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RAYS OF HOPE MINUTES 03/25/04

Present: Becky Banning, Jeff Bookhart, Lisette Castro, Shayla Council, Julio Cruz, Sady Fischer, Priscilla Hardy, Ebonee Johnson, Matt Kaye, Yolanda Morales, Letty Padilla, Gail Perlstein, Nydia Rivera, Isabel Rosa, Roscoe Skinner, Calvin Twoguns, Pat Zacharias.

Review of Minutes:

Correction: under Review of Minutes the work should be changed from “work” to “word”. With that correction made Roscoe motioned that the minutes be approved and Julio seconded the motion. All approved.

Speaker:

Matt suggested that we get more ideas so we have a choice even though everyone liked Barabra Cacia. Isabel asked for other recommendations for speaker but there were none at this time. Letty made a motion that we ask Barabra where she will be speaking so some of the committee can hear her presentation and report back to the rest of us. Roscoe seconded the motion. The motion was passed and Sady will follow up with this. If Barabra is not doing any presentations in the next month Sady will try to obtain a tape of hers.

Workshops:

Pat reported that Lynn had directed the committee to spend the majority of this meeting working on workshops since this topic had been tabled for two months. It was suggested that we put all suggestions for workshops on paper and then vote on the most popular. Letty was the scribe for this. The suggestions and votes are as follows:

- Visual Arts (10) – includes poetry, painting, mask making, and collages
- Relaxation and Stress Management (10)
- Acupuncture (8)
- Dance (6)
- Relationships and Intimacy for HIV positive people
- How to find a treatment plan you can live with

The last two workshops have been included to qualify the conference for support from the drug companies. It is important to make sure that each workshop relate to people living with HIV/AIDS. A male member of the committee raised the concern that there may not be enough to interest the men in attendance. This will be revisited at a later time

when the content of the workshops is more defined. The committee wants to ensure that these workshops are “hands on” activities rather than lectures.

The need for information of resources and how to access them was discussed. It was suggested that a questionnaire be passed out at the start of the day for people to write down their questions and then have the questions answered during lunch or some other appropriate time.

Isabel asked for volunteers to plan the workshops:

- Visual Arts – Nydia Rivera
- Relaxation and Stress Management – Lisette Castro
- Acupuncture – Letty Padilla
- Treatment Management – Calvin Twoguns
- Dance – Isabel Rosa
- Relationships – Nydia Rivera and Priscilla Hardy

These people will be seeking people who can facilitate these workshops and formulating their content.

Next Meeting:

Nydia Rivera asked to add an item to next month’s agenda: How to recruit the people who know they are positive but are not in care.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 22 at 1:00 PM at ABC.