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Rays of Hope Meeting

Minutes

August 23, 2007

Present: Lucia Colindres, Maria Dominguez, Sady Fischer, Hernan Escalante, Rodney Frazier, Adalik Rivera, Isabel Rosa.

Excused: Michael Booth, Pat Zacharias.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes approved by Sady – only one that was present at the last meeting in June.

Latino AIDS Awareness Day Health Fair:

Sady proposed that in addition to a health fair, we should do a panel discussion too. Wednesdays works well at MCC for the Health Fair. Maybe we could have a panel on Monday, Oct 15th (actual day of NLAAD) and the Health Fair on Wednesday, Oct 17th.

Committee liked the idea. As a committee we agreed:

- The National Latino Health Fair will be on Wednesday, Oct 17th at MCC Damon City Campus. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- We will have a panel discussion on Monday, Oct 15 at MCC Brighton Campus - time to be announced (we have to check what time works best with the school)

Rodney suggested having a student, doctor and someone from the Vaccine Trials Unit on the panel. Lucia will contact Dr Corales and Dr Moncenido; she will also ask Christine V. to join the panel. ABC/AFC will get a young person to speak; Sady will contact the Vaccine Trials Unit to have a representative come. The committee discussed doing the proclamation at the school; Sady will talk to MCC's president about the possibility of that happening.

Isabel brought up the issue of cultural décor. Adalik will see if she can get a hold of the flags representing the Latino countries. Hernan will make contacts and collect HIV – related data/statistics on some of the Latino countries.

Hernan shared that he has a contact with a local radio station. We may need to discuss this further at next month's meeting after confirming the dates with MCC.

Collaborative will do outreach once during the week of October 8th and on Oct 15th and October 17th.

The committee agreed that we need more than one meeting before the events. Future meeting dates are:

Thu Sep 6 @1:00 pm @ ARI

Thu Sep 27 @1:00 pm @ ARI

Thu Oct 11 @2:00 pm @ ARI

Lucia asked about testing at the event. Testing will run the way it has in the past; ARI, ACHC, and McCree/McCuller Wellness Center will provide testing. Maria agreed to be our testing "hostess" again. (Thanks Maria!)

Maria raised concerns about testing counselors not eating last time. This year testers will get their lunch ahead of time; BEFORE testing begins. Also, we need to make sure to get enough food for the MCC staff that will be present.

Sady discussed the need to invite Ibero and include issues on obesity in the Latino community. Adalik suggested adding the Eating and Sleeping Disorder Units at Strong Memorial Hospital to the list of providers to invite. Lucia will contact Luis Lespier at Ibero.

We still need to discuss what to have for snacks (for students) and lunch (for providers) at next month's meeting. Also, each member will have further info and have made their contacts by the next meeting **on Thursday, September 6 @ 1:00 pm at ARI.**