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RAYS OF HOPE MINUTES 04/27/06

Present: Lisette Castro, Ingrid Colon, Sady Fischer, Adalik Rivera, Calvin Twoguns, Victor Vazquez, Pat Zacharias.

Review of Minutes: Calvin motioned that the minutes be approved and Lisette seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Follow Up on RBI:

The administration of RBI has not gotten back to us so we assume they are not interested. We may pursue this again at a later date.

International Women's Day:

At the last meeting the idea of doing a health fair in March for women was posed for consideration. Pat informed the group that the Perinatal Network had made a contribution to RATFA to be used for outreach and education and Lynn suggested that we might want to partner with them to do an event. She will suggest this to Trish Brantingham, Executive Director at PNMC. Pat challenged the committee to begin envisioning what the event could be.

Latino AIDS Awareness Day:

Sady asked the committee to brainstorm for a theme for National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. Among the suggestions were:

- *For you. For me. For us. Get tested.*
- *If you don't care, who will? Get tested*
- *Stop. Think. Get tested*
- *We care do you? Take the test.*
- *Knowing is better. Take the test.*
- *What are you waiting for?*
- *20 minutes is all that it takes. Take the test.*
- *Right here. Right now. Get tested*
- *Take 20. Get tested*
- *What's your worth?*

Sady will submit these to the National Committee of which she is a member.

Sady told the committee that she has informed her contact at MCC Damon City Center that ROH would like to hold another health fair on Thursday, October 5th. She is waiting to get confirmation. The committee decided the time would be 11:00AM to 2:00PM.

For the event on Friday, October 13th Sady asked the group if we thought we might get a better turn out at some other location. Lissette suggested moving to the Northwest quadrant, somewhere near Lyell Avenue. The locations were suggested:

- Holy Family Church Hall
- Edgerton Park Recreation Center
- St. Anthony's Church Hall

Pat will call each one and inquire about their facilities and the cost for renting them. She will report back at the next meeting and a decision will be made.

The committee also decided to change the time to 1:00 – 4:00pm because the target population would be more apt to be up and about at that time. Also we will save the expense of providing lunch. Drinks and snacks will still be provided.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 1:00 PM at ARI.