

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
POLK SPECIALTY CARE CLINC
DECEMBER 14, 2005
12:30 – 2:00 PM**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME** Chair Deborah Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:10. The group enjoyed a pot-luck lunch prior to the meeting. Deborah welcomed the area providers who joined the meeting.
- ATTENDANCE**
- Members Present: James Brandon, Ismael Colon, Ovidiu Cotea, Brenda Davis, Linnwood Davis, King James, Patricia Mayid, John Melartin, Jan Neeson, Debbie Reinhardt, Deborah Robinson, Linda Rogers
- Members Absent: John Halman. Gail Prichard, Woody Wilbanks
- Guests Present: Pamela Harris, Angie Kendall, Steven McKenziey
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** No changes or additions.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** November minutes were approved. (Motion by King James, Second by Jan Neeson; 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.)
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Deborah reported that the remainder of the committee work plans were adopted by Care Council on 12/7/05. The Comprehensive Plan was also adopted.
- COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION** Co-chair James Brandon gave a description of what the Rural Issues Committee does and invited guests to participate. Deborah distributed additional copies of the booklet she wrote regarding the committee and it's work.
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Three guests described their interaction with individuals with HIV/AIDS. Steven McKenziey is a Licensed massage therapist. He described the benefits of massage and the group brainstormed

ideas about how he might be able to work on a grant to serve individuals affected. Pamela Harris described her organization, Wings of Love. She provides personal services such as shopping and household support. Angie Kendall described the services of Positive Healthcare, an organization that can serve individuals with PAC Waiver or Medipass coverage.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.