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WNCAP hires executive director

by Dan Van Mourik
Q-Notes Staff

ASHEVILLE, NC—The Western North Carolina AIDS Project (WNCAP) has hired Leslie Burnside of Hickory to be its new executive director. Burnside is an experienced prevention educator and has been working with the HIV community for 10 years.

Burnside has served as an advocate for people with AIDS through the AIDS Leadership Foothills Area Alliance as well as being a board member of the Ryan White Consortium of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba counties.

Burnside previously served as the executive director of the Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. She holds a master's degree in counseling and human development from the University of Georgia and a bachelor's degree from Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.

Burnside recently led the Catawba County Department of Social Service's Families for Kids

initiative. Under her leadership, the agency became one of the leading counties in NC to reduce its foster care population and doubled its adoption services.

She takes over the agency as some clients and former clients continue to raise issues of accountability and question the agency's policy of financial assistance to PLWAs (People Living With AIDS). Client concerns date back to 1993 when WNCAP shifted funds from direct client financial support to case management of PLWAs.

Most of the WNCAP controversy seems to have been raised by a single individual which led to legal action by both parties. The legal issues have been resolved and WNCAP feels it has properly addressed all accusations, although former executive director Joe Connolly feels the agency has suffered a public relations crisis.

WNCAP provides direct services to people with HIV/AIDS and their families as well as prevention education. ▼

UNC student to lead national group

by Wanda Pico
Special to Q-Notes

CHAPEL HILL, NC—When leaders for the National Queer Student Coalition (NQSC) were elected during the 51st Annual National Student Congress of the United States Student Association (USSA), UNC-Chapel Hill student Christine Williams was selected to become the group's chair.

NQSC, an affiliate of USSA, the nation's oldest and largest student organization dedicated to achieving educational access for all students, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, financial status, ability or religious affiliation, is gearing up for an exciting year.

The agenda for the 1998-99 academic year includes supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) in Congress, as well as efforts to make the bill more inclusive of transgender people. Also, NQSC will be a visible, active supporter of the Equality Begins

at Home Campaign sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Federation of Statewide LGBT Political Organizations. During the National Student Congress, held August 4-9 at the University of Colorado in Boulder, the general membership of USSA voted to support an all-inclusive movement for the rights of GLBT people and to support the Equality Begins at Home Campaign.

"We plan to be working closely with our fellow queer organizers, on both the national and statewide level, to ensure that students' voices are included in Equality Begins At Home actions all over the country in March of 1999," Williams said.

Additional positions within NQSC were filled by Maryanne Cassera, Portland State University (vice-chair), and Sari Krosinsky, State University of New York (internal chair).

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sources are available to do the work.

Ultimately, victory over HIV will require a vaccine. Although there are many obstacles to its development, an AIDS vaccine is possible.

We're probably at least a decade away from having one. The resources need to come from the United States Treasury. The United States is the only country in the world with the resources and expertise to develop this kind of product. America is going to have to lead.

One of the most effective prevention strategies, needle exchange, has been a political hot potato in the United States. There was a recent decision to continue the ban on needle exchange in spite of evidence that these programs are effective and don't encourage drug use.

The AIDS epidemic in New York City is more than 60 percent related to injection drug use. Unless you deal with injection drug use, you will never overcome the epidemic.

The link between care and advocacy is a two-way street. For example, we have a department

that fights with insurance companies and helps people get on Medicaid. Their experiences inform our advocacy work.

At the same time, our advocacy experiences help shape client services. For example, when foscarnet became available for treatment of CMV retinitis, we knew about it in advance through our advocacy connections and were able to work with client services to prepare for it. Foscarnet requires an indwelling catheter and this raised many issues for client services.

In terms of education, we have a lot to learn from some countries in Africa. They have developed aggressive educational campaigns, which we haven't done here. They have aggressively promoted condom use. In the United States, we have almost never had ads on TV promoting condom use. We have almost never had public campaigns. That's something we desperately need.

In terms of AIDS services, there is a lot that everybody needs, no matter what country they live in. Adequate healthcare, adequate shelter and adequate nutrition are part of the baseline that everybody needs. ▼

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