

**Black Outreach Project Advisory
Board Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 6, 1994**

Present: Kim, Lorne, Joan, Sherry

- Kim asked if the steering committee members had a chance to review the B.O.P. Phase II proposal. Kim also told members that we will do a thorough review of the proposal at the first official meeting of the advisory board.
- Sherry, Lorne and Joan have agreed to stay on the new advisory board.
- Kim will be leaving the job at the end of April and Deena Noseworthy will be taking over on May 2nd. Kim will stay involved on a volunteer basis (ie) the Adv board and other committees she's presently involved with. Kim said that she will support Deena in her transition and she asked that steering committee members make themselves accessible to Deena when they can.
- As of June 1st the NSPWAC will be moving to the Lord Nelson building and they will be sharing space with AIDS N.S. The B.O.P. is moving to the Merchants Assoc. bldg. Joan suggested we talk to Duma to see if their organization is interested in sharing space. She also suggested that we sign a month to month lease at our new location.
- The needs assessment has been distributed to a number of people (ie) focus group participants, Adv. board members, Atlantic AIDS network (AAN), Black org's. We ran out of copies. We originally had 60 copies printed and Kim recently got 100 copies printed.
- Kim reported that the AAN steering committee had a weekend meeting in Feb that she could not attend. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the AAN development. A summary report of the weekend will be available to boards of AIDS Service organizations in the AAN to be discussed for feedback.
- Kim said that she's been making connections with the Atlantic First Nations Task Force on AIDS. Kim and Duma made arrangements for Kim to spend 1 afternoon a week down at their office on Gottingen St. Duma said that Blacks frequent their office quite a bit and it would be nice if someone could be present to talk to them when they come in or just be represented in the office.
- The B.O.P. is looking at doing an evaluation of the project throughout Phase II. Kim said right now we have a woman named Maureen Summers discussing the evaluation process with the project. The steering committee felt that we should have a Black evaluator on the project. Kim said she would get Deena to pursue this.
- The B.O.P. applied for two summer students, Post secondary and secondary. Both students will work with the Irondale Ensemble project and AIDS N.S. to develop an AIDS show that is

culturally specific to the Black community. All three groups (ANS, IEP, & BOP) will also work with the Black Artist Network of N.S. IEP has put in a proposal to Sec. State. The Post sec. student will start May 20 and the sec. student will start June 27. The first student will be able to assist Deena with specific duties.

- Kim asked for recommendations of names for the Adv. Board. We brainstormed one name- Marsha Gannon. We need to look at getting more people on board.

We did not set the next meeting date. Deena will organize the first official meeting of the Adv. board and will have an HIV/AIDS basic information session for all new adv. board members at the first meeting.

Humbly submitted by:

Kim Bernard