



noted that not only do his patrons attend other venues but that other CSV promoters also attend his parties. Walid noted that he has a link on his website to the DOHMH, and that in just one month the link had gotten more than 2,000 hits.

5. Training Events: George informed the group that trainings are continuing to be held. There recently was an STI training for bathhouse staff and an HIV training is scheduled to occur soon. Brandon said he'd like to attend trainings, and George said he was welcome to do so. It was agreed that announcements of future trainings would be included in e-mails.

6. Review of CSVWG Objectives for 2006: James Brown of the DOHMH's Bureau of STD Control led a discussion of the group's objectives, referring to the 7-point document created by the group in 2003. It was agreed that the group had made considerable progress in implementing activities related to these objectives and that the objectives were still valid. James also said that the overarching goal was to coordinate the membership and the activities of all three groups funded with syphilis elimination dollars, i.e., the CSVWG, the Syphilis Advisory Group, and the new Internet Interventions Advisory Group. [Note: see information at the end of this e-mail regarding the December 13 meeting at Cikatelli Associates of all three groups.]

James informed the group that he has contracted with Medical and Health Research Association of NY (MHRA) for administrative support at meetings (taking minutes, arranging meetings, etc), and that this would begin in January 2006. He also recommended contracting out the two CSVWG objectives/activities that have not been fully addressed, i.e., evaluation of the group's activities and identification of additional funding for them. Peter suggested that this work could also be coordinated with the AIDS Institute.

7. Citiwide Task Force: George told the group he was pursuing the issue of the interagency task force that has raided CSVs. He cited an article in last week's Village Voice reporting that the task force has been raiding bars and other night spots in Manhattan, as part of "quality of life" enforcement activity. (The Voice article focused on heterosexual establishments targeted by the task force.) George said he was working to get a meeting with the task force, both to get information from them and to express concerns about enforcement actions against CSVs that are collaborating with the Department on HIV/STD prevention activities.

8. Next week's SAG meeting: December 13, 10:00am - 12:30pm, Cikatelli Associates, Inc. 505 Eight Avenue on the 20th floor. Members of the SAG, CSVWG, and IIAG are invited and encouraged to attend. The agenda is attached.

9. Next CSVWG Meeting: We tentatively scheduled this for Tuesday, January 10, 2006. We will confirm it at the December 13 SAG meeting at Cikatelli Associates. best wishes,

George De Stefano, MSW