

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MINORITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2006
9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Carla Foster, Co-Chair, at 9:10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE Members Present: Vivian Candelaria, Carla Foster, John Melartin

Members Absent: Edith Ellerson, Mellita Mills Kendrick, Georgette King, Janet Kitchen, Debbie Langhorne, Marylin Merida, Diondria Riley

Guests Present: Marcia Jackson, Bob Reynolds

Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Allison Gibbons, Gilda Roman-Nay-Torres, Collette Tomberlin

CHANGES TO AGENDA There were no changes made to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Adoption of the minutes for June 9, 2006 was postponed due to the lack of a quorum. The minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

CARE COUNCIL REPORT MAC was not represented at the Care Council meeting of July 5, 2006. In the absence of a report from a MAC member, Aubrey Arnold shared information from the Care Council meeting: that members voted and selected Dave Konnerth as the new Vice Chair of the Care Council; a slate of new members was approved; a Drug Formulary was accepted, but left open for exceptions and further analysis after testing; that groups planning to bid for MAI dollars by RFA must participate in a pre-submittal conference to be held at the County Center on Monday July 17, 2006; this reminder was particularly relevant for providers qualifying under the Pasco/Hernando MAI for whom the bidding process had been re-opened.

Vivian Candelaria brought to the attention of the group that there seemed to be some misinformation on the inclusion of controlled substances on the Drug Formulary, as discussed at Care Council. Vivian advised that controlled substances are not included at the moment, and suggested that the matter be referred to the Health Services Advisory Committee to consider appropriate action.

John Melartin also mentioned some misinformation regarding Medicaid paying for prescription eyeglasses. John did some research after the meeting and discovered that Medicaid does not cover eyeglasses, only eye examinations. Other funding sources must be sought for glasses.

**ATTENDANCE
POLICY**

The draft version of the Attendance Policy, as agreed upon at last meeting, was distributed with the current meeting's packet of materials. The expected vote at the current meeting was postponed due to lack of quorum. There was consensus that attendance at meetings remained a problem. A suggestion was made by Gilda Roman-Nay-Torres, and supported by Aubrey, that newly funded agencies with MAI connections be encouraged to become members of MAC. Others present concurred.

**CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP
RECRUITMENT**

Collette notified the group that the Care Council is seeking members to fill slots that represent the Hispanic community and asked those present to actively seek out individuals who meet the criteria, or to suggest names of individuals to the Membership committee. In support, Gilda mentioned that RNT, her consulting company, will be convening a Latino advisory group within the TSA on July 19 2006; she will take the recruitment drive to that body.

**MAI CAPACITY
BUILDING**

Gilda reported that she is filtering pieces from the Recommendation section of the Strategic Plan into each RFA that will be prepared using the Logic Model developed by the MAI work group.

MAI LOGIC MODEL

Gilda continued that the requested information was received from the Grantee and will be sent forward to the MAI grant writer. They are however still waiting to download data from the client survey; there seems to be a format issue with the electronic transfers, resulting in delays.

[Logic Model Training will continue for MAC Committee members and other interested persons.](#)

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bob reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Florida Consumer Action Network held on Wednesday July 12 at the Sunshine Center in St. Petersburg. The topic was the Medicare Part D Donut Hole. Gilda suggested that Bob and other concerned persons contact the National AARP office or SHINE to seek further assistance about solving the anticipated Medicare problem.

In response to inquiries that he has been receiving about the

AIDS Wrap-around Pilot (AWAP), Aubrey explained that this program is not yet operational; the contract is still in negotiation. Aubrey promised to disseminate new information whenever he gets it. Vivian expressed concern that the public feels that Case Managers are either lacking knowledge or refusing to give help through AWAP, which turns out to be still non-existent. AWAP is being designed to help PLWA who are falling through gaps in services.

Bob reported that the PWA Coalition recently voted to disband the organization, effective August 1, because of lack of individuals coming forward to serve due to illness among members, burnout, and time conflicts with other groups. There will be an open meeting on July 25 to discuss the crisis. Vivian suggested that Bob propose to his group that they consider convening an advisory board of professionals and other concerned citizens.

John shared brochures on the upcoming US Tenth Annual Conference on AIDS (USCA 2006) scheduled to take place in Hollywood, FL., Sept 21-25, 2006.

Gilda reminded those present that the MAI scheduled training on the Logic Model should follow immediately after this current MAC Committee meeting. Gilda is the facilitator for the training, through RNT and Associates.

Deleted: , involving MAC members and any other interested individuals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

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