



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
CHILDREN'S BOARD, TAMPA  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010  
1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Ryan White Care Council was called to order by Dave Konnerth, Chair at 1:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE** See attached attendance list.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for March 3 were approved with 16 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**CHAIR/VICE CHAIR'S REPORT** Dave Konnerth apologized for missing the retreat while attending a fiscal training. He has applied for a seat on the Consumer Advisory Committee of the National Quality Center. Dave had additional applications for other interested individuals.

Janet Kitchen stated that she went to Washington, DC to speak to congressional leaders and representatives about the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) waiting lists in many states. There are over a thousand people on waiting lists in ten states and pharmaceutical companies nationwide are being asked to help. Organizations are trying to create ways to help this growing problem.

Janet worked with some local agencies to help provide training on leadership skills and community involvement.

**GRANTEE'S REPORT** Dorinda Seth stated that the state RAMP (Rewarding Adherence to Medications Program) has been stopped. Clients are no longer allowed to receive a ninety day supply of medications through this program.

The new Quality Management provider has a technical workgroup underway comprised of consumers, providers, and Grantee staff. They have developed and distributed a CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) survey to providers to determine their readiness. The provider is planning to do a presentation in the summer for Care Council on quality management basics.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Client Services – Denis Hayes, Chair**

The committee discussed the lack of funding for AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program) which would ultimately save the Ryan White program money by keeping individuals covered by private insurance. The committee asked Planning and Evaluation to review the policies for AICP and ADAP and their exclusion of asymptomatic clients who are taking medications for HIV. The committee also discussed the inclusion of 990 tax forms for any agency applying for Ryan White grants and asked the Grantee's office to consider requiring this document.

### **B. Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) -**

The committee reviewed the responses to the primary care provider survey and noted the lack of access to specialty care in most areas due to limited specialty providers or that the specialty providers do not accept Medicaid patients. The survey results were shared with all responding providers and in an Info Share. The committee discussed concerns regarding older people living with HIV and their care and treatment.

### **C. Membership – Bob Reynolds, Chair**

The committee discusses the AICP program and its limited funding as well as the topic of HIV in aging individuals. The committee reviewed the retreat evaluations which were not as favorable as past retreats but understanding that not all topics will interest all people. The committee also discussed Care Council member attendance and participation. They are hoping to come up with a positive way to address this problem.

The committee has received several new applications for membership. They are considering adopting a year-round recruitment and adjust the bylaws to reflect our actual practices.

The committee discussed the use of the term 'wait list'. Many agencies indicate that they have no wait list for services yet client appointments are not available for months. It was suggested that a local definition be created for 'wait list'.

### **D. Minority Advocacy Committee (MAC) – Laura Dunn, Co-Chair**

Committee members reviewed some anti-stigma post cards created for distribution at local health fairs and events to educate, promote testing and reduce stigma. They are asking some pharmaceutical companies to help sponsor the cost of printing.

### **E. Planning and Evaluation (P&E) – Marty Clemmons, Chair**

The committee reviewed the Resource Analysis and suggested edits. The revised version will be presented to Care Council in June. The committee chairs reviewed the motion from client services regarding the AICP and ADAP issues and drafted a response to the Client Services committee. Marty read excerpts from the memo indicating that the Planning and Evaluation committee does not have authority over these state-run programs, and they invite anyone with concerns to please attend a P&E meeting to directly present their issue so that it can be fully understood.

**F. Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee (RPARC) – Marty Clemmons, Chair**

The committee reviewed spending and background data for Part A MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) funds. One category is under utilized and needs to be re-allocated in order to ensure full utilization of grant funds by the close of the program year (July 31, 2010). MAI funds can only be spent in contracted MAI service categories.

MAI re-allocations are recommended within the same service category to provide additional services to eligible Black MAI clients receiving substance abuse treatment services in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. The Grantee’s office is considering options for the new contract year including moving the money to be used differently or contracting with a new provider for this service since many Hispanics are located in North Pinellas County, but there are fewer service locations in that area. The following motion passed with 15 yes votes and 0 no votes:

**THAT THE CARE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE PART A MAI FY 09-10 FUNDING REALLOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

**MAI Re-Allocation From:**

Service	County	Allocation Amount	Amount Decreased	Revised Allocation Amount
Substance Abuse/Hispanic	Hillsborough/ Pinellas	\$39,177	<b>\$34,064</b>	\$5,113
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$34,064</b>	

**MAI Re-Allocation To:**

Service	County	Allocation Amount	Amount Increased	Revised Allocation Amount
Substance Abuse/Black	Hillsborough/ Pinellas	\$58,765	<b>\$34,064</b>	\$92,829
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$34,064</b>	

The committee also reviewed ways to reduce the current Part A allocations. The Notice of Grant Award was received and is a 2% decrease from the previous year. Our formula award totals \$6,454,492 and our supplemental award totals \$2,416,571. Minority AIDS Initiative funds awarded \$532,414 for a grand total in Part A funds equal to

\$9,403,477.

The decrease totals \$189,789. The Grantee's office removed 10% from the administrative budget leaving a total of \$170,810 in decreases from contracted services. Reductions are recommended to contracts that were not on target last year and had to be reduced to align with actual expenditures based on historical spending. Each provider that would be affected was contacted and is aware of the potential cut. Contract modifications will be made since contracts were issued to begin the grant year on March 1, 2010. The following motion passed with 15 yes votes and 0 no votes:

**THAT THE CARE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FY 10-11 PART A ALLOCATION REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>PART A ALLOCATIONS REDUCTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS FY 10-11</b>				
<b>Service</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Current Amount</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Revised Amount</b>
Outpatient/ Ambulatory	Hernando	93,475	-15,000	78,475
AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance	Hillsborough /Pasco /Hernando	951,544	-100,000	851,544
AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance	Pinellas	689,686	-30,000	659,686
Medical Transportation	Hillsborough	55,100	-20,810	34,290
Nutritional Supplements	EMA	22,000	-5,000	17,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>-170,810</b>	

**G. Rural Issues – Billy Quercia, Co-Chair**

The committee had an outdoor picnic social at a park in Lakeland that was well attended by people of all ages. Their May meeting will be at the Hardee County Health Department. Individuals are encouraged to attend the Polk Lunch and Learn prior to each Rural Issues meeting. Members find them very informative.

**H. Standards, Issues and Operations (SIOC) – Janet Kitchen, Chair**

The committee did not meet.

**I. Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Families (WICY&F) –**

The committee's Mother's Day event will be held on Friday.

**PUBLIC  
POLICY  
REPORT &  
COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS**

Janet is encouraging individuals to call legislators and write letters about the budget and ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) before Florida is a state with a waiting list for this service.

John shared a concern that Manatee providers now require an appointment to see the doctor for completing private insurance or Medicare paperwork. This seems like a waste of the doctor's limited appointments just to fill out some paperwork. Previously the nurse would complete the paperwork and have the doctor sign it.

Andrew shared that forty-five churches in our area registered for the National Week of Prayer. There were 540 statewide.

**PREVENTION  
ACTIVITIES**

Andrew reminded everyone that National Testing Day is June 2. Oraquick is offering agency personalized banners and cards.

**ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

Dining Out for Life raised around \$20,000 for ASAP (AIDS Service Association of Pinellas).

The AIDS Candlelight Memorial will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> in Clearwater with the ringing of the AIDS Memorial Bells.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Care Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Note: A tape recording of the meeting is available for review at The Health Councils.

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

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**Care Council Members****Present**

Michael Amidei	
Gene Bundrock	X
Martin Clemmons	X
Vincent D'Agostino	X
Linnwood Davis	
Laura Dunn	X
Wayne Fernald	
Edward Ford	
Tonica Freeman	
John Geeslin	X
Lois Hall	X
David Hasiba	A (Bob Reynolds)
Denis Hayes	X
Laureen Husband	A (Melissa Whittaker)
Natalie Jackson	X
James King	X
Janet Kitchen	X
David Konnerth	X
Marshall Lee	
Andrew Maldonado	X
Randy Masters	
John Melartin	X
Crisaida Mendez	
Anil Pandya	
Guttenberg Pierre, Jr.	X
Bill Quercia	X
Tyrone Stamps	
Donnette Waul	X
JaDawn Wright	

**Associate Members**

Bill Thomas  
Tom Wood

**Grantee Staff**

Dorinda Seth X

**Health Councils Staff**

Nicole Brown X  
Collette Tomberlin X