

## ROMA Users Group (RUG)

Date: 1/12/2006

Members present:

Steve Cormier	Peg Davy	Omowale Smith	Jill Sutton
Susan Bowen	Carol Shafto	Greg Piazza	Mary Solomon
Tina Bilkovsky	Cynthia Carruth	Judith Peterson	Tony Alfaro
Mike Rodriguez			

Peg Davy started the ROMA meeting with the group introducing themselves.

The agenda & minutes were ok.

Mike Rodriguez had general discussion on DHS ROMA Plans. Mike passed out the new Feedback Form that DHS may be using in the future to help agencies with their ROMA plan. Mike also mentioned that DHS is producing a report like last year. Some agencies do not have their information in yet and so the report may show no information.

Tony Alfaro shared the MCAAA methods of ROMA communication on the agency Web Site. Tony also informed the group that the 2005 Database list is completed and certificates will be sent out soon.

Menominee – Delta – Schoolcraft CAA will host one of the ROMA 301 trainings.

The following agencies have shown some interest in hosting ROMA training.

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency  
Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency  
Human Development Commission  
Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency  
Macomb County Community Services Agency  
Wayne – Metropolitan Community Action Agency  
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency  
Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency  
FiveCAP  
Kalamazoo County Community Action Bureau  
Monroe county Opportunity Program  
DHS - City of Detroit

There was much discussion on the Memo MCAAA sent out indicating that some of the ROMA training has mandatory prerequisites. HDC group maintained that the requirements are necessary. Tony Alfaro informed the group that MCAAA is processing all requests and has not decided acceptance according to the prerequisites. Tony mentions that he will follow-up with MCAAA office.

The Group would like for MCAAA to survey the agencies and find out what method or software they use to capture their ROMA information and will encourage the agencies to bring an example to our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be 4/12/2006

The group would like MCAAA to decide on the scheduled meeting locations in the next 30 days.