



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CHILDREN'S BOARD, TAMPA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 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 1:33 p.m.

ATTENDANCE See attached attendance list.

CHANGES TO AGENDA The group agreed by consensus to rearrange the order of committee reports to accommodate a member who needed to leave early.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES The minutes for January 7 were approved (M: Clemmons, S: Dunn) with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions (Baity, Freeman).

CHAIR'S REPORT Wendell shared information from his recent trip to California and the various agencies he visited.

Wendell stated that his and Carla's Care Council term will end in August creating the need for a new Chair and Vice Chair. Wendell read a list of members eligible to serve in these positions and asked members to consider filling one of the roles. Nominations will taken in April and May with the election in June.

GRANTEE'S REPORT Aubrey stated that the recent RFAs (Requests for Application) for Part B services all received responses and services should be in place for the April 1st start of the grant year.

Our area has not yet received the 2009 Notice of Grant Award for Part A services which began March 1. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) expects to issue a partial grant award in March with the remainder to be sent around May. The recent federal budget included a \$72 million increase in patient care which includes Ryan White Programs. Prevention was flat funded, but we are hopeful that the patient care increase will result in an increase in our local area funding.

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) grant year begins August 1 and our area's total budget is about \$555,000 which is an increase of around 3%, or \$20,000, over the current funding. RPARC will be looking at allocating these funds at their next meeting.

The HRSA Office of Performance Review will be doing a site visit here on

April 20-21 to look at MAI grant outcomes, management, etc.

The Ryan White Information System (RWIS) has been operational for almost a year with approximately 6,000 unduplicated clients. Some providers are now completely billing and reconciling through RWIS. The Grantee's office recently held technical assistance training for providers. Dave Konnerth was very helpful in sharing his knowledge of the system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Client Services –

There was no report given for this committee.

B. Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) – Brent Laartz, Co-Chair

The committee did not meet in February.

C. Membership –

There was no report given for this committee. Action items were tabled for the next meeting.

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

MAC is working on their work plan. Many members don't understand several current items that they wish to discuss to make most effectively utilize their meeting time.

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

The committee discussed items from the City of Tampa HIV/AIDS Housing Plan presented by Marie Dolphin. Highlights from this report were included in our comprehensive plan.

The committee also reviewed the addendum to the 2008 Demographics and Epidemiology Report which was created based on specific requests of the committee to point out the rate data and racial disparities in the area. The following motion passed (M: Bouplon, S: Jackson) with a roll call vote of unanimous approval:

THAT THE CARE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE 2008 DEMOGRAPHICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT ADDENDUM

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

The committee did not meet in February. At their January meeting they discussed retooling several items in the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism (AAM).

G. Rural Issues –

There was no report given for this committee.

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

The committee did not meet in February.

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

The committee is planning their celebration of mothers for May 8. The committee hopes to schedule two additional community events this year.

**PUBLIC
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CONCERNS**

Tonica Freeman inquired about assistance to cover mental health counseling co-payments for clients with private insurance. No one was aware of any assistance available. It was suggested that Tonica check with the Health Services Advisory Committee and the provider of the Insurance Services Program.

**ANNOUNCE-
MENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.
All members were asked to update their confidentiality and conflict of interest forms and return to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Care Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 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**

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| Michael Amidei | Ex |
| Carla Baity | X |
| Robbie Bouplon | X |
| Gene Bundrock | |
| Barbara Clark-Alexander | A (Barbara Szelag) |
| Martin Clemmons | X |
| Linnwood Davis | |
| Laura Dunn | X |
| Juanita Escobedo | |
| Tonica Freeman | X |
| Jean Getchell | X |
| Lois Hall | X |
| David Hasiba | |
| Denis Hayes | |
| Laureen Husband | A (Nicole Geiger) |
| Natalie Jackson | X |
| James King | X |
| Janet Kitchen | |
| David Konnerth | A (Bill Thomas) |
| Brent Laartz | X |
| Marshall Lee | X |
| Andrew Maldonado | A (Jim Roth) |
| Wendell Martin | X |
| John Melartin | |
| Anil Pandya | X |
| Donnette Waul-Santiago | X |

Associate Members

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| Barbara Szelag | X |
| Bill Thomas | X |

Grantee Staff

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| Aubrey Arnold | X |
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Health Councils Staff

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| Nicole Brown | X |
| Collette Tomberlin | X |