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RAYS OF HOPE

Minutes

03/22/07

Present: Michael Booth, Lisette Castro, Lucia Colindres, Ramon Cintron, Maria Dominguez, Sady Fischer, Joy Messinger, Adalik Rivera, Pat Zacharias.

Review of Minutes:

Ramon motioned that the minutes be approved and Joy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Feedback on Health Fair:

Some positive feedback was:

- The people at the MOCHA table were very friendly.
- ACHC taught what were the four fluids of transmission.
- The event was very well organized.

Some negative feedback was:

- Some agencies were late arriving.
- Some agency staff did not act in a professional manner.
- The testers did not get lunch.

Some suggestions for next year:

- Place the tables on only one side of the corridor so it is more spread out.
- Ask a couple of agency to give out more specific information. (ex. Birth control, teen pregnancy).
- Have more help at the RATFA table.

Brainstorming for Next Event:

Sady asked the committee for ideas for a summer event. They were as follows:

- Back to school event in August.
- Social event
- Some type of event in Midtown Plaza
- A concert in the area around MOCHA.

The point was brought up that there are already many health fairs and block parties in the summer throughout the city. It might be easier to collaborate with a group planning an event. Sady will contact the NET Offices to find out what events are happening this summer; Joy will contact the City Recreation Bureau to get their calendar; and Pat will contact Ralph Carter who approached her at the Damon City Fair about joining in an event for women and children that he organizes each summer.

Announcements:

- MOCHA is holding a Wellness and Career Fair on Saturday, April 21 at the Amory.
- Wednesday, March 28 MOCHA is having a presentation on the Early Stages of Breast Cancer at 5:30PM.
- Huther Doyle is starting a GLBT Support Group.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 26 at 1:00 PM at AIDS Rochester.