



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
METRO CENTER - TAMPA
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Denis Hayes, Co-Chair, at 2:00 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: David Hasiba, Denis Hayes, Natalie Jackson, Marshall Lee, Randy Masters, John Melartin, Don Metzgar, Andrew Paquette, Darlene Smith, Bill Thomas, Tom Wood
Members Absent: Janet Kitchen, Bob Reynolds, Tyrone Stamps
Guests Present: Anil Pandya, Bobby Vandyke
Grantee Staff Present: Teresa Newgent
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for May 18, 2009 were approved as written (**M:** Hasiba, **S:** Jackson). There were 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Melartin).
- CONSUMER INPUT** A client shared concerns about the wait time for dental services in Pinellas County, the limited time allotted to each patient by the dentist and the requirement to return for additional visits for treatments that used to be combined and taken care of in a single visit. The Grantee's office is working with the contracted provider to increase capacity for dental services in Pinellas County.

A member questioned if it is possible to cross county lines for services. Others assured that it is allowable as long as the transportation does not pose difficulty for the client to receive treatment.

**CARE COUNCIL
REPORT**

Denis Hayes shared that the Care Council approved ten new voting members, elected Dave Konnerth as Chair, Janet Kitchen as Vice Chair and David Hasiba as Parliamentarian. Revisions to the minimum standards of care were approved as well as the Part A increase allocation. A bylaw revision regarding conflict of interest was introduced for review. The Grantee shared that an RFA is ready to go out for the Part A increase and some MAI funds. The unexpended Part A funds from the last grant year have been requested as carry-over. Concerns were shared from ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) staff regarding aligning Part A eligibility with Part B and a concern from the Insurance Services Program provider regarding program changes to accommodate increased demand for service.

**NEWLY
DIAGNOSED
BROCHURE
UPDATE**

A revised final version of the brochure is now ready to be printed. Committee members who have made final edits to the English and Spanish versions will forward those to staff so that they can be delivered to the Grantee's office for printing.

**PEER SUPPORT
PROGRAM**

John Melartin shared that the ad hoc committee met and selected a service definition, program competencies and funding category. The Planning and Evaluation Committee will evaluate more program specifics. There are many program models in operation around the country. Locally, MAI and Part D have peers at work. The PEER center has lots of information on their website.

**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**

Several agencies will be providing free testing throughout the community on June 27th – National HIV Testing Day, including at the St. Pete Pride festival.

**OTHER
COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

The Planning and Evaluation Committee reviewed a concern about the increased demand for Insurance Services Program and decided to add language to the service caps to allow providers the flexibility to make program adjustments as long as the service caps are not exceeded.

RPARC recommended the reallocation of the FY 08 carryover funds to the Insurance Services Program to help meet the increased need.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

Bill Thomas shared that Pinellas County Social Services should have Resource Recovery Act funds available in September. Visit their website and review the application for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.