



**RSVP Advisory Council Meeting**  
Minutes of May 10, 2011

**Members Present**

Alma R. Bahena            Stephen B. Tatem  
Everett Barnett            William H. Wickline  
Alicia de Jong Davis     Patricia Williams  
Anne Langenfeld  
Nati C. Munoz  
Shirley Roberts

**Members Absent**

None

**Staff**

Norma Corona  
Henry Drake  
Lori Rodriguez  
Sandra Serrano

**Call to Order and Quorum Count**

Meeting called to order @ 10:04 am.

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved.

**Announcements/comments**

Mrs. Bowman introduced herself to staff and council.

**Unfinished business**

Mr. Wickline conducted the Oath of Office for new members: Mr. Tatem, Mrs. Bahena and Mr. Barnett. Norma gave council a brief update on the Federal budget and explained that the program would be getting a 20% cut for the current budget and another cut or complete elimination of program in fiscal year 2012. She also explained that the current budget already included allocations for salaries, banquet event and banquet related expenses but program will still face a lay-off in staff. Mr. Tatem suggested reaching out to the volunteer's families like daughters and sons to speak out about how the program benefits their loved ones and that might have a better impact than the volunteers themselves advocating for the program. Norma mentioned that the Corporation had made huge efforts to try and get the programs publicized and demonstrate how important RSVP really is. Mrs. Robert's suggested placing the Corporation brochure at doctor's offices so people can pick up and become aware that the program exists.

Norma explained to council that she will cut back at this year's banquet. She will only take reservations for 875 attendees which is a reduction of 125 individuals from last year that can attend the banquet. Mrs. Bahena suggested asking the RSVP partners that benefit from the program for donations to try and make up for some of the 20% that was lost. Norma explained to Mrs. Bahena and council that most of the RSVP partners are non-profit themselves and might also be facing budget cuts. Norma suggested if council wants to ask for donations to target for profit businesses like Wal-Mart, Xerox, IBM or any banking institutions. She also mentioned that next meeting we would start asking for donations in door prizes and ads, she also explained that all necessary donation letters will be handed out next meeting.

**New business**

NONE

**Suggestions for the good of the council**

Mr. Tatem suggested contacting other RSVP programs and ask them what they have in place for fundraising just to get some ideas of how they do it.

**Adjournment**

10:58 am

**Next meeting**

June 14, 2011