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Rays of Hope Minutes 08/26/04

Present: Adalik Alvarado, Jeff Bookhart, Lisette Castro, Lucia Colindres, Sady Fischer, Priscilla Hardy, Ebonee Johnson, Gail Perlstein, Isabel Rosa, Roscoe Skinner, Baraka Walher, Pat Zacharias.

Review of Minutes:

Gail motioned that the minutes be approved and Sady seconded it. The motion was passed.

Update on Latino HIV Awareness Day:

Four people have met since the last general Rays of Hope meeting to plan this event. It was decided that the event would include a health fair, HIV testing, speakers and food. Testing will be done inside by NYS DOH and outside by McCree/McCuller and AIDS Rochester. Latino agencies will be invited to participate. Someone suggested that we invite more than HIV agencies and make this a general health fair. There was some discussion as to which agencies to invite and how much to charge. No decisions were made.

Isabel asked the committee for suggestions for speakers for the day. The Planning Committee is interested in having PWAs, drug reps and providers all speak and then have a question and answer period.

Pat and Isabel reported on caterers. The one restaurant Pat was going to contact is out of business. Isabel quoted a price of about \$4 - \$5 a person for food from Rivera's. Another deli that was suggested is Chimo's. No decisions were made regarding the menu or what we could afford to spend.

Isabel reported that the planning committee had narrowed down the location to either St. Michael's Church or the Dugan Center Downtown. She asked the committee to think about it and vote at the end of the meeting. There was discussion about other sites but Sady pointed out that the planning committee had already decided on the two locations. A vote was taken and St. Michael's was chosen. Pat will reserve the site and find out the fee.

The Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 31 at 10:00AM at ABC.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 23 at 1:00 PM at ABC.