



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER- TAMPA
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Janet Kitchen, Chair, at 2:25 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Natalie Jackson, Janet Kitchen, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds, Bill Thomas
Members Absent: Ken McCallister, Aritus Miller, Linda Rogers,
Guests Present: Doris Charest
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The November meeting minutes were adopted as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** No report was given.
- TOWN HALL PREPARATION** Janet Kitchen will contact FACT (For AIDS Care Today) and the AIDS Partnership to set up a month when the committee can hold a town hall during their monthly dinner. The town hall will be mostly an informational presentation about the Care Council and the Client Services Committee. Doing a presentation on the Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 was discussed but decided against.
- OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES** No other committee updates were given.

NEW BUSINESS

Aubrey Arnold gave an update on the Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 and explained some of the effects on our area. He said that guidance is still being released and that he doesn't know how changes will affect our funding locally. This legislation is a compromise bill and will expire in 2009. Aubrey stated that five new Transitional Grant Areas (TGA) have been created but no additional funds were allotted for Title I. Also the formula for receiving funding has changed which may have an effect on the amount of money received locally. In addition now HIV and AIDS cases will be counted when figuring a grant award not just AIDS cases as in the past. It was also noted that the MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) Funding will now be a separate funding source requiring a separate application. Aubrey has created a slide presentation on the differences between the CARE Act and this new legislation. He will provide the presentation to the committee for their information.

Aubrey also announced that RNT & Associates will be sending out a customer satisfaction survey in February to clients. When the results are received Aubrey will bring them to the Client Services Committee for review.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Reynolds made an announcement about the MAI training to be held on February 27th and 28th. Space will be limited and continuing education credits will be offered. Contact RNT & Associates for more information.

Bill Thomas gave an update on the HIV Housing Coalition. He said that the coalition has received five hundred surveys and should have results in February. The coalition also decided that they would like to become part of the Supportive Housing Coalition as a sub-committee and reach out to other HOPWA's (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) to also join.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.