

# **Rochester Area Task Force on AIDS, Inc.**

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## **PREVENTION COMMITTEE MINUTES 12/05/03**

**Present:** Julian Brown, Michael Campo, Jerry Casey, Tom DellaPorta, Allen Forbes, Cherre Hawkins-Clark, Bill Kress, Melinda Le, Emmanuel Oparah, Luz Santiago, Lynn Varricchio, Nancy Wills.

### **Review of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

### **National Testing Day**

The subcommittee has begun to meet for this year. Last year eight of the nine rural counties participated and we are hopeful all nine will participate this year. Last year's goal doubled that of 2002. We tested 365 people, 80% of those returned for their results. Eight people tested positive, but a few of those were already known positive.

The oral version of OraQuick may be ready as soon as next year. Once there is a rapid test from a second company available, it can be used as a confirmatory test for the first rapid test. Being able to test and confirm in a short time has implications for events like National Testing Day which we will need to carefully plan for.

Prior to 2003 all agencies came together to do one event for Testing Day. In 2003 agencies were encouraged to do a testing event at the own agency on Testing Day. Offering food while people are waiting encourages people to come. However, a new problem that was encountered last year was that people who know they are positive are being retested to get the incentives. There was agreement that we cannot allow a few people who are being dishonest prevent us from providing incentives for being tested. We should however, ask questions to try and determine when people were last tested.

The next Testing Day meeting will be Monday, January 26 at 2:30 PM at FLHSA.

### **RGA**

Lynn explained the RGA priorities to date which she passed out. (See attached)

### **Street Outreach Collaborative**

The next meeting will be Monday, January 5 at 3:00 PM at FLHSA. At this meeting the committee will be reviewing last year's accomplishments, discussing the RARE Project findings and the idea of incorporating night outreach.

### **Prevention Budget**

Last year the committee raised \$5330 for National Testing Day and final expenses were \$4232.94. Carry over for next year will be \$1097.06. It was suggested that the 2004 budget include resources for : promoting a prevention message; encouraging agencies to do events in February for Black Awareness month; and October 15 for Latino Testing Day; as well as June 27<sup>th</sup>. Agencies serving youth should also be encouraged to have a youth event. It was agreed that the committee's role would be to develop ideas and media material which agencies could use. We would also use the same reporting format to obtain results for reporting regional results.

#### **Proposed Budget for 2004**

<b>Revenue</b>	\$6,000
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#### **Expenses:**

National Testing Day	\$4,500
Black Awareness	500
Latino Awareness	500
Youth Testing	500
Banner	?

### **World AIDS Day**

Julian was commended for his participation in the World AIDS Day event at Kodak. Julian was one of the speakers at the showing of "A Closer Walk".

### **Next Meeting**

The next Prevention meeting will held on Friday, January 23 at 3:00 PM at FLHSA.