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SAVANNAH-CHATHAM AIDS COALITION MINUTES - JULY 11, 1997

Present: Robert Bush, Victoria Bertolozzi, Mary Willoughby, Debbie Hinds, Susan Alt, Betty Arnsed, Monica Cochran, Gwen Burnett Grant, Sandy Streeter, Herb Smith, Anne Roise, Geri Morgan, Iris Farmer, Julie O'Dell, Clavone Blount, Dee Works, Deborah Waits, Pandora Singleton, Frances Bannister, Gena Taylor

◆Susan Alt provided data for Title I programs, Title II Consortia and Title II Home and Community-Based Care programs. The status of the drug program was that state would be meeting to discuss changing criteria so that access is easier. When changes occur, the poverty guidelines will be 300%; more people will qualify; will be able to do triple combo; all eleven will be on formulary; should have in writing by the next Aids Coalition meeting. Intake eligibility - cannot be on Medicaid, no source of income for payment; appointments should be scheduled with Betty Simmons if an individual does not have a case manager; must have a prescription from provider documenting proof of income; no private insurance; two months of documented regimen adherence; exceptions are for a person who moves into community and is currently on meds.

◆HOPWA II Grant - Struggling with the Homemaker and Meals on Wheels programs. There has been a restructure and reallocation of HOPWA funds; some services have been extended to June, 1998; Hospice funding has been increased; paralegal's tenure has been extended and Greg Med is secure until December, 1997. Greg-Med services have tripled; cost increasing because geographical area has been expanded. Family Advocate hired by Youth Futures Authority. AIDS Interfaith is in the process of hiring a director and is coordinating more care teams. Peer education programs will discuss meds' compliance. Renovations for Phoenix I.

◆Tidelands - ??? regarding accessibility. A letter should be drafted to the regional board regarding concerns; accept recommendations of Ad-hoc committee; letter to Quarterman and copy to board.

◆Education Committee - Pandora talked with Tina Spivey to reorganize and reinvigorate. Pandora announced meeting at the Mariott; open to the public; opportunity to discuss local concerns and funding; the State is advocating for regional agendas; Community Prevention Planning Council.

Agency Announcements:

◆Robert Bush announced that an agreement to address accessibility at Veterans Administration Clinic is occurring; Wayne Welch is the contact person.

◆Sandy Streeter announced that there is a grant opportunity for young men in prison (prevention grant) and would like to use the Aids Coalition for support.

◆Susan Alt announced a retreat for HIV-Positive women. Jamie Maury asked to distribute a letter and asking for letters of support and/or signatures of letter to the editor.

◆Walking For Life -July 23, 1997 at Union Mission "Children Living In A World of Aids"