



## Meeting Minutes: October 9<sup>th</sup>

In Attendance: Sandra Sitar, Zenovia Wright, Sterling Washington, David Mariner

### Updates

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- VRC Update:
  - VRC 015 – Expecting a protocol review of this protocol in a future meeting, recruiting 40 HIV negative volunteers
  - Follow up: Letter to HAA and Setting up a Meeting (DJ was going to talk to NR) – Sandra will follow up with Diane
  - Follow up: Presentation on Therapeutic Study – Sandra says there is nothing to report on this study yet, but we can think about a presentation in the spring.
  - Question from last month: When will the letter to current trial participants be sent out? Sandra said she will take care of this.
- Walter Reed: on hold till further notice.
- Letter on Sex & Gender: The Community Partners have met and discussed our letter and formed an ad-hoc working group to discuss further. Members of the Community Partners will be in town for the joint ACTG/PACTG meeting and have requested a meeting with us Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. Jessica Xavier and David Mariner will attend, any other members of DC CABS that signed on to the letter are encouraged to attend. For details contact David at [dmariner@dccare.org](mailto:dmariner@dccare.org) or 301 437 2309.

### Discussion

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- October 1<sup>st</sup> DC Center Event – Generally folks thought things went well although we could have beefed up the 'vaccine basics' section.
- The End of the Step Study – Articles were handed out from the IAVI report including one which outlines how the VRC vaccine products differ from those in the step study
- Revised Mission Statement – we adopted a revised mission statement – David will post to website.
- National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Event October 15<sup>th</sup> – please join us! Related blog post at: <http://www.fighthivindc.org/2007/07/national-latino-aids-awareness-day.html>
- NIH Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council Meeting – October 24<sup>th</sup> – Related blog post at: <http://www.fighthivindc.org/2007/10/hivaids-research-agenda-for-black-gay.html>
- World AIDS Day – VRC and Us Helping Us are working on an event at Howard on November 28<sup>th</sup>. DC Fights Back and Our Place DC are (tentatively) looking to show a film at Westminster Presbyterian.
- Plans for November and December Meetings



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- New stuff – given the new mission statement we talked about the possibility of doing an event on pre-exposure prophylaxis in the Spring

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## Upcoming Events

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| 10/12 | Meeting with the ICAB Adhoc Group to discuss Open Letter on Sex and Gender   |
| 10/15 | National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (event info attached)   |
| 10/16 | DC Fights Back Resource Day, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 401 I Street NW from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (flyer attached) |
| 12/1  | World AIDS Day   |