



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
METRO CENTER- TAMPA
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Denis Hayes, Chair, at 2:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE Members Present: Vincent D’Agostino, Edward Ford, Denis Hayes, Natalie Jackson, Janet Kitchen, Randy Masters, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent: Wayne Fernald, David Hasiba, Andrew Paquette, Bill Quercia, Darlene Smith
Guests Present: Armando Avellanet, Melvin Van Dyke
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 The minutes for May 17, 2010 (**M:** Kitchen, **S:** Ford) were approved as written. There were 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.

CONSUMER INPUT Bob shared the response he received from the Health Services Advisory Committee about the issues surrounding AIDS and aging.

There was a discussion about the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) waiting list. Members shared information from the health summit meeting held locally to discuss ADAP and our local Ryan White pharmacy program. Those that are wait listed are being helped to apply to prescription assistance programs to receive medications directly from the drug companies. There was a concern raised by Denis and Janet about what happens to the people that are on the waiting list for case management and now are on the ADAP waiting list. It was also discussed how our area does not have a definition of what a waiting list is regarding case management. Bob voiced concern about homeless clients being in a special case that requires immediate assistance through case management. The following motion was presented. (**M:** Reynolds, **S:** Kitchen)

THAT THE RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO MAKE A CLEAR DEFINITION FOR WAIT LISTED AND THAT NO CLIENT SHOULD BE TURNED AWAY WITHOUT AN EFFORT TO SOLVE THEIR CRITICAL NEEDS IMMEDIATELY

During discussion a friendly amendment was presented. (**M**: Masters, **S**: Reynolds)

THAT THE RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL MOVE TO DEFINE “WAIT LIST” WITH STANDARDS OF CARE AND THEN HAVE THOSE STANDARDS INCLUDED AS PART OF CONTRACTS AND THAT NO CLIENT SHOULD BE TURNED AWAY WITHOUT AN EFFORT TO SOLVE THEIR CRITICAL NEEDS IMMEDIATELY

During additional discussion a friendly amendment was presented to separate the above motion into two different motions. (**M**: D’Agostino, **S**: Reynolds)

THAT THE RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL MOVE TO DEFINE “WAIT LIST” WITH STANDARDS OF CARE AND THEN HAVE THOSE STANDARDS INCLUDED AS PART OF CONTRACTS

THAT NO CLIENT SHOULD BE TURNED AWAY WITHOUT AN EFFORT TO SOLVE THEIR CRITICAL NEEDS IMMEDIATELY

The above motions were passed: (**M**: Reynolds, **S**: Kitchen) with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions

CARE COUNCIL REPORT

Randy gave the Care Council report. He stated that the Care Council Chair emphasized the importance of having an alternate and holding Care Council business as part of a meeting and not over e-mail.

OUTREACH FEEDBACK

Bob attended the Pasco Inc.’s meeting in May and gave a presentation on the Care Council and the Client Services Committee. Bob has offered to be a continuing liaison to the group. Randy stated that the Rural Issues Committee is also going to be holding their August Committee meeting in Dade City.

COMMITTEE MOTION

The motion that was discussed at the May Client Services Committee meeting was not sent to the Care Council because it did not receive enough post meeting votes. The motion was again discussed by the group. Janet stated that she, as a member of the AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program) advisory group has shared the local concerns about accepting asymptomatic clients and that the Care Council has no authority to change the state’s decision to not include asymptomatic. Bob stated that he feels it is our areas responsibility to formally tell the state our local views on the subject. The following motion was represented and passed: (**M**: Kitchen, **S**: Jackson) with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions (D’Agostino & Kitchen):

MOVE THAT THE RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA REVIEW THE ISSUE OF CATEGORIZATION FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR AICP AND ADAP TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR ASYMPTOMATIC CLIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BYLAWS (III B [page 3] Consortium Responsibilities To The State)

OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES

The AAM (Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism) was discussed. It was stated that there is a new provider to do the AAM and some members were happy to see that the Care Council alone without RPARC (Resource Prioritization & Allocation Recommendations Committee) will be queried for the Grantee review.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denis raised a concern about the Membership Committee running over their meeting time which delays the start of Client Services. The idea of switching the Client Services and Membership Committees meetings times in September was discussed but some members said this would not work for them. It was decided to remove the consumer input agenda item from the Membership Committee agenda in order to save time and to allow those client concerns to be discussed at the Client Services Committee.

Information was shared on upcoming National HIV testing day events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.