



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER- TAMPA  
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2007  
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by John Melartin, Co-Chair, at 2:30 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**  
Members Present: John Melartin, Bob Reynolds, Bill Thomas  
Members Absent: Natalie Jackson, Janet Kitchen  
Guests Present: Martin Clemmons  
Grantee Staff Present: Teresa Newgent  
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Tristan Tarantino
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The May and June meeting minutes were approved as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council report was waived by committee members.
- MILEAGE** Members reviewed the motions on mileage that were tabled from the June Client Services Committee meeting. The following motion was passed: (M: Thomas S: Reynolds) 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- MOTION 6/07 - 01** **THAT THE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY BE CHANGED TO ALSO INCLUDE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHERE EVER IT REFERS TO CARE COUNCIL MEMBERS.**  
  
The following motion was also passed: (M: Reynolds S: Thomas) 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- MOTION 6/07 - 02** **THAT THE CARE COUNCIL MILEAGE RATE ALWAYS REFLECTS THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MILEAGE RATE.**
- TOWN HALL** There will be a town hall at the AIDS Partnership Dinner on July 18<sup>th</sup> in St. Petersburg. John volunteered to make the presentation and all

committee members were invited to attend. Bob Reynolds also suggested that the committee plan a brief presentation for the Pasco County support group. He will follow-up with the group to set up a date.

#### **NEWLY DIAGNOSED BROCHURE**

Members discussed the brochure for people that are newly diagnosed with HIV. They would like to continue to work on this brochure as was originally planned but would also like to develop a resource list that could be given to clients on the waiting list for case management. Staff mentioned the Resource Analysis that was approved by the Care Council earlier this year. The newly diagnosed brochure and the resource list can not be one document because they have different purposes and distribution points.

#### **OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES**

John gave the Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee (RPARC) report. He said that the committee made recommendations for the additional Part B money our area recently received.

John also shared that the Minority Advocacy Committee passed out and discussed tables with state death data.

It was also stated that the Women, Infant, Children, Youth and Families Committee is currently working on minimum standards of care.

#### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee members decided to move Ken McCallister, Aritus Miller and Linda Rogers from members to guests.

Bob shared a proposal to expand the availability of HIV testing by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

John announced that there will be a town hall meeting on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> in Bartow.

John also shared that there will be a focus group in Tampa on July 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss infant mortality.

Bob shared a concern about a two year old that was banned from using the pool at a housing park because he had HIV. There have also been polls done online and more than half of the 300,000 plus respondents agreed with the park's decision.

Bill Thomas said that there has been a relatively smooth transfer of clients from Gulfcoast Jewish Vocation Services to Metro and AIDS Service Association of Pinellas (ASAP).

Bill also stated that he has not received any more information on the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) study and expects the next meeting of the Homeless Coalition to be in the fall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.