



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER- TAMPA
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by John Melartin, Co-Chair, at 2:23 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Martin Clemmons, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds, Bill Thomas
Members Absent: Armando Carrasco, Michele Carrasco, David Hasiba, Natalie Jackson, Janet Kitchen, Aritus Miller
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** The February meeting minutes were not approved due to a lack of quorum.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Members waived the Care Council report.
- NEWLY DIAGNOSED BROCHURE** No member present had any additional information to share on the brochure for people that are newly diagnosed. Bill Thomas did share that ASAP (AIDS Service Association of Pinellas) has been working on a Pinellas County resource directory.
- OUTREACH EFFORTS** Members discussed events that the Client Services Committee can attend to share information about the Care Council. Members would like to see the Care Council display boards out in the community and they hope to team up with agencies to share space at large events. Bob Reynolds offered to coordinate the display boards at various agencies and events.

Teresa Newgent also announced that Hillsborough County does not have any extra lines available to set up an informational 1-800 number for HIV positive clients. It was noted that the state of Florida does have a 1-800 number currently.

**OTHER
COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

The Resource Allocation & Recommendations Committee (RPARC) made recommendations to the Care Council on how to allocate the additional Part A supplemental grant award.

The Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Committee forwarded the Anonymous Needs Survey report to the Care Council for approval.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bob shared some information from the National Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit that he attended in Baltimore. He also announced that the Housing Coalition holds their meetings on the third Friday of the month at Jan Platt Library.

Bill shared ongoing concerns about Part B eligibility. He said that agencies are getting to the point where they have to close files on clients that have not have not been through the eligibility process.

A concern was also raised about the housing reimbursement rate being decreased by about 20% for social service clients in Pinellas County. This is due to budget cuts in Pinellas County government.

Issues regarding a lack of available bus passes in Pinellas County were also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.