

# Rochester Area Task Force on AIDS, Inc.

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## RAYS OF HOPE

Minutes

10/26/06

**Present:** Lizette Castro, Hernan Escalante, Sady Fischer, Gloria Melendez, Pat Zacharias.

### **Review of Minutes:**

Since Sady was the only one in attendance who had been at the last meeting, the minutes will be approved at the November meeting.

### **LAAD Feedback:**

All agreed that the health fairs were well organized. The fact that six agencies did not show up for the MCC health fair was problematic. Many of the students commented that they would like more agencies there. We discussed what we can do differently in the future and decided we had done our part in reminding agencies of the dates and times. It is up to the individual agencies to be reliable. Sady did call the supervisors at each agency that failed to show up.

Some suggestions were made for improvements for the next health fair:

- Make sure there are no conflicting events for the date.
- Invite the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley. Some students were interested in information on being a gay youth.
- Make sure we have a bilingual tester available.
- Have a meeting of all the testers prior to the event because each agency has their own procedures. There was an incident where a person wanted her test results in writing and the tester would not do that.
- Serve lunch for the people manning the tables.
- Have a back-up nurse to do screenings.
- Include more information on STDs and pregnancy.

### **Black AIDS Awareness Day:**

This health fair is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at Damon City Campus. Pat will send out an email asking for any conflicts on that date.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 30 at 1:00 PM at AIDS Rochester.**

**Note date change because the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday falls on Thanksgiving.**

**The December meeting will be December 21.**