



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Don Kurtyka, Chair at 2:02 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**
- Members Present: Leslie Betts, Cindy Brown, Barbara Clark-Alexander, Vicki Kenyon, Don Kurtyka, John Melartin, Steve Palermo, Priya Poulimas, Jim Roth, Michael Wagner, Donette Waul-Santiago, Rita Winstead
- Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Jimmy Baumgartner, Robbie Bouplon, Tina Van Doren Ruppell
- Guests Present: Kevin Betts, Frank Didiano, Brent Laartz, Bob Reynolds
- Grantee Staff Present: Dorinda Seth
- Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes made to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for February 15, 2007 were approved (M: Kenyon, S: Brown) unanimously.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT**
- Jim Roth reported that the Grantee presented information to the Care Council on the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act and informed members that the formula award has been received.
- The Care Council approved four action items: an allocation revision that consolidates contracts for a single provider, the Client Focus Groups Report, revisions to five minimum standards of care, and an exception request to the primary care patient education service cap. One allocation item was declined since it did not match current procurement practices.
- AD HOC FORMULARY REPORT**
- The ad hoc group was unable to schedule a meeting of all members to review the utilization data prior to this meeting. The group will plan to schedule a meeting in the upcoming weeks and report back at the next committee meeting.

**PATIENT
EDUCATION
SERVICE CAP**

Don stated that he and Jimmy presented the motion from this committee to the Planning and Evaluation (P&E) committee to remove the service cap on primary care patient education. The P&E committee was given background information on how this allocation came to be, how it is currently utilized, and why the service cap impedes clinics from effectively serving clients. P&E voted to forward the motion to the Care Council for consideration. Don shared the concerns raised in the P&E discussion of the item with the Health Services Advisory members.

**PRIMARY CARE
PROVIDER
SURVEY
SUMMARY**

Members reviewed the document and questioned the accuracy of some of the data provided, i.e. number of clients served at smaller clinics, means of paying for baseline resistance testing. While ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) funds baseline resistance testing, the program expects reimbursement for this testing if the client is not started on ART (Antiretroviral Therapy). Grantee and program support staff will verify data and share results with the committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

The Hillsborough County Health Department is searching for new dental staff since their dentist and hygienist have announced their retirement at the end of this year.

Members commented that the RWIS (Ryan White Information System) training was informative and high quality.

Frank Didiano was asked to share some information on the new ADAP requirements and the effect it is having on clients. Clients must now meet both income and asset limits and be reevaluated for eligibility every six months. He stated that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get clients on Patient Assistance Programs (PAP) and the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) has not been increased to reflect cost of living increases. The committee agreed to look more closely at eligibility at the next meeting.

Members discussed the current process for approval of drug exceptions associated with Ryan White Grant funded medications. The committee agreed to examine this process with the intent to provide more detailed guidance for case managers and Grantee staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.