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Services Committee Meeting March 6, 2008

Present: Bill Fox, FLACRA, Gillian Wells, AIDS Rochester, Tracy Boff, Catholic Charities, Michelle Karch, ACHC, Anne Piazza, ARI, Patricia Terziani, ABC/AFC, Anthony Porter, Huther Doyle, Matthew Kaye, Liberty Research Group, Calvin Twoguns, Liberty Research Group.

Staff: Pat Zacharais, Nora Rowland

Review of Minutes:

The February minutes were reviewed by the Group. A correction was made and amended to the February 7th minutes. Calvin motioned to approve the minutes and Tracy seconded. The minutes were approved with the below listed change.

Correction: the Director of Catholic Charities is Tracy Boff, Phyllis McElligott is Associate Director.

Agency Updates and Announcements:

- **ARI** – Annie Piazza will be retiring; ARI did a safety training for case managers who do home visits, this training included what to do when dealing with animals on a home visit, there is also a training scheduled April 1st for motivational interviewing; the Annual Dine-Out Event is scheduled for March 19th.
- **RATFA** – the annual meeting is Tuesday, March 11th at 8:30 am, all are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on new positions and most importantly we need to have the current membership forms on file, if you have not sent in your forms please send it in as soon as possible; Nora Rowland will be working as the full-time Program Assistant for RATFA, she can be reached at norarowland@flhsa.org or 461-3520 x126.
- **ACHC** – has a Health and Wellness Fair for Latinas coming up Saturday, March 29th at the Clarion Riverside Hotel
- **Catholic Charities** –had the RPD and Monroe County Probation officers come and do safety trainings for their outreach workers, these trainings involved what to do about the animals and other situations that we may not think of; a presentation entitled The Special Education Process is taking place March 18th, 12:30 pm at Catholic Charities.
- **FLACRA** – has had a resignation and has a vacancy for a senior counselor in their Newark outpatient clinic in Wayne County; the HR at FLACRA is Brenda.Hale@flacra.org and the phone

number is 315-462-9116; new regulations have been written by OASIS mandating that all OASIS funded agencies have to be tobacco free inside the buildings as well as on the campus'. The Council on Addiction in Finger Lakes is offering training on Ethics for Addiction Professionals on March 26 at the American Legion in Geneva, to register contact the Council at 315-789-0310, Health Association training at the Buffalo Road DePaul office on Substance Abuse in returning Iraq Vets March 26th.

- **Liberty Research Group** – recently returned from a conference in Minneapolis, MN concerning the Native American community group working on a national congressional paper for HIV/AIDS issues experienced in the rural and urban settings; March 20th is HIV Awareness Day for Native Americans.
- **ABC/AFC** – Women's Roundtable at Unity Health Center, women who are involved in their church are encouraged to participate. There will also be a special testing day for women on March 12th.
- **Huther Doyle** – No announcements but the mission of Huther Doyle was reiterated; if you have any questions give Anthony Porter a call at 325-5100 x3554.

Review of Projects:

Committee reviewed February minutes of the discussion about the Services' mission and projects identified for the committee to organize. Discussion ensued.

Catholic Charities has not scheduled the next safety training as of yet. The trainers are willing to do a training any time. If there are enough people one can be scheduled. The Services Committee will take the lead on getting agencies to attend the trainings.

Catholic Charities and ARI will host a case management conference in the summer, ARI and FLACRA will be hosting a case management conference in the fall. The invitations were extended for any other agencies to host their own case conferences and we encourage you to talk to your agency or any other agency that would like to take a part in this. This is a valuable opportunity for case managers.

At the last meeting the committee talked about the role of Services in public education and what Services' role might be. Ron will be following up at the next Services meeting on the Project Inform project.

Update on Data Training:

The larger agencies have been contacted and the smaller agencies will be contacted soon regarding the Medicaid Churning tool. Since the cutoff for data collection is March 31st and the next scheduled Services meeting is April 3rd there is no time to compile the results and write a report. The Joint meeting will take place at the May meeting on May 1st.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 8:30 am at AIDS Rochester.