

THE **act** COMMUNITY

AIDS Connecticut (ACT)

May 2017

Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Attendance: Robert Freeman, Charles Hatheway, Andrew Walter, Sandy Weicher, Theresa Nicholson, Barbara Shaw, J. Tobias Freeman, and Kara Capone (via telephone); Staff: John Merz; Wendy Shea Graveley.

I: The meeting was called to order at 6:10. There was a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. M/S/P.

II. Staff Presentation. Ms. Graveley, Development Director, presented to the Board on the major annual events ACT organizes. Specifically, Art for AIDS, the AIDS Walk, the WE CAN series, and the Red Carpet Experience are the four annual fundraising events that, combined, net approximately \$71,000 for ACT. Additionally, there is an annual Donor Appreciation event. This year's Donor Appreciation Event will be held May 16 at the Governor's Residence. Ms. Graveley encouraged Board members to attend. Ms. Graveley also highlighted other events and grants from which ACT receives unrestricted funding. There was a brief discussion concerning silent auction technology and using mobile phones for bidding. The Board thanked Ms. Graveley for her presentation and her hard work.

III: Committee Reports. A. HR Committee. There was no report.

B. Finance/Audit Committee. Mr. Merz stated that the audit process is ongoing, and that an annual auditors'

presentation may be on the agenda at the next ACT Board meeting.

C. Nominations Committee. There was no report.

D. CQI Committee. Ms. Shaw reported that there have been approximately 8 CQI assessments completed so far, and that the Committee will reconvene in June. There is a goal of incorporating an emphasis on health improvements into the standards. CQI is open to all AIDS housing providers.

E. Governance. There was no report.

F. Development. Ms. Graveley's presentation to the Board sufficiently apprised the Board of ACT's ongoing Development activities.

IV: Old Business: Strategic Planning Process. Mr. Merz reported that the strategic planning process remains in progress. There was a focus group at a recent Executive Director roundtable, but there is more work to be done. There was a brief discussion regarding the No Freeze shelter, for which ACT acted as the fiduciary this past winter. Mr. Merz reported that the shelter was a success and that there were no plans to serve as its fiduciary next winter. There was a brief discussion regarding staffing and turnover.

V: Adjournment. Adjournment at 7:10. M/S/P. Next ACT Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 6-7:30.

AIDS Awareness Day

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
North steps of the State Capitol



10:30 am	Check-in
11:00 am	Rally begins
12:00 pm	Boxed lunch provided
Afternoon	Legislator meetings

We're looking for 3-4 clients to speak from different regions of the state, who haven't been a speaker at this rally before. Contact Shawn M. Lang at slang@aids-ct.org or 860-247-2437 x319 if you have someone in mind.

What ACT needs you to do:

If you live in an area with more than one ASO/housing program, organize TOGETHER on arranging transportation and making appointments to see your legislators.

This MUST happen prior to AIDS Awareness Day!

Upcoming CMTI

Mental Health First Aid

Two-day Training: May 10 & 17

Presented by Kathy Floyd, LCSW
and Kim DiMeola, LCSW

Register now at www.aids-ct.org

ACT Calendar - May 2017

ACT Board of
Directors Meeting

May 17
6:00 - 7:30 pm
ACT office, Hartford



The ACT office
will be closed on:

May 29
in observance of
Memorial Day

For more information go to www.aids-ct.org/events.html



Art for AIDS - June 3

Join ACT for an evening of art, music, food, wine, and fun! Each guest will take home an original 12x12 canvas from the Art Grab.

Visit www.aids-ct.org for details.

Quality Assurance Review Process (QARP) for AIDS Housing Programs

In 1991/2, CT AIDS Residence Coalition formed a Standards of Care Committee which was comprised of CARC members, and representatives from the Dept. of Social Services which oversaw AIDS housing at the time. Together, we created the nation's first Standards of Care for AIDS Housing.



From there, the Quality Assurance Review Process was born. In the beginning, we modeled our review process out of the criminal justice reviews of their housing programs, and had teams go out to do the audits. It has gone through a number of iterations over the past 25 years, adding an independent auditor, a Dept. of Housing contract manager, a HOPWA grants manager, and an ACT staff person who is on hand for technical assistance. The technical changes within the Standards came about to keep pace with trends in AIDS housing, more recently aligning with the Corporation for Supportive Housing Standards. They have continued to markedly improve since those early days.

All AIDS housing programs, regardless of whether they're an ACT member or not, are required by the funders to go through this process. This is a unique model wherein the programs that are monitored help shape the monitoring tool in collaboration with the funders! Programs that score "High Quality or Above" may be exempt from the process for one year if the funders agree.

We continue to improve the Standards and the review process and invite you to participate on the CQI committee, which is open to representatives from any AIDS housing program. The committee is on hiatus during the current audits, but will reconvene this summer. We look forward to your participation!

Liberty Community Services Seeking Executive Director

Management Recruiters of Mid Hudson Valley is conducting a search for Liberty Community Services' next Executive Director. For complete details go to http://www.mrmhv.com/refresh/templates/career.php?job_id=80.

Upcoming Events

Mildred & Richard Loving Civil Rights Award Dinner

Thursday, May 4, 5:30 pm
The Bond Ballroom, Hartford

Foodshare Walk Against Hunger

Sunday, May 7, 12:30 pm
Liam E. McGee Memorial Park
140 Garden Street, Hartford

A Shoreline Benefit for BHCare

Thursday, May 11, 5:30 pm
Pine Orchard Yacht Club, Branford

CASA's 30th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, May 20, 7:00 pm
Grassy Hill Country Club, Orange

Latino Community Services presents Red Shoe Affair

Friday, June 2, 7:00 pm
Mark Twain House, Hartford

Catholic Charities Golf Classic

Monday, June 5, 11:00 am
The Patterson Club, Fairfield

2017 Reaching Home Dinner

Thursday, June 15, 5:00 pm
Radisson Hotel, Cromwell

Find more details for these and other events at www.aids-ct.org.

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