

# Rochester Area Task Force on AIDS, Inc.

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## PREVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2007

### AGENDA

**Members Present:** Jennifer Colon, Tom DellaPorta, Allen Forbes, Melissa Kelley, Bill Kress, Ornelle Matta, Thalia Pabon, Kraig Pannell, Judy Sauer, Ayub Smith, Mary Terziani, Patty Terziani, Calvin Twoguns, Lynn Varricchio, Pat Zacharias.

**Excused:** Rodney Frazier, John Hardel, Joy Messinger.

**Minutes:** Calvin motioned that the minutes be approved and Allen seconded the motion. The January minutes were approved as written.

#### **Street Outreach Collaborative:**

In Rodney's absence Melissa reported that the Mission Statement has been completed and the Vision Statement is being developed. The group discussed the fact that they are finding too many negatives and very few positives. The CDC's estimates 25% of HIV+ don't know they are positive. If this is true where are the positives? Bars and nightclubs were suggested as places to do more outreach. The testing that is being done is including lots of first time testers.

MOCHA has been outreaching to young (13-24) MSMs of color but not finding positives.

ABC/AFC is doing work with the colleges. They tested 456 people last year and no one was positive even though they reached a variety of people.

In light of this, the question was posed "Are we really doing what we need to do?"

The next meeting will be Monday, March 5 at ABC at 3:00PM.

#### **Black AIDS Awareness Day:**

Pat reported that the health fair at MCC Damon City Campus was a success. Twenty-three agencies participated, over 160 people attended and 42 people were tested. There were no positives.

#### **Youth Letter:**

Kraig distributed copies of the Youth Letter. After the letter is sent out, questions will need to be developed for the focus groups. The committee felt that youth should be at the table when the questions are being created. The last step is to identify facilitators to lead the focus groups. One of the goals of the focus groups will be to find out how we can engage youth to be involved in RATFA.

**Focus Group:**

The challenge for this committee will be to find out how to engage youth to be involved in RATFA. At the next meeting the committee will discuss how to structure the groups and what questions to ask. The School Without Walls may be one place to hold a focus group.

**Announcements:**

- PRYD & ABC are holding a Youth Conference on March 31 from 12:00 - 5:00PM.
- Deadline for the Spanish speaking LTI training is February 21. The training will be held in Rochester on March 1-3.
- ABC/OHANA is holding a Women's Retreat on March 10 from 10:00 AM – 3:30PM at the Hyatt Regency. The event is for HIV+ women and their daughters.
- CAC is holding a Social on February 23 at Tara's. All PWAs welcome.
- MOCHA's Project YEAH is holding a House Ball Summit on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency.

**Next Meeting: Friday, March 23 at 2:00PM at FLHSA.**