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HIV Health Services Planning Council Announces Membership Vacancies

The San Antonio Area HIV Health Services Planning Council is searching for qualified individuals to fill important membership vacancies.

The Planning Council was created to promote the development of HIV/AIDS health and supportive services in San Antonio and Bexar County. The Planning Council's mission is to:

“Create a broad-based community response to the HIV epidemic affecting people within the EMA (eligible metropolitan area) and to ensure the availability and coordination of the highest quality, comprehensive health and supportive services to individuals infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.”

The duties of the Planning Council are to obtain input on community needs, develop a plan for the delivery of health services to individuals with HIV/AIDS; establish priorities for the allocation of federal funds; and to evaluate how well services are meeting community needs.

As outlined in the Planning Council bylaws, the membership of the Planning Council must reflect the demographics of individuals with HIV/AIDS in the EMA. The membership must also reflect the racial/ethnic, age and gender demographics of the HIV/AIDS population.

To that end, the following eight Planning Council vacancies are open until filled:

- Affected Community Youth Representative (18-24 years old)
- Affected Community African American/Black Non-Conflicted
- Affected Community Hispanic Female Non-Conflicted
- Affected Community Member non-specific, Non Conflicted
- Substance Abuse Service Representative Provider or Consumer of Services
- AIDS Service Organization Representative
- State Medicaid Agency Representative
- Hepatitis C Representative Service Provider and /or Consumer with co-morbidity.

Applications for the Planning Council vacancies can be found online at:
www.aacog.com/hivhealthservices/documents/2006/planningcouncilmembershipapplication.pdf

The San Antonio Area HIV Health Services Planning Council was established in 1994, and is a

25-member planning body made up of volunteer community members who have been appointed to serve a two-year term. Members have a wide range of viewpoints and expertise they can bring to the Council. These individuals include health care providers, public health officials, consumers, people of various race and ethnic orientations, as well as people from different parts of the EMA. At least one-third (33%) of the Planning Council members must be people living with HIV. These members bring the consumer's point of view to Planning Council discussions. Council members typically commit two to ten hours a month to attend Council and Committee meetings.

For more information on the vacancies please call 212-7526 or 362-5283. Applications may be sent by mail to AACOG, 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700; San Antonio, Texas 78217. Attn: Rosa Valdez.

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