



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER- TAMPA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Janet Kitchen, Chair, at 2:35 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Armando Carrasco, Michele Carrasco, Martin Clemmons, David Hasiba, Janet Kitchen, John Melartin, Aritus Miller, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent: Natalie Jackson, Bill Thomas
Guests Present:
Grantee Staff Present: Teresa Newgent
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** Two items under Outreach Efforts and one item under Other Committee Updates were added to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Bob Reynolds requested that his full resolution be stated in the November minutes. The November meeting minutes were approved as amended.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Members waived the Care Council report.
- NEWLY DIAGNOSED BROCHURE** Janet Kitchen stated that she has not been able to make progress on the brochure for people that are newly diagnosed with HIV. David Hasiba offered to help with the layout design of the brochure.
- OUTREACH EFFORTS** Members expressed an interest in doing more outreach. Janet stated that she visited Highlands and Hardee Counties to do outreach. One idea suggested was partnering with local agencies at large community events like Winterfest, Gay Pride Festival and the Gay Men’s Chorus. It was also suggested that the Care Council display board could be taken to these events.

- 1-800 NUMBER** Janet shared an idea she had of creating a 1-800 number for HIV positive people to be able to call for information. Members discussed options such as having it run through Microsoft VISTA, the Grantee's office in Hillsborough County, Positive Education or the state bureau of HIV/AIDS.
- FREE HIV TESTING** Bob Reynolds shared a concern that it is difficult in some counties within our total service area (TSA) to get a free HIV test. Members discussed issues surrounding prevention and sex education.
- OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES** No other committee updates were given.
- CLIENTS AT LARGE** Janet shared her feelings on making the Client Services Committee meetings more client friendly. Members discussed using less acronyms and relaxing the use of Roberts Rules of Order. Janet hopes this will create a less intimidating environment for new clients.
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** Janet shared information on the HIV positive socials. All HIV positive people are welcome to attend on the last Friday of the month.
Janet also encouraged other members to become HIV testers.
- ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.