

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS-TAMPA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2005
10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Jeanette Reid, Co-Chair at 10:10 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Julie Baltzell, Cindy Brown, Harriet Ellington, Katherine Haynes, Mary F. Jones, Charlene Larry, Marilyn Merida, Amy Mock, Dr. Jeanette Reid, Lisa Sampson, Felix Spann, Daniel Swain, Tena Thomas
- Members Absent: Mary Adams, Arlene DeMull, Carolyn Eke, Stacie Jacobs, Mary Lucas, Valarie Martin, Eugenia Padilla, Samantha Purslow, Pattye Sawyer, Barbara Szelag, Ann White
- Guests Present: Mabel Gonzalez, Dorothy Raver, Sherri Sullivan
- Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Valetta Rhinehart
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** No changes were made.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2005 and the minutes of the meeting held on June 23, 2005 were adopted as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Amy Mock reported that two new members of the Care Council were approved. The Care Council also appointed a parliamentarian and a public policy liaison.
- There will be a case-manger training on October 13th-14th and a chair and co-chair training on October 27th. In addition a special Care Council meeting will be held following the retreat. She also shared that there was extensive discussion on housing.
- ELECTIONS/ MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION** Lisa Sampson was elected Chair and Amy Mock was elected Co-Chair.
- The committee decided to meet every other month because of raising energy costs with town halls and other functions falling in the non-meeting months.
- To make sure meetings are accessible to clients the location will alternate between Hillsborough and Pinellas County. In addition it was discussed to move the meeting to coincide with the Lunch & Learn held at Francis House on the third Thursday of the month and the Lunch & Learn held in Pinellas County.

The time was changed to 1:30 to follow their event in the hopes that clients who attend the Lunch & Learn will stay and join the committee.

Dr. Jeanette Reid said that it is a priority to get more client involvement. The idea of giving items away and offering training were mentioned as well. A guest asked what the purpose of the committee and the Care Council is. After an explanation was given it was decided that an introduction should be given at the beginning of every meeting to welcome and explain the process to guests and potential new members. Amy Mock and Dorothy Raver will put together an outline for the meeting introduction.

WORK PLAN

Due to time constraints committee members were asked to review the work plan for the next meeting.

PLANNING AND EVALUATION

Amy Mock reported that the Planning and Evaluation Committee is working on the Comprehensive Plan. They also looked at the mental health minimum standard without suggesting changes. The Planning and Evaluation Committee feels it is more of a provider issue and Aubrey Arnold will be talking to the mental health providers.

Housing was discussed and Marie Dolphin with HOPWA said that starting October 1st there will be a coalition formed to discuss housing. No information on how to get involved was available yet.

RPARC UPDATE

Marilyn Merida reported that RPARC discussed the effort made to help Katrina evacuees. She also said that reallocations were passed by RPARC but due to missing pieces of information they are now in the middle of an e-mail vote. There will be a special meeting following the Care Council retreat to approve the reallocations.

NEW BUSSINESS

Committee members will start working on the November 18th Town Hall to be held in Hillsborough County. Lisa Sampson and Harriet Ellington, will choose a location and Valletta Rhinehart will be inviting Jimmy Baumgartner to discuss mental health and Marie Dolphin to discuss housing. Tina Thomas will be contacting All Pro pharmacy to provide food.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUCEMENTS

Lisa Sampson brought up issues surrounding housing. Some requirements to qualify and obtain housing are too difficult for some families to meet. Valetta Rhinehart said that requirements are not the same on the federal, state and county level. The city can make its own guidelines for housing. This is an issue that will be put on the agenda for the next town hall meeting.

The ongoing concern of quality Mental Health was discussed with input from several members. The provider of mental health services in Hillsborough county has a sub-contract for psychiatry and prescriptions. The client does not work with just one person for their mental health needs; the doctor giving the medication is not the same person who provides counseling. This can lead to little or no follow up for the effectiveness of medication except with the primary care physician. Valetta Rhinehart will invite Jimmy Baumgartner to discuss the issue at the next town hall meeting.

Dr. Jeanette Reid has a children's art therapy center called Ed's Place that works with children affected by HIV. Children 8-12 years of age are invited to attend if they are infected or affected by HIV. Transportation is available.

There will be an adolescent psycho-theory group on October 6th from 3:30pm-5:00pm in Pinellas County. Transportation and food will be provided.

Francis House holds Lunch & Learns on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30am.

TBAN is hosting a free women's retreat on September 23-25th.

September 24th there will be an AIDS walk in downtown St. Petersburg.

Mercy House announced that they have a new location in Tampa.

There will be a client meeting for Medicaid Part D on November 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.