

World AIDS Week
MINUTES 9/15/08

1. Present: Amrit (Association for World AIDS Relief and Education), Susan (RESULTS), Jonathan (Roosevelt), Ryan (So You Say), Gabriel (Youth Hope Organization), Talia (Planned Parenthood), Kristin (Planned Parenthood), Joshua (RESULTS), Taylor (Roosevelt), Elise (Planned Parenthood), Puneet (Face AIDS), Rashmi (Face AIDS), Emilia (Spectrum Center), Lauren (Spectrum Center), Samantha (BSU/AIDS in Black and Brown), Jene (BSU/AIDS in Black and Brown), Stephanie (ONE Campus Challenge/RESULTS), Sara (American Medical Student Association), Carrie (HIV/AIDS Resource Center/AmeriCorps), Chinyere (University Health Service), Ashley (College Democrats)
2. What is World AIDS Week?
 - a. World AIDS Week was started two years ago, for World AIDS Day 2006. World AIDS Day is always December 1st, so the idea is to have a week's worth of activities instead of just one day, because there are so many facets of AIDS. The World AIDS Week student group helps to publicize and coordinate the week's activities and help groups to plan their events and find collaborators. Any group that wants to contribute to this week may do any event of their choosing. This year's dates are Monday, December 1 through Sunday, December 7.
3. Anchor Events
 - a. HIV Monologues, Thursday 12/4 evening. Similar to the Vagina Monologues. Put on by So You Say and part of AIDS in Black and Brown
 - b. Face AIDS Dinner, either Friday or Saturday evening. A fundraising dinner/educational event for Partners In Health, a non-profit based in Boston that does AIDS work in many countries.
 - c. Washtenaw Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network vigil and service, Sunday 12/7 evening. Many student and community faith groups will hold a joint service in memory and in hope. An outdoor candlelight vigil will be either right before or right after this service.
 - d. Kick off day, Monday, December 1. Diag events, student actions (signing letters to reps, writing letters to editors, call reps, etc.). Need a big evening event.
4. How to plan an event with your groups
 - a. Find your group's relationship to AIDS. Policy? Biology? Medicine? Economic impact? Education? Etc.
 - b. Use your expertise to plan an event. In the past, we've had movies, discussions, panels of experts, workshops, lectures, social events, fundraising events, arts events, etc.
 - c. On-campus groups can reserve rooms and host events on campus. Off-campus groups can collaborate with on-campus groups to access rooms. Student groups may also want to consider other local locations, such as the Ann Arbor public libraries.
5. Resources available to you
 - a. Room reservation – contact the WAW group if you need help
 - b. Publicity – the WAW group will be creating a logo and fliers for the week's events, which your group can use to advertise its own events.

- c. Event scheduling coordination – the WAW group can help ensure that there are not six movie nights all the same time, for example
 - d. Website as a central location – the WAW is trying to create a website with all events listed to make it easy to see what’s going on when and where
 - e. HIV testing availability – three local organizations can provide HIV testing at your events. The University Health Service, the HIV/AIDS Resource Center, and the Washtenaw County Public Health department can all help out in different ways. To request testing at your event, you must ensure that there is a location that can provide confidentiality to those wanting to be tested (sound machines will be provided by the organization doing testing).
6. Topics for next meeting
- a. Week’s theme (last year’s was “The Changing Faces of AIDS”)
 - b. Chair(s) for the WAW group
 - i. The group decides what the duties of the chair(s) will be, but minimally the duties consist of planning the meetings, recording what happened at the meetings, and keeping all members informed of pertinent information. In 2006, there was one overworked chairperson. In 2007, there were five underworked chairpeople. For 2008, the group can vote at the next meeting.
7. Discussion of who’s here and what they’re interested in
- a. Ashley (College Dems) – issue work around social justice. Educational event.
 - b. Sarah (AMSA Global Health AIDS Advocacy) – advocacy on behalf of disadvantaged groups. Wants to do an event “After AIDS” on 12/2 to discuss what happens after an AIDS diagnosis
 - c. Stephanie (ONE Campaign, MSA Budget Priorities Committee chair) – wants to bring ONE speaker Tom Brady to campus
 - d. Jene, Samantha (Black Students Union, AIDS in Black and Brown) – AIDS in BB is a week’s worth of events that focus on AIDS in the African American and Latin@ communities in the U.S.
 - e. Lauren, Amelia (Spectrum Center) – AIDS week is a major program of the Spectrum Center and is in their budget. Want to collaborate, especially with LGBTQ groups.
 - f. Rushmie, Puneet (Face AIDS) – raise money for Partners In Health, in the past have had bar nights, movie nights, a dinner, and will be doing a breakfast sale in Angell Hall starting 9/16
 - g. Mical (Spectrum Center, Stonewall Democrats) – wants to collaborate with the Dems
 - h. Chris, John, Taylor (Roosevelt) – Roosevelt is an on-campus policy think tank and a part of a national organization. The Healthcare center works on global health issues. Wants to look at AIDS policy and do an event on the resurgence of AIDS in the US
 - i. Susan, Josh (RESULTS) – a group that creates the political will to end the worst aspects of poverty and eliminate the diseases of poverty. Provides advocacy opportunities on campus and will try to do something with the bills currently on the table for the Nov/Dec time of year

- j. Amrit (Alliance for World AIDS Relief and Education) – had a panel of experts last year, wants to show “A Closer Walk” this year
 - k. Ryan (So You Say) – the theatre group doing the HIV Monologues. Maybe this event can create activists!
 - l. Kristin, Elise, Talia (Planned Parenthood) – want to participate in events that deal with sexual health, advocacy, and education
 - m. Gabriel (Youth Hope Organization) – a non-profit student group that works with underprivileged children. Went abroad to China last summer.
 - n. Chinyere (UHS) – works with PULSE and the Office of Health Promotion and Community Relations and wants to help provide HIV testing at campus events and already purchased pins that say “Know Your Status”
 - o. Amy (LGBT Commission of MSA) – focus on students on campus, has done rallies, wants to help flyer for education and testing
 - p. Carrie (HIV/AIDS Resource Center, AmeriCorps, Public Health School) – can connect people to community-based HIV testing and Public Health School professors as speakers, etc. Can possibly provide 7 AmeriCorps volunteers for events.
- 8. NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008. 6:30 PM. MSA CHAMBERS ON 3RD FLOOR MICHIGAN UNION**