



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - TAMPA
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Don Kurtyka, Chair at 2:05 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Gene Bundrock, Don Kurtyka, John Melartin, Steve Palermo, Theresa Pellek, Priya Rajkumar, Jim Roth, Bonnie Tiemann, Michael Wagner, Donnette Waul-Santiago
Members Absent: Barbara Clark-Alexander, Vicki Kenyon, Brent Laartz, Bobbi Lambert
Guests Present: Jimmy Baumgartner, Frank Didiano, Lois Hall, Tiffany Strobl
Grantee Staff Present: Dorinda Seth
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** Members agreed to add a discussion on controlled substances and ADAP enhancements.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for March 19, 2009 were approved (M: Melartin, S: Bundrock) with 10 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Staff shared that the Care Council approved a new voting member and an associate member and approved bylaw revisions for membership applications and new member orientation. Members that had attended the Ryan White Program meeting in Orlando shared their experiences. The Grantee shared our Part A award which included an increase of \$65,884. It was announced that there is no grace period for eligibility. Clients must have a notice of eligibility on the date they receive services. The Care Council also accepted nominations for the position of Chair, Vice-Chair and Parliamentarian with elections to be held in June.
- PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER SURVEY** Members reviewed the 2008 Primary Care Provider Survey Summary and highlighted interesting points from each area and common concerns such as lack of specialties and that anal pap smears are not routine across the area for various reasons. Members with access to information and training on various programs and procedures agreed to contact agencies citing needs.

ELIGIBILITY Members discussed their concern that the eligibility process is creating barriers to care. Frank Didiano has written a letter detailing the concerns to the Grantee to be shared with Care Council. The committee would also like to see written documentation that the state is required to complete eligibility every six months. The following motion passed (M: Tiemann, S: Palermo) with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Roth):

FOLLOW THROUGH ON FRANK DIDIANO’S LETTER TO ENSURE THAT IT IS PRESENTED TO CARE COUNCIL AND BRING THEIR RESPONSE TO HSAC. ACQUIRE DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW IF HRSA REQUIRES THE STATE TO HAVE ELIGIBILITY COMPLETED EVERY SIX MONTHS.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES The Hillsborough County Health Department has the contract for controlled substances. They have received many unanticipated requests for large quantities of pills in the last few weeks. The Health Department pharmacy is also listed as a provider for the Hillsborough Health Plan even though they can only serve those who are HIV positive. The pharmacy will not answer questions over the phone about controlled substances, the client must present a script in person.

ADAP ENHANCEMENTS ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) is upgrading their database and integrating it with HMS. They are also working toward allowing a 60-90 day prescription fill of medications beginning in August.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT Members are concerned that the new program year has two data collection periods and one of those is five months in length. They feel this is excessive and too time consuming for providers who collect the data. The providers are also concerned that the data collected and submitted does not return useful information for improving service delivery. Providers would like to see shorter data collection periods, avoid duplication and gain useful feedback from their efforts. The committee has requested the quality management contract deliverables to review at their next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS There were no announcements or community concerns shared.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Health Services Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.