

# CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

June 8, 2018

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM, UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND, DEER PARK, NY

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy D. Co-chair  
Clara C. Co-Chair  
Arthur B.  
Wendy A.  
Joseph P.  
Marcie E.  
William D.  
Kevin M.  
Robert S.

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

James H.  
Lance M.  
Angie P.  
Keith A.  
Ed M.  
Juanita C-F  
June T.  
James C.  
Traci S.  
Paul B.  
Richard G.  
Ernie B.  
Gauis C.

### GUESTS

Greg Noone  
Pam McHugh  
Eileen Bryant

### STAFF:

Georgette Beal  
JoAnn Henn  
Stephanie Moreau

### Welcome/Introductions

Nancy D. welcomed everyone. After introductions, there was a moment of silence to remember those we have lost and those affected by the disease.

### II. Approval of April 13, 2018 Minutes-

The minutes of the April 13, 2018 meeting were tabled to allow enough time for the presentation and WAD planning. Two sets of meeting minutes will be reviewed at the August CIC meeting.

### III. Thursday's Child Long Term Survivor group (LTS)

Mr. Greg Noone thanked the CIC for the opportunity to come and speak about the Long Term Survivor Group. A long term survivor is someone who has lived with the disease for at least fifteen years. Mr. Noone said that while this diagnosis is a common denominator it doesn't have to be the only thing we talk about, it's been thirty years and were weren't expected to be here, but we are. We are no longer in isolation, but inspiring others and remembering those whom we have lost. The focus of this Long Term Survivor (LTS) group is to celebrate the fact that we are still here; to have the opportunity to be regular people again through shared experiences, socializing while doing fun activities. This LTS Survivor group will be a fun support group fostering a kinship with each other.

Inspired by and building upon what has gone before, GMHC and PWAC to name a few, the idea and planning for this support group has been a long time in the making and is now coming to

fruition. To kick off this group, the first event, *Painting with a Twist*, will be held on Friday evening, July 13, 2018, 7pm-10pm and the location can accommodate up to 35 people. This will be a private event in Selden where you will have the opportunity to socialize, drink your favorite beverage, and bring home a one of a kind piece of art that you have painted. Aprons and art supplies are provided, a painting subject is chosen beforehand (the majority of those planning to attend, opted for a beach subject) and lessons are given to guide the budding artists.

EOC may be able to provide transportation to the event through Part B funding. During the CAB updates of the previous CIC meeting, Mr. Brown informed the committee that EOC has expanded the transportation services and more destinations are covered under RW Part B funding.

Thursday's Child is footing the bill for the event, but RSVPs are required to ascertain how many people plan to attend. A sign in sheet was distributed. Many signed up at the meeting and were encouraged to tell other LTSs about the event. Ms. Egel gave out her contact information as well.

The idea of such a Long Term Survivor group was well received. One committee member agreed it was a good idea, commenting on how much time is concentrated on the diagnosis. It is important to plan social outings. This event is the first of many, to be scheduled once every couple of months. Suggestions about times and places include: movies, bowling and dinner. Ms. Moreau suggested, with her theatre connections, attending a play. There was also discussion of when these events could take place. Because of familial and other obligations, evenings may not be convenient for everyone and perhaps a weekend would be a better option. Planning for future events is ongoing and suggestions and ideas are always welcome. Mr. Noone thanked the committee members for their time and is looking forward to seeing them at *Painting with a Twist*.

### **III. CAB Updates/Regional Trends-**

- CART picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from noon-4pm at Eisenhower Park. RSVPs are requested. See Kevin M. for more information.
- Robert S. announced that there were 93 Peer Certification graduates last week; two graduates were from NUMC and one from Options. Eileen B. was among the graduating class.

### **VII. Other Business-**

- Marci E. informed the committee that World AIDS Day will be November 30, 2018 at The Heritage Club of Bethpage, formerly Carlyle on the Green. There will be a WAD planning meeting after the July 11<sup>th</sup> Planning Council meeting. Theme and honorees are to be main topics to be discussed.
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### **VII. Announcements/Adjournments**

A motion was made by Kevin M. and seconded by Marci E. to adjourn June 8, 2018 Consumer Involvement Committee meeting. **All in Favor-Motion carried**