



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
METRO CENTER- TAMPA
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Denis Hayes, Chair, at 2:08 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Denis Hayes, Natalie Jackson, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent: Vincent D'Agostino, Wayne Fernald, Edward Ford, David Hasiba, Janet Kitchen, Marshall Lee, Randy Masters, John Melartin, Bill Quercia, Darlene Smith
Guests Present: Adam Lapekes, Priscilla McCarthy, Jerry Nealy
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 April 19, 2010. The members present approved the minutes with one change (**M:** Reynolds **S:** Jackson) and staff contacted absent members to request approval. A phone approval was achieved June 9th (D'Agostino, Kitchen, Masters & Quercia). There were 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CONSUMER INPUT** A concern was voiced about the local food program. It was discussed that the food provider now gives a SHARE program voucher instead of a Publix gift card. This means that clients have to make two trips instead of one to receive their food and that the client may not get the full \$20 benefit if they don't plan to pay for extra share packages.

It was shared that ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) will be starting a waiting list in June.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council approved MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) funding reallocations and made budget modifications in response to the decrease in our Part A supplemental grant award.

**OUTREACH
EFFORTS**

Some members of the Committee plan to attend Pasco Inc.'s meeting on Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Nutrition Center of Pasco County in New Port Richey. Denis will not be able to attend the meeting so Bob offered to make a brief presentation on Client Services and the Care Council.

**RESPONSE TO
COMMITTEE
MOTIONS**

The memo response to Client Services from Planning and Evaluation regarding the inclusion of asymptomatic clients in AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program) and ADAP was discussed. Andrew shared that he does see it as a function of the Care Council to share input with the state about state programs and he cited our local bylaws as support that it is our local duty to communicate back to the state. It was discussed that Planning and Evaluation is the most appropriate committee to discuss this topic but it was decided for Client Services to send this issue directly to the Care Council. Andrew also agreed to bring up this issue at the next Planning and Evaluation Committee meeting. He stated that this is also important because our local program mirrors what the state does for AICP and that he wants to make sure there is no misconception that asymptomatic clients don't take medications. The following motion was presented: (**M**: Reynolds, **S**: Paquette) with 6 yes votes (Masters & Quercia), 0 no votes and 1 abstention (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)

There were not enough votes received to send this to the Care Council meeting on June 2, 2010.

**OTHER
COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

There were no other committee updates given.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Denis raised a concern about dental insurance and how it interacts with our local dental program. He said that if you have no insurance or Medicaid then you can get your treatment fully paid for but if you have dental insurance then you can not receive any benefit locally through Ryan White. He stated that this is a disincentive for clients to have dental insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.