

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT, AND TRAINING COMMITTEE  
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005  
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**      The meeting was called to order by Janet Kitchen, Co-Chair at 12:40 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**      Members Present: Janet Kitchen, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds  
Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Wayne Bibeault  
Guests Present: Mark Mischan  
Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Susan Josephson, Teresa Newgent

**CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**      No changes were made.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**      The minutes of the meeting held on September 19, 2005 were adopted with the correction of one typographical error.

**CARE COUNCIL REPORT**      There was a full day retreat held on October 5<sup>th</sup> with a small Care Council meeting following to approve about \$200,000 in carryover funds. It was also decided to move the full January Care Council meeting to the 12<sup>th</sup> to follow the January 10<sup>th</sup> RPARC meeting. This decision was made so that the Care Council and not the Grantee will approval final reallocation money.

**WORK PLAN**      Mark brought up an issue with #8 in the first section that refers to an interview for applicants who would like to have one. He suggested that an interview be done with all applicants to make sure that they know what is involved and members are not just approving what is on paper. He also thinks this may improve retention for new members. Bob Reynolds also said that it is difficult to see people become voting members without previously attending a Care Council or committee meeting. It was also recommended that the Chair training be added as #6 on the second section and to change #2 and #3 in the third section to say education instead of training. Approval of the work plan was tabled until the November meeting.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPROVAL PROCESS**      The associate member approval process was tabled till the November meeting to allow members absent to give there opinion. Mark stated that he is concerned about not having any information on a person and having to make a decision on

whether they should be a new member or not.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mark Mischan stated that effective October 1<sup>st</sup> HOPWA has hired a consultant for two years to look at housing issues. He encouraged committee members to get involved with this initiative to make sure that community concerns are addressed.

Bob Reynolds asked why there was no one of the Care Council from Social Security when their services affect so many clients. It was said that representatives from Social Security are difficult to get because they affect so many different populations.

The Health Councils is applying for free PSA time on the Bright House Network to reach out to new members.

December 1<sup>st</sup> is world AIDS day and several events are being planned including a breakfast sponsored by FACT. For more information visit [www.aidswalkstpetersburg.org](http://www.aidswalkstpetersburg.org).

Medicare Part D workshop for clients who are dually enrolled will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited and a reservation is required.

Hospice of Florida Sun Coast and ASAP are co-sponsoring Dr. Jon Kaiser on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 to discuss 'Living a Normal & Healthy Lifespan with HIV'.

Metro Charities is sponsoring a Diversity Festival on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

Beehive empowerment is holding co-ed positive connection sessions October 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

ASAP will be holding a three day AIDS retreat March 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> with about 30 groups providing health and relaxation services.

Bob Reynolds made several announcements about standing agency services and programs for PLWHA.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.