



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CHILDREN'S BOARD, TAMPA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 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 Wendell Martin, Chair at 1:38 p.m.

ATTENDANCE See attached attendance list.

CHANGES TO AGENDA There were no changes to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES The minutes for December 3 were approved (M: Bundrock, S: Clemmons) unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT Wendell stated that if a chair or co-chair (or specified delegate) is not in attendance to present their committee report and action items, they will be passed over until the next Care Council meeting.

GRANTEE'S REPORT Aubrey stated that the Ryan White legislation will sunset in September of 2009. The AIDS Institute and other advocacy groups are working to get the legislation reauthorized.

Our area received a Part B award increase of \$272,000 with the allocation up for vote today. If approved, the procurement documents will be released and services should be in place in April for the new contract year.

The Department of Health has again given permission to use unspent Polk HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) funds in the EMA counties (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas) effective January 1, 2009. These funds must be accessed through case management.

The deadline for all clients to have an eligibility determination is March 1, 2009. Anyone who has not had an eligibility determination by that date will no longer be able to access services.

Hillsborough County Health and Social Services office still has a vacant accounting clerk position and the county has ranked it as a priority two. It is having an impact of their ability to do business, but other staff members are helping out as time allows.

The transition from Gulf Coast to the new service providers is going well. The new case management agencies (Metropolitan Charities and Francis House) have been given some administrative dollars for start up costs so that they can transition clients as of February 1, 2009. Other service providers should be able to start seeing clients on March 1, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Client Services – Janet Kitchen, Chair

The committee held a joint meeting with Membership Committee to discuss agency grievance procedures and the client's bill of rights. The newly diagnosed brochure is going to print in both English and Spanish with thanks to the Grantee's office for doing the printing. Copies should be distributed soon.

B. Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC)

The committee did not meet in December.

C. Membership – Bob Reynolds, Chair

The committee met with Client Services in December. Bob asked for clarification regarding last month's motion on attendance consequences. Individuals stated that they would like for the committee to determine the specific consequences and bring back to the Care Council. Bob asked that anyone with specific consequences in mind to inform a member of the Membership Committee. Bob requested that the bylaw revision action item for voting today be tables until the other changes are incorporated and the Care Council members agreed.

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

MAC is working on their work plan and considering a change in the committee name to be discussed at the next meeting. Marylin Merida will be presenting on how the committee fits into the structure of the Care Council. Their next meeting will be this Friday at Metro Center in Tampa. They encourage everyone to attend their meetings.

E. Planning and Evaluation (P&E) – Marty Clemmons, Co-Chair

The committee discussed the pieces of data and information to be added to the epidemiology report with the additions to be presented in February. The committee discussed establishing income limits for Part A services. The committee decided to completely mirror the eligibility for Part B including the income limit at 400% Federal Poverty Level, no asset limits, and a 6 month one time exception. The following motion passed (M: Hasiba, S: Clark-Alexander) with a roll call vote of unanimous approval:

THAT THE CARE COUNCIL APPROVE PART A ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES TO MIRROR PART B EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2009 OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONSIDERING COMPUTER SYSTEM CONSTRAINTS FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Dave Konnerth stated that AIDS Service Association of Pinellas has nine clients out of seven hundred that will no longer be eligible for service. Case managers will have to make sure that clients are aware of and apply for other assistance (drug company prescription assistance, etc) so that Ryan White remains the payer of last resort.

F. Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee (RPARC) – Dave Konnerth, Chair

The committee presented reallocations for the Part B funds to allow the most effective expenditure of funds through the end of the grant year. The following motion passed (M: Clemmons, S: Jackson) with 18 yes votes and 0 no votes:

THAT THE CARE COUNCIL APPROVES THE FY 2008-09 PART B REALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

PART B REALLOCATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS				
Service	County	Current Amount	Decrease	Revised Amount
Outpatient/Ambulatory	Hardee	15,000	10,000	5,000
Oral Health	Hardee	5,000	2,500	2,500
Total			12,500	

Service	County	Current Amount	Increase	Revised Amount
Direct Client Services Fund	TSA	6,000	12,500	18,500
Total			12,500	

The committee also presented allocations for the Part B award increase for the upcoming fiscal year. The recommendations are based on expressed need as well as the allocation to fund a single provider to broker housing services across all eight counties similar to the current program for insurance services. The following motion passed (M: Bundrock, S: Hayes) 18 yes votes and 0 no votes:

THAT THE CARE COUNCIL APPROVES THE FY 2009-10 PART B ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

PART B ALLOCATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS FY 09				
Service	County	Current Allocation	Increase	Revised Allocation
Outpatient/ Ambulatory	Polk	69,060	10,000	79,060
Medical Case Management	Pinellas	343,269	71,008	414,277
Oral Health	Pinellas	42,000	50,000	92,000
Direct Client Services Fund	Highlands	10,394	5,000	15,394
Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals	Manatee	0	36,000	36,000
Housing	TSA	0	100,000	100,000
Total Available			272,008	

The committee also presented Part A FY 2008-09 reallocations as an informational item since the Care Council allows the Grantee's office discretionary authority over reallocations within 60 days of fiscal year-end.

PART A FY 08-09 REALLOCATIONS				
Service	County	Current Amount	Decrease	Revised Amount
Outpatient/Ambulatory	Hillsborough	831,989	-10,000	821,989
Outpatient/Ambulatory TB	Hillsborough	39,840	-10,000	29,840
Outpatient/Ambulatory WIC	Hillsborough	249,063	-19,000	230,063
Outpatient/Ambulatory	Hernando	78,475	-18,000	60,475
AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance	Pinellas	689,686	-85,000	604,686
Medical Transportation	Hillsborough	45,100	-22,000	23,100
Medical Transportation	Pasco/ Hernando	50,000	-10,000	40,000
Mental Health	Pinellas	63,575	-10,000	53,575
Food Bank/Nutritional Supplements	Hillsborough	102,903	-22,000	80,903
Food Bank/Nutritional Supplements	Pasco/ Hernando	37,493	-22,000	15,493
Food Bank/Nutritional Supplements	EMA	22,000	-10,000	12,000
Substance Abuse	Pinellas	66,409	-18,000	48,409
Planning Council Support	EMA	147,150	-6,000	141,150

Administration	EMA	661,933	-150,000	511,933
Total			-412,000	
		Current		Revised
Service	County	Amount	Increase	Amount
Outpatient/Ambulatory Specialty	Hillsborough	47,443	25,000	72,443
Outpatient/Ambulatory WIC	Pinellas	128,720	29,500	158,220
Outpatient/Ambulatory	Pinellas	704,607	130,000	834,607
Medical Case Management Inmate	Hillsborough	79,893	19,000	98,893
Medical Case Management Inmate	Pinellas	82,598	31,000	113,598
Medical Case Management	Hillsborough	212,731	41,500	254,231
Oral Health	Hillsborough	240,948	100,000	340,948
Food Bank/Nutritional Supplements	Pinellas	156,361	20,000	176,361
Food Bank/Nutritional Supplements	Hillsborough/ Pasco/ Hernando	26,000	6,000	32,000
Substance Abuse	Pinellas	118,799	10,000	128,799
Total			412,000	

G. Rural Issues – Linnwood Davis, Chair

The committee held their holiday luncheon meeting in Lakeland with a speaker on available housing from St. Luke’s Life Center and speaker on pharmacy services from Mulberry Pharmacy. The committee’s January 14th meeting will be in Avon Park in Highlands County.

H. Standards, Issues and Operations (SIOC) – Carla Baity, Chair

The committee did not meet in December.

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

There was no report given for this committee.

**PUBLIC
POLICY
REPORT &
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

Joe Lennox Smith announced that we must wait to see what happens in policy with the new administration, but are still hopeful that the Early Treatment for People with HIV program will be pushed out within the first one hundred days.

Joe also stated that there are still scholarships for the Positive Living Conference which is a client centered retreat for people with HIV. Joe

distributed flyers.

**ANNOUNCE-
MENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

Lolita Emmanuel Brown announced that THAP (Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan) has received a grant from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) to begin a new program called RESTORE. Once their needs assessment is completed, they will serve recently incarcerated individuals in case management and linkages to care. Lolita asked for individuals to contact her if they are interested in participating in the needs assessment process.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Care Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 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	
Carla Baity	
Robbie Bouplon	X
Gene Bundrock	X
Barbara Clark-Alexander	X
Martin Clemmons	X
Linnwood Davis	X
Laura Dunn	X
Juanita Escobedo	X
Tonica Freeman	
Jean Getchell	X
Lois Hall	
David Hasiba	X
Denis Hayes	X
Laureen Husband	
Natalie Jackson	X
James King	X
Janet Kitchen	X
David Konnerth	X
Brent Laartz	
Marshall Lee	A (Bill Thomas)
Andrew Maldonado	X
Wendell Martin	X
John Melartin	X
Aritus Miller	
Anil Pandya	A (Natalia Dengler)
Donnette Waul-Santiago	

Associate Members

Barbara Szelag	
Bill Thomas	X

Grantee Staff

Aubrey Arnold	X
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Health Councils Staff

Nicole Brown	X
Collette Tomberlin	X