers to encourage members of the Latino community to get tested. Looking for community leaders and clinicians who would like to put their name on the flyer as a trusted community member who will encourage people to get tested. Please email Staphanie, rosaless@ewashtenaw.org
 - b. HARC doing testing with Migrant Health Promotion
 - c. WIHAN collaborating with U-M Dearborn and Phi Beta Sigma on 10/14 Wed, 7pm at Student Center Cocheff Hall. Panel discussion of professionals, AIDS service orgs, etc. in the Latino and Black comm.
 - 2. National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, 2/7/2010
 - a. What can this group do? Think about it this semester to put a plan into place for next semester
- xxii. Other WAW-related activities:
 - 1. WIHAN wants to do a forum around the national AIDS strategy
 - a. Some more info: Presidential National HIV/AIDS Community Discussions, http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/President-Obama-Announces-National-HIV/AIDS-Community-Discussions/
 - 2. Some WAW events could be tied to the ONE Campus Challenge activities on campus

5. Publicity

- a. We still have T-shirts! Only \$8!! Maybe the SexperTeam can bring them with them when they do their outreach, events?
- b. Graphics person: will discuss at 10/8 mtg
- c. Website person: will discuss at 10/8 mtg
- d. Recruitment of other student group reps: contact your friends in other groups who have some relation to HIV/AIDS

6. Who to invite for next meeting: Children of Abraham (collect medical supplies and send to various groups in need overseas), someone from Nesha Haniff's class, Richard Meisler's class, Bio 118 class (winter semester – who took it last winter?)
7. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2009, 6:00 PM *MICHIGAN LEAGUE, 3RD FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM C*
8. TO DO for next meeting:
 - a. ALL: Contact friends in other groups to come to next meeting
 - b. ALL: Think about local themes
 - c. ALL: Think about becoming a co-chair, send nominations to Carrie crheinga@umich.edu
9. Announcements:
 - a. Susan from RESULTS: World Poverty Day (weekend of 10/16-18) guest speaker is Dr. Paul Farmer, probably via teleconference (Saturday, October 17th, 2pm, location TBA).
 - b. Susan from RESULTS: CROP Walk is 10/18. Find it through www.icpj.net looking for Washtenaw County. Run by Interfaith Council on Peace and Justice. 25% money raised goes to local food banks, 75% goes to international partners, usually to places that have been refugee areas or highly AIDS-affected.
 - c. Ann Arbor AIDS Walk THIS Sunday! Can still register for FREE online: <http://www.aidswalkmichigan.org> Free food (Chipotle burritos and Happy's pizza!), Free T-shirt
 - d. National Latino AIDS Awareness Day coming up 10/15
 - e. End of Jan: SexperTeam annual conference. Planning kind of similar to World AIDS Week planning and if you want to get involved, contact Chinyere, nealee@umich.edu
 - f. SAPAC trainings, look on the website: <http://umich.edu/~sapac>
 - g. New research results were announced today, 9/24, from HIV vaccination trials in Thailand – many online sources to learn more