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Executive Committee Meeting

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Minutes

Members Present: Wilson Augustave, Julian Brown, Roberto Burgos, Joan Cain, Renee DeVore, Sady Fischer, Rich Fowler, Bill Fox, Bob Lebman, Joy Messenger, Letty Padilla, Kraig Panell, Sylvia Velez.

Members Excused: Trilby DeJung, Gail Perlstein.

Members Absent: Rev. Sharon Jacobson, Nancy Prowell, Christine Vasquez.

Review of Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: See attached.

Old Business:

Youth

- Pat and Renee didn't send out the unified list of Youth Serving Agencies and contacts. Renee indicated that a Standing Committee needs to serve as a locus to oversee this work for Executive Committee. Lynn suggested that Prevention with assistance from Joy would be a reasonable locus for this
- Renee asked if we want to undertake the task? If so, we need buy in from the committee to which it is assigned.
- Another option would be to have an Ad Hoc committee similar to the RGA Committee to determine:
 - how we want to be involved
 - the role we want to play
 - what works in prevention for youth?
 - where does the network need to go to meet youth's needs?
- Kraig offered that we shouldn't do youth events without letting youth define their needs; it is important to have an understanding of demographics of youth; use bench marks of health status indicators; logistics is the most difficult part of focus groups; have online survey tools and broadcast it out as well as use focus groups; Kraig will explore using a sub-committee of Prevention.
- Possible approaches:
 - online
 - focus groups

- literature/data searching
- Youth missing constituency at the table; do they want their voice heard and how do we do that?

Next Steps:

- Have discussion with Prevention Committee to determine if they are willing to move forward.
- Advise if there are enough people interested.
- Determine geographic area: city, suburbs, rural.
- Identify gaps in the resources needed to accomplish approach selected. Organizations are willing to add staff. Tobacco coalitions in 6 counties.
- Anyone interested in participating contact Kraig. Bob, Kraig, Sady, and Rich expressed an interest. Kraig will organize a special meeting this month, then send the information to Prevention. He will want to send an AD by Blast Mail.
- Wilson stated that FLMHCP's CHC in Sodus is hearing the problems the youth are having such as high incidence of STDs, and exposure to HIV. FLMHCP is interested in trying to do something in that area. They are looking for feedback.

World AIDS Day:

Lynn informed the committee that ARI has volunteered to provide transportation to the lunch for those who need to take a bus. The committee chose Glendoveer's as the site for the luncheon.

Executive Directors Meeting:

A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st at Noon to bring Executive Directors and Directors of County Public Health Departments together. Lynn asked the committee to review the list of invitees to determine if there are organizations missing. A copy of the agenda is attached.

New Business:

CDC:

The CDC has eliminated Rochester & Buffalo because of 2000 Census. In New York State only New York City Youth, Transgender, and Women and Children organizations could comply for grants. In New Jersey every area could comply. Outside of NYC there is a high incidence of HIV and STDs. We need to be doing advocacy with CDC. We have lost millions of dollars because of census data. If agencies see elimination by population, size of other demographics, notify the Federal Government and RATFA.

CAC Center application denied. Well written by professional, the concepts were totally developed by CAC after visits to Syracuse and Buffalo programs. CAC is trying to determine why Rochester's proposal was not funded.

Use of Emerging Community Funds:

Lynn reported that RATFA received \$20,000 in funding from the city of Rochester for 2006-2007. This moves us to Proposal II for the use of Emerging Community funds.

Bob moved and Rich seconded a motion to adopt Option II as outlined in May minutes. The \$11,000 would be identified as miscellaneous Network needs including but

not limited to: AIDS Mastery; PLWA scholarships; consultants for youth surveys/focus groups and capacity building.

PILLS Retreat:

Sally Trafton will facilitate. Committee chairs are asked to come for the first hour to provide input on issues they see as priorities. PLWH/As were invited.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11 at 10:00AM at FLHSA.