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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Members Present: Renee, Bob, Joan, Jeff, Sady, Julian, Gail, Letty, Rich, Trilby, Lynn

Members Absent: Jane, Jill, Kraig, Nancy,

Opening: Renee opened the meeting. The minutes from the June meeting were approved with one correction. Rich should have been recorded as absent.

The Agenda was approved as presented, with a request that the Committee go into Executive session. Bob moved that the committee go into Executive session. The motion was seconded and approved. At the end of the discussion, Bob moved that the Committee leave Executive session. Rich seconded the motion. The regular meeting resumed.

After the Executive session, staff was asked to prepare a policy and procedure regarding steps that might be taken if RATFA's Code of Conduct is violated.

Chair's Report:

Renee reported that the Special Needs Categories for NYS Services Plan are changing. She did not state what the new categories are expected to be.

She reminded the Committee that in June she had asked for people on the Executive Committee to take leadership in efforts to pull young adults and the religious community into RATFA. To date she has not heard from those who had been identified to do this. (Religious Community: Bob, Pearlie, Jane; Youth: Sheila Driscoll, Jeff Myers, Mary Terziani)

Treasurer's Report:

Letters for AIDS Mastery have gone out to the Pharmaceutical companies. Rich will be doing follow-up. Letters went out to a third of the list of faith communities and there has been no response. Some churches tithing committees will be approached to fund AIDS Mastery.

A letter is being formulated for funeral directors.

The grant from the City of Rochester was approved, and we expect to get the contract this month. The contract year will be July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006. The grant will be for \$20,000 and will allow us to bring Pat up to 95% time for the Network and RATFA. It will pay for her to staff/do logistics work for Prevention, National Testing Day, World AIDS Day, and outreach events of Rays of Hope. It will also allow her to do some preliminary work with directors of agencies that provide prevention services exploring whether they want to start a Recovery Net for Prevention Services.

National Testing Day costs came in well under revenue.

Jeff Barhite has indicated to Rich Fowler that he is willing to assist the CAC develop grants to fund the Center.

Patty Ross and Calvin Twoguns have resigned from Finance Committee. The Committee is seeking new members. There will be no August meeting.

Coordinator's Report:

Lynn reported that meetings with Executive Directors/AIDS program Directors have been going very well. One result is that FLACRA has indicated that it wishes to become active in the Network. Bob Fox the Deputy Director will be made available to serve on the Board. FLACRA provides substance abuse services in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Yates, and Schuyler Counties. FLACRA will also be doing a much more AIDS conscious programming in the future. Much of this new commitment is related to the annual update conference done by the Ontario Wayne Task Force, and the Coordinator's visit, reinforced the message.

Pat has been contacting Mayoral candidates and has had a very difficult time getting a date. (That has since been addressed and a date is set for Sept. 27 at 8:30 AM at Unity. All candidates will be in attendance).

National Testing Day: The goal was to test 675 people and 671 contacts were made with 656 being tested. Two new cases of HIV were identified. There was a major increase in testing done in rural counties this year. The strategies used to test the deaf were not successful, but testing with interpreting services was publicized and made available.

The Mortality Work Group is finalizing a form to gather mortality data. It will be pre-tested in this region, and then a final form recommended to the AIDS Institute. The state's HIV/AIDS epidemiologist will be meeting with the group sometime after mid-August.

Service Delivery Plan: The committee recommended that Michael Beatty and Sarita Rivera be asked to co-chair the Service Delivery Planning process. (Michael has agreed. Sarita declined.)

Committee Reports:

CAC will be holding a bowl-a-thon fund raiser in August to increase funds for PLWH/A scholarships. All are welcome to bowl.

The State CAC now has a person who is blind. With the work that John from our region has done on the issue of disabilities, and with the addition of a person who is blind, the state CAC is seriously reviewing issues of making AIDS Services accessible to those who live with handicapping conditions.

August Meeting:

The chair asked if there was any objection to canceling the August meeting. Hearing none, the meeting for August was cancelled.