

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

THIRD QUARTER 2017, JULY 25, 2017

## CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD

The Consumer Advisory Board elected James Webb to be the Chair. There is currently no Co-Chair elected. At the last meeting, the CAB worked on a patient satisfaction survey for Zufall Health Center and made recommendations to World AIDS Day and Support Groups service lines. At the next meeting, the CAB will be finalizing plans for a "Bring a Friend Day" and will be writing a formal mission statement.

## PLANNING COUNCIL

United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC) was awarded a grant for the management of the Ryan White Treatment Extension Act-Part A Emergency Relief Grant Program for the Newark EMA Planning Council Support. UWGUC provides logistical and administrative support to the members of the Planning Council and corresponding committees tasked with ensuring people living with HIV and AIDS have access to high-quality services and resources that provide a continuum of care. UWGUC's extensive experience with supporting coalitions and collaborations guides our work to help the Planning Council identify and monitor service priorities, facilitate the preparation of needs assessments and comprehensive plan and, completing other required documents.

On Saturday, July 15, 2017 UWGUC staffers, Eugenia Providence and Dr. Ken O'Bryant (*pictured above far left*) attended "A Day of Learning" fair at Rutgers Medical School to increase awareness about NewarkEMA's health services. The NewarkEMA program serves residents that reside in Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and Warren counties who are living with HIV/AIDS and those who may want to learn about the illness. Funded by the City of Newark Office of the Ryan White Part A Program, NewarkEMA funds approximately 40 HIV Care Providers throughout the region and serves over 6,000 people annually with services such as outpatient ambulatory health services, mental health services, outpatient and residential substance abuse services, oral health care, medical case management, medical nutrition therapy and more.

## MORRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

No Update.

## FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

### PROGRAM UPDATE

- The PrEP program is now accepting patients. For more information, call Roger Franklin or Allison Delcalzo-Berens at 973-889-6810.
- The Counseling, Testing and Referral Department is now accepting candidates for its Social Networks Project which rewards strategic referrals with gift card incentives. For more information, call Allison Delcalzo-Berens at 973-889-6810.

### STAFFING

- The Family Health Center has hired a full time Medical Case Manager, Jaclyn Rodriguez.

## ZUFALL HEALTH CENTER

### PROGRAM UPDATE

Zufall is looking for a new Linkage to Care Program Coordinator or Linkage to Care Navigator for the Somerville location. Covering Somerset, Hunterdon and Essex County (West Orange location). Our Linkage to Care Navigator serves as a short-term case manager during the Early Intervention period. Would like to hire a consumer with car and bilingual (Spanish-English)

## HOPE HOUSE

### EVENTS

- August 17-18, 2017: Women's Retreat

### PROGRAM UPDATE

- Hope House provides the following groups:
  - Dating and Relationships Support Group: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 2pm
  - Women's Support Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2pm
  - There are also 2 coping skills groups per month. Please contact 973-361-5555 x3038 to receive a calendar or sign up for an event.

## NEW JERSEY AIDS SERVICES

### EVENTS

- September 24, 2017: Help support New Jersey AIDS Services by purchasing discounted tickets for the Dolphins vs. Jets game on 9/24/17 and a portion of each ticket sale will go to support New Jersey AIDS Services. Tickets must be purchased through the following link with the promo code "NJAS": <http://bit.ly/2tyiBWw>
- October 5, 2017: On this one day, restaurants throughout our region will participate in Dining Out For Life donating 33% of the day's proceeds back to New Jersey AIDS Services. You can help by simply going out to eat at a participating restaurant. For more information or to view a list of participating restaurants please visit: <https://www.diningoutforlife.com/newjersey>

### PROGRAM UPDATE

- NJ AIDS Services continues to host the following support groups:
  - Gay Men's Support: Thursdays at 11:00am
  - HIV Support: Wednesdays at 12:30pm
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual New Jersey AIDS Services client retreat will be held Friday, 9/22/17 through Sunday, 9/24/17. Interested consumers should contact Jesenia Bracero, NJAS Case Manager at 973-285-0006.
- New Jersey AIDS Services continues to offer a host of recreational activities for agency clients. Please see a NJAS case manager for a list of current activities.

### STAFFING CHANGES

New Jersey AIDS Services welcomes the following new staff members:

- Mark Diaz – Transportation
- Chelsea Huesing – Case Management

### NEW ISSUES/TRENDS

Lack of emergency housing in the tri-county area continues to be a barrier to care