

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT, AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Michael Amidei, Chair at 12:40 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Michael Amidei, Wayne Bibeault, Janet Kitchen, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent: none
Guests Present: LeRoy Buggs, Mark Mischan, Dixie Morgese, Gregory Ruffin, Gilda Roman Nay Torres
Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** No changes were made.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2005 were adopted.
- ELECTIONS/ MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION** Elections were held for new officers. Michael Amidei was re-elected as Chair and Janet Kitchen was elected as Co-Chair. A time and location change was discussed to help boost committee membership. Michael Amidei shared that the committee has tried various locations and times but has been unsuccessful at gaining new members. The idea of taking a poll at the retreat was suggested to find out where and when most people are available to attend meetings. Bob Reynolds shared that he felt strongly that the membership committee stay in the county where the greatest number of consumers live.
Mark Mischan brought up that Care Council has asked the committees to evaluate whether they can meet every other month because of high gas prices. Wayne Bibeault also mentioned that two committees could be combined. Both ideas were discussed with no decision to change made.
- WORK PLAN** Reviewing and updating the membership application was removed from the work plan because it was recently accomplished. Due to time constraints committee members were asked to continue to review the work plan for the next meeting.
- BYLAWS** The bylaw revisions were tabled till the November meeting to stay consistent with the committee work plan.

RETREAT

There will be a special meeting of the Care Council convened following the retreat to discuss RPARC action items. The committee also suggested that the Care Council members be polled to see what would be the best way to handle reallocations for the end of the year.

Aubrey Arnold discussed that due to a BOCC decision no money will be spent on providing food for the retreat. He has offered to bring water for the group and Bob Reynolds offered to prepare food if the retreat location would allow it. The idea of getting an outside person to provide food was also mentioned.

MENTORS

Mentors were assigned to the newly elected voting Care Council members. Due to a shortage of current experienced voting members being available to mentor associate members and past members were assigned.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A lack of affordable housing, especially among single males was discussed. The practice of a credit check and needing a clean criminal record are barriers for clients. Michael Amidei will invite the Care Council's HOPWA representative to speak at the next Care Council meeting or the April half-day retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.