

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
POLK SPECIALTY CARE CLINIC
JANUARY 18, 2006
12:30 – 2:00 PM**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME** Chair Deborah Robinson called the meeting to order AT 12:35 pm.
- ATTENDANCE**
- Members Present: James Brandon, Ovidiu Cotea, John Melartin, Gail Prichard, Deborah Robinson, Linda Rogers, Crystal Underwood
- Members Absent: Brenda Davis, Linnwod Davis, John Halman, King James, Patricia Mayid, Jan Neeson, Debbie Reinhardt, Woody Wilbanks
- Guests Present: Gregory Kent
- Staff Present: Wilma Genter, Susan Josephson
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** No changes or additions.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** December minutes were reviewed with no corrections. They will be voted on for approval at the next meeting because there was not a quorum at this meeting.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Deborah reported that at the meeting on 1/12/06, Care Council approved Title II budget reductions (5%) and Reallocations for Title I, Title II, and MAI. Also, Linnwood Davis was elected to the Care Council.
- SPECIALTY CLINIC REPORT** Gregory Kent gave a report on the various funding sources for the Polk Specialty Care Clinic. Gregory explained that the clinic serves individuals with HIV/AIDS as well as those with other communicable diseases. Funding comes from Title I, Title II, Title III, General Revenue and the Polk Co. Trust Fund. Members thanked Gregory for his clear and understandable report. The committee will request

similar presentations from the other rural counties in the TSA.

COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING On 2/15/06, consultant Bruce Strahl will attend the Rural Issues meeting to conduct a community input session for the purpose of gathering opinions on Ryan White program priorities. We hope to hear from a diverse group with varying needs and opinions. The session will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Members volunteered to bring refreshments.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS** Crystal Underwood asked if anyone had a packet for determining eligibility that she could review. Deborah Robinson agreed to share the packet used at the Polk Specialty Care Clinic. Wilma Genter announced that there is a "placeholder" for transportation in next year's Title II budget that will allow the possibility of additional dollars being allocated to transportation services. Deborah Robinson distributed information describing Medicaid and SSI eligibility.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.