

Minutes:	Commission on AIDS PAC/RAC Committee/Community Relations Committee	
Date:	Thursday, August 6, 2009 3:30-5:00 p.m.	
Location:	490 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa	
Present:	Lisa, Ginger, Ellen, David	
Meeting Outcome Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review and assess outreach strategies. • Recommendation and/or update to Commission • The next business PAC meeting will be: Thursday, November 12, 2009 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at 490 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa (Manzanita room). • There will be two Agency PAC meetings TBD. 	
Follow Up Tasks		
Who	What	When
Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Doodle to PAC members to select dates for Agency PAC meetings in Sept. and Oct. • Contact WCHC and F4T to secure meeting date 	Before COA meeting
Ellen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete PAC meeting notes 	Before COA meeting
Meeting summary for Commission report		
Topic	Discussion	Update/Action needed
Recommendations to COA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC members request that Commissioners participate in the Community PAC meetings • PAC members request Agency ReConnect update on COA agenda 	Present at August 12, COA meeting

1. There was no public comment.
2. A motion was made to approval the May minutes, it was seconded and the minutes were approved. There was a request to follow up on a question from the May minutes about the Brown Act as it relates to the PAC.
 - a. PAC meetings are Brown Act meetings because they are a standing meeting of the Commission on AIDS regardless of the number of Commissioners in attendance.
 - b. PAC has historically made decisions by consensus of the individuals at the meeting; there hasn't been an issue of a quorum for decisions made during PAC/RAC meetings.
3. A World AIDS Day (WAD) Update and question was added to the agenda. There has been a great deal of work happening with the World AIDS Day task force with several events in West County. There were questions raised about the relationship of the task force to COA.
 - a. Staff met after the PAC meeting and discussed the County's relationship to WAD. It began as a task force of PAC and last year the Commission could no longer staff the group and it became a community group. As such, it has no Brown Act requirements and can make requests of the Board of Supervisors, or County offices as an independent community group.
4. Review of Progress towards work plan goals:
 - Goal 1: Increase consumer input in the decision making process at the Commission on AIDS
 - Goal 2: Increase accessibility of consumers at the Commission on AIDS
 - Goal 3: Increase Commissioner/Commission involvement in outreach to consumers

The group received an update on progress towards the goals above and developed concrete tasks to continue informing consumers and bringing commission information to individuals who have not participated. Food for Thought and Face to Face have agreed to provide space for meetings at their agencies. The agendas and minutes will be posted on the Commission website and at agencies to increase consumer awareness. There will also be outreach done by PAC members. PAC members will ask Commissioners and agency staff to also distribute information to consumers.

The dates for the September and October meetings will be set prior to the August Commission meeting so that information can be distributed. It was decided that the quarterly meetings at the County offices will be the PAC business meetings and the other meetings will be the PAC agency meetings. Agency meetings will focus on providing information to consumers, getting input from consumers and bringing consumer information to the full Commission. PAC will also ask that a ReConnect update from agencies be a part of Commission updates. In addition to the DAAC ReConnect program, Food for Thought is discussing a consumer advocate position.

PAC/RAC: PAC (People with AIDS Advocacy Committee)/RAC (ReConnect Action Committee) - This dual committee provides greater involvement in the planning process for persons living with HIV/AIDS, and addresses their social, emotional, educational and vocational needs to help them take positive steps that lead to satisfying, meaningful, and healthy lives.

PAC (People with AIDS Advocacy Committee) Mission: Our mission is to identify, represent and advocate for the needs of persons living with HIV disease in Sonoma County. We work to promote measures that help persons with HIV to live healthy, dignified and productive lives and to build and sustain a community in which persons with HIV are actively involved in the decisions and actions, which affect their health and well being.

RAC (ReConnect Action Committee) Mission: The ReConnect Action Committee works to support people with HIV to re-imagine our futures. We seek to address social, emotional, educational and vocational needs and to equip individuals to make positive steps to explore new possibilities, which lead to satisfying, meaningful and healthy lives.