



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
CHILDREN'S BOARD, TAMPA  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009  
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 1:35 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE** See attached attendance list.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA** The Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism was removed from the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for November 4 were approved (M: Amidei, S: Clemmons) with 25 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Hall).

**CHAIR'S REPORT** Dave Konnerth reported that he responded to a community concern about home health care and he reminded members to be professional when sending e-mails.

**GRANTEE'S REPORT** Aubrey stated that starting December 16th there will be a second dental provider in Pinellas County. Alpha Dental will now be a Ryan White provider as well as a Medicaid provider.

The 2009 Ryan White Extension Act has new requirements for testing, prevention and outreach. Aubrey is still waiting for specifics and hopes our area will be able to direct new funding to these areas.

As the lead agency for Part B funds, the Grantee's office was notified that our area will receive \$198,500 in supplemental funds (non-recurring). These funds can not be spent until April 1, 2010.

There will be an RFA (Request for Application) released in December. This additional funding is mostly to be spent in the rural communities.

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) program is changing and will again be a part of the Part A funding cycle starting FY 2010. The Grantee's office is working to transition the existing contracts.

Aubrey also stated that the State Department of Health is changing their allocation methodology. He said that it is unknown what effect this change will have on our area.

Hillsborough County is again sponsoring a team for the AIDS Walk.

The COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) premium reduction under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is ending on December 31, 2009. AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program) is receiving an additional 1.5 million dollars but this will be used to offset their approximately 2 million dollar shortfall. It is projected that AICP will not be able to accept new clients but will be able to continue serving their current clients. The enhanced benefits offered by ISP (Insurance Services Program) closed on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Client Services – Darlene Smith, Chair**

There was no report shared.

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

The committee did not meet in November.

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

The committee discussed the expense reimbursement policy but no changes were made. The committee also passed a motion asking the Planning and Evaluation Committee to revisit the most recent changes to the minimum standards of care. The Care Council is looking for a new member from Manatee County and all current members have had an orientation.

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

The committee has compiled the data from their survey and is now planning to do discussion groups with clients. In addition, the committee has decided to meet every month in Tampa instead of alternating meeting locations.

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

The committee reviewed the Executive Summary Report. The following motion passed (M: Hasiba) with 26 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions:

### **THAT THE CARE COUNCIL ADOPT THE FY 2009 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT**

The committee also reviewed the state survey and decided to add a few questions for our local area.

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

The committee discussed the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism (AAM). This document will be sent to the Care Council for adoption in January or February.

**G. Rural Issues – Linnwood Davis, Member**

The committee's Thanksgiving dinner event was a success. There were also concerns about case management discussed.

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

The committee did not meet.

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

The committee held a successful community event in Tampa with about forty attendees.

**PUBLIC  
POLICY  
REPORT &  
COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS**

Bob Reynolds shared a concern about the use of the words "bad behavior" in a St. Petersburg Times World AIDS Day article.

David Hasiba shared information on HPV (Human Papillomavirus) infections. He stated that he feels this should be monitored in a similar way to other co-infections.

David also shared concerns about the spread of Giardia.

**ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

Stephanie Marhefka of USF (University of South Florida) shared that she is working on a Healthy Relationships study for women with HIV. She is in need of a site in Pinellas County to station a participant for her video conferencing project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Care Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

December 2, 2009

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

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

**Associate Members**

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| Bill Thomas | X |
| Tom Wood    |   |

**Grantee Staff**

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| Aubrey Arnold | X |
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**Health Councils Staff**

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| Nicole Brown | X |
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