



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
METRO CENTER- TAMPA
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Edward Ford at 2:45 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Edward Ford, David Hasiba, Natalie Jackson, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds, Darlene Smith
- Members Absent: Vincent D'Agostino, Wayne Fernald, Denis Hayes, Janet Kitchen, Marshall Lee, Randy Masters, John Melartin, Bill Quercia, Tyrone Stamps, Tom Wood
- Guests Present:
- Grantee Staff Present: Teresa Newgent
- Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** There was no quorum present to approve the minutes for March 15, 2010. The members present approved the minutes (**M:** Jackson **S:** Hasiba) and staff contacted absent members to request approval. A phone approval was achieved April 27th (Hayes, Masters & Melartin). There were 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CONSUMER INPUT** Andrew shared concerns about the lack of funding for AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program). He sees this as a missed opportunity for the state to save money by keeping clients on private insurance. Andrew said that Bruce Campbell with the state bureau of HIV said for every \$1 spent on AICP to pay premiums, clients receive \$5 worth of good and services. There are these saving to the Ryan White program because a person does not have to go on ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) or have Ryan White primary care. According to Andrew It is estimated that AICP cost about \$6,000 for a client and ADAP cost about \$30,000 for a client per year. Andrew also pointed out that there is even an added benefit to the client in having hospitalization coverage. He is also concerned about clients that are asymptomatic not being eligible for AICP even though these clients do

take medications. The following motion was presented and passed after a phone vote on April 27th (Hayes, Masters & Melartin): (**M**: Reynolds, **S**: Hasiba) with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions:

RECOMMEND THAT PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE REVIEW THE AICP AND ADAP FUNDING FOR ASYMPTOMATIC INCLUSION.

CARE COUNCIL REPORT

The Care Council held a half day members' retreat instead of a business meeting.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

Bob stated that he would check into having the Client Services Committee added to the agenda for Pasco Inc.'s meeting on May 20th at 7:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend the meeting and leadership of the Client Services Committee can make a brief presentation to the group.

OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES

Women, Infant, Children, Youth and Families will be holding their mothers' luncheon on May 7th in Tampa.

The Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendation Committee (RPARC) made MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) funding reallocations and reduced allocations for Part A to make up the difference for this year's decrease in grant award.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rural Issues Committee will be holding a community event on May 1st in Lakeland. The Committee will also be holding its May meeting in Highlands County.

Bob stated that he would like to see agencies applying for Ryan White contracts provide a copy of their 990 tax form to show the financials of the agency including employee salaries. Members discussed how they thought the inclusion of the 990 would allow the application reviewers to score them more effectively. Andrew stated that anyone can also get copies of 990 forms on the website guidestar.org. The following motion was presented and passed after a phone vote on April 27th (Hayes, Masters & Melartin): (**M**: Reynolds, **S**: Hasiba) with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Hayes):

ANY REQUEST FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA BE REQUIRED, IN ADDITION TO THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, TO PROVIDE THE IRS FORM 990 OR THE EQUIVALENT INFORMATION.

Andrew shared that he has anecdotally heard that our area is doing a good job of getting those newly diagnosed into care.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.