

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER -TAMPA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Janet Kitchen, Chair at 2:10 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Janet Kitchen, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent: Wayne Bibeault, Rogelio Capo
Guests Present: Mark Mischan, Linda Rogers
Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Susan Josephson, Teresa Newgent
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** Three items were added to the agenda.
IVA. Matching funds for contracts
IVB. Recommendations on Medicare Part D to MAC & WICYF
IVC. CDC Epidemiology Data
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on September 19, 2005 were adopted with the addition of the number of votes for each motion.
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS** Mark Mischan stated that effective October 1st 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 spoke about some research he had done on housing and mentioned that it would be good for clients to attend Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition meetings. He also voiced concerns that some funding sources are not being utilized and that Spring Oaks may soon not be a PLWHA housing community.
John Melartin said that he has come across several clients who were not given referrals for care after they were diagnosed with HIV. Janet Kitchen shared his concern and said that she knew of several clients in the same situation. Bob Reynolds mentioned his concern that ADAP clients can only do prescription drug enrollment at one place in St. Petersburg.
- MATCHING FUNDS FOR CONTRACTS** Bob Reynolds raised concerns that some agencies are not meeting the matching funds requirement for Ryan White service contacts. He feels that some have become too reliant

on Ryan White funds and agencies should be held more accountable to the rule of having other sources of funding. The recommendation was made that a step down process for funding be started to get agencies to the correct ratio. Mark Mischan mentioned that this is a grantee issue and there is a difference between a total agency budget ratio and a program budget ratio.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEDICARE PART D TO MAC & WICYF

Bob Reynolds made the recommendation that the Minority Advocacy and WICY&F committees inform their constituency about Medicare Part D and not just rely on case managers to give out the information. He has attended the October Minority Advocacy meeting to give his suggestion.

CDC EPIDEMIOLOGY DATA

Bob Reynolds also brought up the system for getting newly diagnosed PLWH into care. He noticed that there are a high number of African American MSM and heterosexual males who are being infected and wanted to make sure that they are given the information on how to get into care. Janet Kitchen said that she feels there is not always a good referral process for newly diagnosed clients and that more should be done. She said that she would help gather information for the pocket guide proposed on the work plan for treatment services in this area.

CARE COUNCIL REPORT

There was a full day retreat held on October 5th 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 12th to follow the January 10th RPARC meeting. This decision was made so that the Care Council and not the Grantee will approve final reallocation money.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

December 1st is world AIDS day and several events are being planned including a breakfast sponsored by FACT. For more information visit www.aidswalkstpetersburg.org.

The city of Tampa's AIDS Park dedication will be held on November 14th at 6:00pm.

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 3:40 p.m.