

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
JAN PLATT LIBRARY, TAMPA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 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 1:34 p.m. by Mark Mischan, Chair. The Chair announced that the meeting must adjourn no later than 2:45 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict with use of the room.

ATTENDANCE See attached attendance list.

CHANGES TO AGENDA Michael Amidei requested to postpone the Hepatitis training to the following month and the Membership action items be moved from VIII-A to V-A. The Care Council members agreed by consensus to the requested changes to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES The minutes of the May 3, 2006 meeting were approved. (M: Konnerth, S: Roth, 14 yes, 1 no)

COMMITTEE REPORT **A. Membership – Michael Amidei, Chair**

Michael clarified the role of the Vice Chair and opened the floor to nominations. Dave Konnerth, Wendell Martin, and Bob Reynolds were all nominated. Wendell declined the nomination. Members will vote for a new Vice Chair by written ballot at the next Care Council meeting. Michael presented a Bylaw revision for Time Between Terms and a revision for Interviews for New Applicants. Both revisions will be reviewed by Care Council members and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Michael reminded members to invite a PAL (Political Action Leader) to the September 6th Care Council meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT The Chair formally announced the resignation of Wayne Bibeault, Vice Chair and Crystal Underwood, and both were acknowledged for their community service. The Chair informed members that the volunteers for the website review panel will meet soon. The Governor signed the 2006/2007 state budget which includes an additional \$2 million for the AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP) and \$1.5 million for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP).

GRANTEE'S REPORT Aubrey Arnold shared two articles from Newsweek and the St. Pete Times regarding HIV/AIDS that members might find interesting. The Grantee stated that there were two allocations still outstanding for the Hillsborough Drug Reimbursement contract and the Pasco/Hernando MAI contract. The Grantee's office is looking at the RFI process versus

the RFA process since the RFI is not as costly or as lengthy.

Aubrey provided a brief follow-up to the end of May HRSA technical assistance training on Third Party Reimbursement which was held in our area.

The Grantee provided an update on the Ryan White Information System (RWIS). It is expected to be operational over the next few months. The system will collect data and provide invoicing. An exciting outcome will be that once clients are certified in the system, they are eligible for any service contracted by the county without repeating paperwork with each and every agency.

Aubrey announced that the CDC Hotline has a new phone number (800-CDC-INFO) and the old number will no longer function after January 2007. The new hotline will provide service in English, Spanish and TTY for the hearing impaired, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Grantee informed members that the CARE Act reauthorization is still moving ahead having recently passed through the Senate HELP committee's hearings. The newest documents are suggesting a name change from Ryan White CARE Act to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act. The most recent legislation focuses more on core services with 75% of all Title I, II, and III funds spent on the newly designated core services. The final version has not passed and all items are still subject to changes and legislative debate.

Mark Mischan mentioned that Care Council members need to help spread the word of the upcoming deadline for Medicaid eligibility. Clients minimally must have a birth certificate or passport as proof of citizenship for Medicaid services beginning July 1. Anyone can request a birth certificate at the local health department but there is a fee involved, and it may be more costly if you request a birth certificate from another state.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

A. RPARC - David Konnerth, Chair

The committee agreed to more consistently enforce the attendance policy they have in place. The committee engaged in discussion about insurance services and how to best meet the needs of clients needing insurance reimbursement. Committee members agreed that this was a short-term solution to a growing concern and decided to form an ad-hoc committee to look at more long-term solutions. The allocations work group will be meeting on June 16 at the ASAP conference room. The following motion passed (M: Paquette, S: Robinson) with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention (Candelaria):

**MOTION
06/06-01**

THAT \$50,000 IN TITLE II FUNDS (FY 2006-07) BE DELETED FROM POLK/HARDEE CASE MANAGEMENT, AND \$50,000 IN TITLE I FUNDS (FY 2006-07) BE DELETED FROM THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: PASCO/HERNANDO TRANSPORTATION (\$5,000),

HERNANDO ORAL HEALTH (\$10,000), HILLSBOROUGH/PASCO/HERNANDO NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS (\$20,000), AND PINELLAS SUBSTANCE ABUSE (\$15,000) AND THE TOTAL \$100,000 BE ADDED TO INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE TSA.

B. Client Services – Janet Kitchen, Chair

Janet stated that the committee is working on a client brochure to target the newly diagnosed. They would like it to be simple to read with cartoon type characters and speech balloons. Care Council members recommended including information on housing and resources for all eight counties. The Grantee reminded members that the website (www.thecarecouncil.org) is an excellent resource for those who have computer and internet access. The committee is also developing client comment forms in Spanish and English.

C. Health Services Advisory – Jim Roth, Co-Chair

The committee adopted an attendance policy similar to that of RPARC and accepted the Qualified Provider Survey Summary which was shared with Care Council as an informational item. Committee members discussed the Ryan White formulary and created an ad hoc committee to update the formulary. There is also an ad hoc dental services committee that has been gathering background information but has not met.

D. Minority Advocacy – Carla Foster, Co-Chair

Carla announced that there was no quorum present at the last meeting to make decisions on action items, and therefore, she had nothing to announce from the meeting.

E. Planning and Evaluation – Jim McGarvey, Chair

The committee reviewed focus group input, but decided to make no changes to the guiding principles until 2007 when the input process could be reviewed with more member involvement. The committee discussed an attendance policy and decided to adopt no formal policy. The committee held meetings in Hillsborough for several months, but saw no change in attendance and will now meet in Pinellas for the next few months. Care Council members recommend holding meetings for P&E and RPARC at the same location for convenience.

F. Rural Issues – Deborah Robinson, Chair

The committee met at the Hernando County Health Department and discussed local issues including transportation, housing and medication. The committee would like to encourage the Grantee to attend future meetings and welcomes more consumers. Deborah is inviting

transportation providers to the next meeting which will be held in Polk County. Jim Roth announced that the Hernando County Health Department has received a grant to open a pharmacy on site.

G. Standards, Issues, and Operations – Mark Mischan, Chair

The committee did not meet in May and will hold the next scheduled meeting in August. Mark stated that the committee is comprised of chairs and/or co-chairs of each of the other committees plus two at-large members. Wendell Martin and Linnwood Davis agreed to join as the at-large members.

H. Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families - members

The Committee did not hold a meeting in the month of May, but instead held the Mother of the Year luncheon. The event was well attended.

**PUBLIC
POLICY
REPORT**

John Melartin announced the Florida Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG) meeting is scheduled for June 28 and 29 in Tampa and is open to the public. Please visit the website for full details.

**MINI-
TRAINING:
HEPATITIS**

Postponed to another meeting.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

Wendell Martin requested information on affordable housing in the area. He fields many questions about housing and other local services from people visiting the area in his work and would like to see a list of resources. Several members agreed to contact him with information and reminded others to visit the Care Council website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Care Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 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**

Robbie Bouplon	X
Barbara Clark-Alexander	X
Linnwood Davis	X
Marie Dolphin	
Carla Foster	X
Lois Hall	X
Natalie Jackson	X
Janet Kitchen	X
David Konnerth	X
Jeannie Lewis	X
Kyle Lidge	
Wendell Martin	X
Aritus Miller	X
Mark Mischan	X
Andrew Paquette	X
Priya Poulimas	A (Vivian Candelaria)
Gail Prichard	X
Bob Reynolds	X
Deborah Robinson	X
Jim Roth	X
Donnette Waul-Santiago	X
R. Allen Wesnitzer	

Associate Members

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

Staff

Aubrey Arnold	X
Nicole Brown	X
Collette Tomberlin	X