

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
PASCO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2006
1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Ryan White Care Council was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Mark Mischan, Chair.
- ATTENDANCE/
INTRODUCTIONS** See attached attendance list.
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** The Community Concerns portion of the meeting was moved up to facilitate input from guests to the meeting.
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS** Individuals from Hernando County reported difficulty in getting their medication. They reported having been asked to make repeated trips to the provider to pick up medication with the explanation that it had not been ordered, problems with confidentiality and referral to other services, misinformation about an existing client case management waiting list and questions about ADAP eligibility. Aubrey Arnold agreed to follow-up on the issues presented and get back with the speakers individually. Several members thanked them for sharing their concerns.
- Andrew Paquette reported an issue with Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) in disability income and the Federal Poverty Level. The Federal Poverty level increased less than the COLA which places some individuals at risk of losing essential benefits. In the past, the Federal Poverty Level has increased at the same rate as COLA. In addition, increases via COLA can increase premiums for Medicare, creating additional strain on an already limited budget for individuals affected. Andrew encouraged advocacy on this issue.
- Mark Mischan visited several providers to ask what material is given to newly diagnosed individuals with mixed results. He has asked HAPSC to raise the issue of availability of consistent, accurate material for information and referral and they agreed to present the need at their statewide meeting in April. Concern about service area resource material being considered "proprietary" to providers was also mentioned.

The Florida HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Planning Network, Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG) will meet Feb. 6 and 7 at the Doubletree Inn Westshore in Tampa. Individuals can attend to give feedback and for advocacy purposes. Susan Josephson will distribute info on the meeting via the Care Council e-mail list on 2/2/06.

Aubrey Arnold reported that reauthorization of the CARE Act is still pending.

Marie Dolphin reported that the HIV/AIDS Housing Consortium planning body has begun meeting regularly. There will be more focus groups. The group will meet the 4th Thursday of each month, with the next meeting on February 23, 2006. The location will be announced when it is secured.

March 10th has been named HIV Awareness for Women and Girls Day. February 7th is Black HIV Awareness Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Care Council members voted to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 12, 2006 with one minor correction.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mark is still working on a document to facilitate community input at Care Council meetings.

Mark reminded everyone about the HRSA training scheduled for February 8, 2006, Monitoring and Evaluating the Planning Process. It will be held at the West Tampa Neighborhood Service Center, 2103 N. Rome Ave. in Tampa from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Mark thanked committee chairs and members for addressing issues of attendance and achieving a quorum at meetings.

GRANTEE'S REPORT

Medicare Part D was discussed at the lead agency meeting last week in Tampa. ADAP will continue to serve individuals at 150% of the poverty level and a pilot program called AWAP (ADAP Wrap-Around Program) will serve individuals between 135% and 150% of the poverty level. Aubrey emphasized that there are also some emergency funds for medication within Ryan White. He encouraged everyone to make sure case managers are aware of their needs. Case managers can contact the Grantee's office for emergency funds. The ISP program is operating at maximum capacity and Medicare Part D co-pay issues may result in a need for additional allocation.

At the provider meeting on Friday, Aubrey will ask case managers to start tracking consumer's needs.

The Care Council website will be ready to go by 3/1/06. Care Council members will receive information before that date to go on the website and give RNT and Associates feedback.

There is a provider meeting Fri, 2/3/06, 9 am to noon at University Area Community Center, 14013 N 22nd St., Tampa, FL 33613.

COMMITTEE REPORTS A. Health Services Advisory – Mark Mischan

Members were referred to the revised Nutritional Supplement Formulary which had been distributed with the meeting announcement.

The following motion passed (**Motion D. Konnerth, Second J. McGarvey**) with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Davis):

MOTION 02/06-01

THAT THE CARE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN THE NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT FORMULARY.

At the meeting on January 19, 2006 the committee reviewed the service philosophies and definitions as part of the QM program.

The next meeting will be Thursday February 16, 2006, 2:00 to 3:30 pm, at the Hillsborough County Health Department. This meeting may be cancelled if there are no pressing agenda action items.

B. Membership – Mark Mischan for Michael Amidei, Chair

Members were referred to the Bylaw revision regarding service of the Care Council Chair. Members questioned the need for the first change in the revision and wondered if there had been problems with the Care Council Chair being asked to serve as Chair of a committee. Some felt it was important to leave the option of the CC Chair serving as a Co-Chair open. There were also questions regarding the term of service revision. The Care Council suggested that the Membership committee revisit this revision and reconsider if these changes are

necessary because they resolve existing problems or if they are being made in anticipation of a potential problem. If that is the case, there were questions as to whether they are necessary.

The following motion was **defeated** (Motion A. Mock, Second A. Paquette) with 0 yes votes, 17 no votes and 2 abstentions (Paquette, Reynolds).

MOTION 02/06-02

THAT THE CARE COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS THAT RELATE TO SERVICE OF THE CARE COUNCIL CHAIR.

An additional bylaw amendment requiring in-person interviews of Care Council applicants was laid on the table and will be voted on at the March Care Council meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday February 20, 2006, 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the West Tampa Neighborhood Service Center.

C. Client Services – John Melartin, Co-Chair

At the meeting on January 23, 2006 the committee reviewed and gave feedback on a questionnaire that will be used by Metro Services in a SAMHSA grant for program planning to reduce HIV, Hepatitis, Substance Abuse and Mental Health issues in minority and minority re-entry populations in Pinellas County.

The committee will host a Medicare Part D workshop on 2/20/06. Joe Lennox Smith will present.

Client comment forms were discussed with the suggestion that the committee encourage use of the forms and then evaluate the effectiveness of the form after it has been in use for a while.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 20, 2006, 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the West Tampa Neighborhood Service Center.

D. Minority Advocacy – Susan Josephson, Staff

MAC met on January 13, 2006 and participated in a focus group facilitated by RNT and Associates as part of the MAI Capacity Building Project.

The next meeting will be on Friday, February 10, 2006, 11 am to 1 pm at Spring Oaks.

E. Planning and Evaluation – Jim McGarvey, Chair

There was no meeting in January. The next Public Input session will be on Thursday, February 2, 2006, 6:30-8:00 pm at Spring Oaks. Providers will participate in a session on Friday February 3, 2006 at the Provider Meeting. The last scheduled session will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the Polk Specialty Care Clinic.

The next Planning and Evaluation meeting will be on Tuesday February 21, 10:00 to 11:30 am at Pinellas County Social Services in St. Petersburg.

G. Rural Issues – Deborah Robinson, Chair

The Rural Issues Committee had a presentation on funding at the Polk Specialty Clinic. Members plan to request similar presentations from other areas to get more familiar with funding and the challenges faced in each area.

The next Rural Issues meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the Polk Specialty Clinic.

H. SIOC – Mark Mischan, Chair

No report. The committee did not meet in January but Mark plans to convene in March or April to discuss future plans for SIOC.

I. WICYF – Amy Mock, Co-Chair

The committee met on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at EJR, Inc. in St. Petersburg. They had a presentation on updated epidemiological data by Dixie Morgese from RNT and Associates. They have developed a brochure to explain the purpose of the WICYF. Amy brought copies of a newsletter from the Town Hall meeting held in November. The committee formed an ad-hoc committee to plan for the next Town Hall meeting and the Mother's Luncheon.

The next meeting will be on Thursday March 23, 2006, 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Francis House in Tampa.

PUBLIC POLICY

Bob Reynolds reported that Congress is voting today on the bill that would significantly change Medicaid.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Care Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE LIST

February 2, 2006

Care Council Members**Present**

Wayne Bibeault	X
Robbie Bouplon	A (Dr. Beale Morgan)
Rogelio Capo	
Barbara Clark-Alexander	
Linnwood Davis	X
Marie Dolphin	X
Carla Foster	
Lois Hall	
Natalie Jackson	A (Jim McGarvey)
Janet Kitchen	X
David Konnerth	X
Jeannie Lewis	
Kyle Lidge	X
Wendell Martin	X
Aritus Miller	
Mark Mischan	X
Amy Mock	X
Jan Neeson	
Andrew Paquette	X
Priya Poulimas	X
Gail Prichard	X
Bob Reynolds	X
Deborah Robinson	X
Jim Roth	A (Edith Ellerson)
David Stubbs	
Crystal Underwood	A (LaSamuel Stallworth)
Donnette Waul-Santiago	

Associate Members

Michael Amidei	
Keith Edwards	
Debbie Langhorne	
John Melartin	X
Robert Tate	
Bill Thomas	

Staff**Present**

Aubrey Arnold	X
Susan Josephson	X