GAY HIV STRATEGIES

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TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

8th December, 1997

Dear Members,

Attached are the minutes of the meeting of 3rd December. Also attached is the draft review of the workplan We are requesting that your comments in general and in particular regarding priorities in relation to the "Implications" set out.

The next Board meeting is provisionally set for 21st January and we will invite the Dept of Health to this meeting to discuss the review of the workplan.

Best Wishes,

Kieran

Minutes of Co Meeting– 3rd December, 1997

Present: Chris Robson, Eoin Collins, Pat Gibbons, Kieran Rose.

EHB Meeting - Find out attitude of Pat Mc Loughlin towards ongoing partnership process.

- Need to stress importance of mainstreaming linking gay & EHB services, how do we do this? A sub group?
- How do we decide on allocation of any funds? How much funding is available?
- Stress that this is a 3/6 month experiment.

Progress re: Mid West, Western and Southern Health Boards outlined

Review of Workplan:
Draft submitted (enclosed),

- Need to show demonstrably that project has been effective. Do we seek or agree to another year of project?
- What changes in project do we want?
- How do we do the interim evaluation of the project?

Review to be circulated to full Board and proposals for priorities in relation to "implications" to be requested from Board members.

Invite Dept of Health to meeting mid January to then discuss Review with Board.

Next meeting suggested for Wednesday 21st January

WORKPLAN

A) PROJECT SET-UP

Progress

- Office
- Publicity (Information)
- Contacts (Initial)

B) H.B.'s

Progress

EHB:	-	Contacted —> agreement on planning process for Dublin.
MWHB	-	Contacted —> agreement on developing HIV prevention plan.
SHB	-	Support and input for local group in working with H.B. —> leading towards plan.
All other H.B's	-	Aids co-ordinators and HPO's have been contacted.
	-	Follow up meetings with 5, (i.e. all above plus WHB).

Implications

- Need to follow-up contacts. Main focus of work time will be on EHB. (In line with priorities set for project).
- Need to meet with other 4 H.B's on mainstreaming and to develop links with Gay Community.
- Possible to undertake action plans in line with Dublin and Mid West model?
  (Key question – how much resources can be devoted to follow-up action with these H.B's).

C) INFLUENCING OTHER POLICY AND PROGRAMMES.

Progress

- Initiated funding from NSSB to prepare Information Package for their database.
- Drew up position papers for Customer Action Plan's being developed by Govt. Dept's to improve service delivery.
- Drew up paper on Local Development Programme for Community Worker's Co-op.
- Drew up paper for NYFI on HIV Prev And Gay Youth.

- Negotiating with HPU on publication of broadly targetted Gay HIV Prev Leaflet.

Implications

- Priority under this heading should be provision for Gay Youth > in particular follow-up mainstream Youth Organisations and Youth Section of Dept of Education to develop policy and programmes for Gay Youth.
- Local level – possibility of pilot project in Waterford City (In association with Waterford Youth Services).
- Other Priority > Production of leaflet to be funded and distributed by HPU.
- Support set up of Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Community recommended by the National Economic and Social Forum.
- Need to follow up issues of disadvantage identified in CPA report with relevant bodies, networks etc.
- Follow up Local Development Programme Article (will include meetings with ADM to discuss role of Partnerships. Also meeting with CWC, CDP Networks.
- Make submissions to relevant Dept's / Ministers with impact on Health / HIV Prevention (particular focus – Minister for Local Development, Education, Social Welfare).
- Make submissions to OHM and OHG regarding Gay Health needs.
- Make submissions to Health Professionals – for example G.P's through ICGP – also at HB level including in particular, Social Workers (Youth dimension).

D) CAPACITY BUILDING (RE HIV PREVENTION) OF GAY COMMUNITY.

Progress

- NSSB project (includes GSD, LEA etc.)
- Met with Commercial Venue Owners (key here was submissions to Owners re Sauna health project).
- Set up contacts between H.B's and local gay groups.
- Initiated funding for Parents Support Leaflet.
- Supported Community Meetings in Dublin regarding HIV Prevention and other held Community initiatives (workshops on HIV Prevention).
- Organised Presidential reception for HIV Strategies report (involved community).
- Participated in Proposal EU DAPHNE Programme. Developed joint proposal with GSD.

Implications

- Continue to support Gay Community to work in partnership with H.B's and other agencies.
- Continue to develop Sauna Project.
- Continue to identify and access funding sources for G.C. (including EU Programmes).

E) EU Funding and Policy

Progress

- Our own proposal to EU.
- Links with DG(V) (Langlais) re linking with Finns.
- Networking with SAD and other European Gay Groups on developing EU Gay HIV Network.
- Links with DAPHNE Programme.

Implications

- Follow up with Finns re participation in project.
- Meet with Langlais.
- Meet with M.P.'s.
- Follow up on EU Gay HIV Network.

F) COMMUNICATION

Progress

- Impact article.
- Wellbeing article.
- GCN article.

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