

**Black Outreach Project
Minutes from January 24, 1995 Meeting**

Present - Lorne Izzard, Kim Bernard, Sherry Bernard, Clayton Langford, Chris Bundy, Rodney Lawrence, Patricia Jones, Jane Oram, Deena Noseworthy

1. Meeting was called to order by Deena Noseworthy.
2. Jane Oram from the AIDS Community Action Program, (the Project's funder) attended the meeting as a guest to hear some of the Project's issues and to get a sense of how the Project is progressing at the Advisory Board level.
3. Project Update:

A) Vancouver Conference - Lorne Izzard

This conference was reported to be very good but didn't have an appropriate concentration of ethno-cultural diversity issues. Deena and Lorne were there and publicly addressed this issue along with others representing ethno-cultural communities. They also made a recommendation for the planning of the next B.C. conference to specifically look at how they will incorporate ethno-cultural issues.

B) Ethno-Cultural Diversity Committee
Canadian AIDS Society - Lorne Izzard

ECDC is planning a conference to focus on ethno-cultural issues in the fall of 1995. This will be held in Montreal and the Black Outreach Project will have significant participation.

C) Rural Outreach - Deena Noseworthy

Rural Outreach has been going well. Since the last meeting Deena has been in Yarmouth, Kentville, Beechville and Shelburne. Requests from the rural areas are coming in more frequently, and Black History Month will specifically involve targeted rural work.

D) Train-the Trainer Day - Patricia Jones

The training day happened on November 26, 1994 for Advisory Board participants. Three people participated and received a temporary resource kit covering the main areas the Black Outreach Project presents in sessions. It went very well and the participants have already started helping Deena with presentations.

E) BOP Openhouse - Kim Bernard

The BOP openhouse held on December 1, 1994 was very festive and was attended by some people in the community. However, there was a hope that more Advisory Board members and more community people would attend. Overall it went O.K.

F) Resource Kit - Deena Noseworthy

The first draft of the resource kit and training manual is almost finished. It appears at this time that there will have to be seven training sessions across the province to implement the kit. The resource kit monitoring committee will be key in the further development of the kit.

4. Program Initiatives

The program initiatives and the breakdown of who is working on them are as follows:

a) HIV positive health promotion

Deena, Karan, Clayton

b) Project Promotion

Deena, Joan, Jude

c) Presentations and Workshops

Deena, Kim, Rodney, Pat

d) Church Consultation

Deena, Sherry, Brian, Pat, Kim

e) Black Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Group

Deena, Lorne, Robert

f) Resource Kit Monitoring

Deena, Sherry, Chris, Pat

5. AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia

Deena made a presentation on where the Project stands with the provincial consultation. We decided that we would participate as a member group with this process rather than become one corporate identity, where the the Project would lose autonomy. The advisory board discussed its outrage, disappointment and frustration with how the Project has been regarded in the AIDS community. This was clearly expressed to Jane Oram.

6. Next meeting March 8, 1995