

join the committee. At next month's meeting, Ms. Bontempo will advise the committee on the budget available for marketing in the upcoming fiscal year.

The committee discussed the need to include new members from the Haitian community, specifically to identify a bilingual representative. Members recommended reaching out to the Center for Haitian Studies and local Haitian leaders for assistance.

Barriers to involvement include fear related to stigma, lack of knowledge regarding Partnership duties and a general sense of apathy. Members suggested that future marketing efforts stress the urgency of need for client involvement as it relates directly to the grant process, the benefits of being involved in decisions that affect a client's personal care and treatment and highlighting 25 things clients should know about Ryan White services.

Another barrier discussed was that Partnership PLWHA members may not be affiliated or employed by a Part A funded provider, per the Partnership Bylaws and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) guidelines. Several otherwise viable candidates have been disqualified because of this qualification. The Bylaws, which were last revised in November 2007, are due for review.

VI. Standing Business

▪ Community Events Update

The committee reviewed the January 25th, 2010 Recruitment Events Update handout (copy on file), and agreed to participate in the following:

- 4th Annual "Silence is Death" March & Expo on February 5th;
- Miami-Dade College Medical Center Campus Health Fair on February 20th;
- 2nd Annual Community Health Awareness Fair at Philadelphia Evangelical Church on April 24th;
- and
- Congregational Health Fairs, as time and planning allow.

Motion to participate in the upcoming events detailed in the January 25th, 2010 Recruitment Events Update handout.

Moved: Ed McGowan

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

VII. New Business

▪ Elections

Cheryl Waterman has completed her second term as chair; chair elect, Dedra Brown, was not present nor were any members eligible for the chair elect seat. The item was tabled until February.

▪ Comprehensive Plan Assignments

The committee briefly reviewed the Comprehensive Plan assignments (copy on file). The activities were largely discussed during the membership discussion and time did not allow further review. Ms. Bontempo will update the spreadsheet and bring it back for further review in February.

▪ Testimonials for Annual Report

The draft Annual Report (copy on file) was reviewed. Ms. Bontempo requested that members submit testimonials to include in the document. Sandra Jones, Hilda Rivera and Mr. Robinson offered to contribute testimonials.

▪ **Question and Answer Session**

There were no questions.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Bontempo announced that the mileage reimbursement rate would decrease to \$0.50/mile from \$0.55/mile, effective March 1st, 2010.

Mr. Robinson announced the next Community Mobilization Committee meeting at Empower “U” on January 28th at 3:00 p.m. and the National Week of Prayer meeting at Bethel Apostolic Temple on January 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Hyde announced that he has begun a collage-making project and asked for contributions; members should contact him for details.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is February 22nd, 2010 at Sembrando Flores.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Ed McGowan

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.