

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
JAN PLATT LIBRARY, TAMPA  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005  
1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Ryan White Care Council was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Mark Mischan, Chair.
- ATTENDANCE/  
INTRODUCTIONS** See attached attendance list.
- SILENT REFLECTION** The Chair asked for a moment of silent reflection.
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** None
- APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES** The Care Council members voted to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 6, 2005
- CHAIRPERSON'S  
REPORT**
- The Chair reminded members that no business will be conducted at the October 5th retreat and asked members to confirm their attendance. The Chair also asked each committee to discuss ways to save gas given the current prices and supply. Suggestions include meeting every other month, meeting back - to-back with more than one committee and conference calls for smaller committees. Committees need to keep their work plans in mind when making adjustments.
- RPARC will discuss mileage reimbursement at the September meeting. Members were encouraged to carpool when feasible.
- Committee elections will take place at September meetings. At least one of the positions must be held by a voting member of the Care Council and a mandatory training will be held for Chairs and Co-chairs October 27th. The Chair of the Council will not Chair any committee.
- Appointment of Parliamentarian: Parliamentarian must be a voting member of the Care Council. Robert Reynolds volunteered and Wendell Martin will serve as back-up support.
- Public Policy report appointment: Andrew Paquette will serve as the point of contact and will provide verbal reports to the Council as appropriate. Wendell Martin will assist in this effort. All members were asked to inform Andrew of any issues.

Members were reminded that they cannot advocate but they can educate.

## **GRANTEE'S REPORT**

Aubrey welcomed the new members and introduced himself.

Both Titles I and Title II have allowed/encouraged any provider to serve victims of Hurricane Katrina. Providers are asked to keep track of the numbers of clients and cost of services provided in the event that reimbursement may be available at a later date.

The Care Act reauthorization was scheduled for September however it is likely to be delayed. There is no specific information as to what the new Act will contain.

A multi-county update on Medicare part D will be held on September 13, 2005. The location has not been identified yet. Contact Aubrey for more information.

Aubrey introduced Gilda Ramon-Nay-Torres as the successful bidder on the MAI capacity building contract and the Quality management contract.

The Grantee and Planning Council staff is working on the Title I application. Anyone who wishes to review an electronic copy and make suggestions prior to its submittal should contact Aubrey. The target date for availability is September 15<sup>th</sup> with comments due by the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Although case management training is no longer being funded, the Grantee will continue to offer training. The next session will be October 13 and 14 at Hospice mid-Pinellas County.

The Tampa AIDS Memorial Park will be dedicated on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. The park is located on Bayshore and Platt in Tampa.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS A. Membership – Michael Amidei, Chair**

Training for Chairs and Co-Chairs will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, and the full day retreat will be held October 5, 2005. Michael introduced two new nominees for membership on the Council.

The following motion carried with 20 YES.

**MOTION 09/05-01**

**THAT THE CARE COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION OF JANET KITCHEN AS A VOTING MEMBER REPRESENTING HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (2005-2008) AND DAVID STUBBS AS A VOTING MEMBER REPRESENTING HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (2005-2008). THE COUNCIL WILL FORWARD THE NOMINATIONS TO HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

**B. Client Services Committee – John Melartin, Chair**

Client Services did not meet in August. The next meeting will be in conjunction with Membership Committee on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Health Services Advisory– Vicki Kenyon, Chair**

The committee met in July but had a very small turnout. Most of the meeting was spent discussing the need for a voting member of the Council to take on the role of one of the Co-Chairs. She also reported the all requests for co-pays for anti-retrovirals have been met and congratulated Elizabeth Rugg of the Health Councils for working with the committee to meet these needs.

**D. Minority Advocacy – David Stubbs, Member**

David reported that the Committee had discussed the RPARC recommendations and Title II funding. The client survey and how it was representative of the infected population was also discussed.

**E. Planning and Evaluation – James McGarvey, Chair**

Chapters 3 and 4 of the Comprehensive plan were adopted. HRSA has released new guidelines for the plans which will mean revisions to the work already completed. Page limitations have been suggested which will require re-writes. Mental Health minimum standards were discussed. Aubrey agreed to meet with providers to discuss the issue and will report back at the September meeting.

**F. RPARC – David Konnerth, Chair**

The committee met in August and reviewed the Grantee expenditure and narrative report, and provided the six-month update on the Grantee assessment. RPARC has requested Health Services Advisory Committee to review the standards for

nutritional supplements especially Body Mass Index requirements.

**G. Rural Issues Committee –**

There was no report.

**H. SIOC – Mark Mischan, Chair**

SIOC did not meet

**I. WICYF – Lisa Sampson, Member**

The Town Hall meeting was held in July in Pinellas County. 8 consumers and 20 providers were in attendance. Housing was the primary issue of concern.

**PUBLIC POLICY**

There was concern expressed about the impact of Hurricane Katrina on availability of funds for Ryan White.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Housing for single males continues to be a problem as does housing for large families. Policies for share of cost make it extremely difficult for low income families to meet their share of rent. Edy Erb explained that many “affordable” housing initiatives are directed at individuals with 60% of the local median income (\$52,000 for a family of 4 in Hillsborough County) and not at the 30% of median income for supportive housing. SSI recipients have approximately 20% of median income.

She also explained that there are affordable housing task forces in both Hillsborough and Pinellas County as well as Homeless Coalitions which need to hear the concerns of the HIV+ community. There is also the Florida Supportive Housing Coalition which has recently published two reports that may be of interest. The Pinellas Homeless Coalition meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 2:00 at Operation PAR and has 75 to 100 provider members. Michael Amidei explained that we must be represented in each county’s continuum of care and that involvement in the planning process was essential.

Marie Dolphin will be asked to provide information on the HOPWA program as there have been concerns that funds are not being utilized due to lack of provider education.

Edy volunteered to help arrange a presentation to the Council on housing issues.

Proposed Title II legislative language in Administrative Code 64D has been challenged so implementation of the eligibility criteria is on hold pending the outcome.

The AIDS Institute has an e-mail update service available for anyone interested in legislative and policy issues.

Medicaid has changed the drug formulary which required clients to obtain prior authorization from their physician in order to continue on medications not on the revised formulary. The requests have been denied and no time was allowed to reduce titration for some on anti-seizure medications causing problems for these clients.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Care Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Note: A tape recording of the meeting is available for review at The Health Councils.

## ATTENDANCE LIST

### Care Council Members

### Present

Wayne Bibeault	X
Robbie Bouplon	A (Beale Morgan)
Rogelio Capo	Ex
Barbara Clark-Alexander	A (Marylin Merida)
Candi Clark	A (David Stubbs)
Marie Dolphin	A (Kevin Cauthen)
Carla Foster	X
Lois Hall	X
Natalie Jackson	X
Craig Kelley	Ex
David Konnerth	X
Jeanne Lewis	
Kyle Lidge	X
Wendell Martin	X
Merry Mason	
Aritus Miller	
Mark Mischan	X
Amy Mock	X
Jan Neeson	
Andrew Paquette	X
Priya Poulimas	X
Gail Prichard	A (Juanita Escobedo)
Bob Reynolds	X
Deborah Robinson	X
Jim Roth	X
Crystal Underwood	X
Donnette Waul-Santiago	

### Associate Members

Michael Amidei	X
Debbie Langhorne	X
John Melartin	X
David Stubbs	X
Robert Tate	X
Bill Thomas	X

### Staff

### Present

Aubrey Arnold	X
Nicole Brown	X
Teresa Kelly	X

