

**Black Outreach Project
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
November 1, 1994**

1. Remembering Graham

A moment of time was spent remembering Graham Cooke, a past board member with mention of his time, contributions, and energies to the Black Outreach Project.

2. Advisory Board Duties

Concern was expressed over the lack of commitment by some Board members. It was decided that non-attending members might better help with the Project by acting in a volunteer capacity, and that Deena would speak to them in regards to this. It was also decided that a follow-up to the prospective new board members, as per Advisory Board meeting September 12, would be done by Deena for next meeting. Present Board members agreed to further do follow-up calls to Board members who were not able to attend this meeting.

Advisory Board participation with specific Black Outreach Project programming was initiated by deciding who had certain expertise and interest in six main program areas of the Project. (refer to "What you can help with" flip chart) This is to be followed-up by Deena for next meeting.

3. Upcoming Events

The meeting with the AIDS Nova Scotia board is scheduled for November 23, 1994 and Steering Committee members along with Sherry and Joan have said that they will be able to attend. This meeting is to respond to racist and negative comments and attitudes put forth by certain AIDS Nova Scotia board members.

The Black Outreach Project will be holding a "Train-the-Trainer" day for Advisory Board members. This will be held for the purposes of having Board members help in doing presentations, and also to help Deena in the development of the resource kit and training sessions for the communities.

It was decided that the Black Outreach Project would hold a Kwanzaa/Christmas openhouse on World AIDS Day, December 1st. This would be for the purpose of having a Holiday celebration but also be another opportunity to raise awareness.

4. Project Update

Deena and Kim represented the Project at the Atlantic AIDS Network conference in September. Kim did an anti-racism workshop which had more participants than ever but discouragement was still expressed over having to run the anti-racism workshop concurrent with other workshops. This issue will again be addressed for the next Atlantic AIDS Network conference.

The Project is working with Irondale to continue "Together Against AIDS", the culturally sensitive theater piece, for Black History Month. They are working at this together with Cultural Awareness Youth Group.

The Black Outreach Project now has a seat with the C.E.C. Black Community Working Group. This is providing great opportunities for networking, raising awareness, and community development.

The Project has accepted a placement from the Dalhousie Nursing School. Michelle Mercer is helping with the resource kit and administrative duties and is there one day a week until April.

Deena and Lorne attended the Rural Issues Conference in Jasper, Alberta funded by Health Canada. It was reported to be a somewhat limiting conference because there were very different levels of experience but there were still new ideas and approaches learned for the betterment of the Project.

The Project is working with the Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention in Toronto to better service HIV positive African Nova Scotians, and affected African Nova Scotians who travel between the two areas.