



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - TAMPA
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Don Kurtyka, Chair at 2:00 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Vicki Kenyon, Don Kurtyka, Bobbi Lambert, John Melartin, Steve Palermo, Priya Rajkumar, Jim Roth, Bonnie Tiemann
Members Absent: Brent Laartz, Theresa Pellek, Michael Wagner, Donnette Waul-Santiago
Guests Present: Lois Hall, Elizabeth Rugg
Grantee Staff Present: Dorinda Seth
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** Members agreed to add a discussion of Healthwise Pharmacy and the topic of Older People with HIV as additional agenda items.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for January 21, 2010 were approved (M: Roth, S: Kenyon) with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Members shared that the Care Council held their retreat in April with a presentation by The AIDS Institute on legislative changes and a panel presentation with representatives from other state and local HIV planning groups.

It was announced that our area received a 2% decrease in our grant award for the FY '10-'11 which will mean a decrease of \$170,000 in contracted services. It is proposed that most of this come from the AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance.
- PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER SURVEY** Members reviewed the summary of the 2010 Primary Care Provider Survey. Overall, it appears that there is inadequate service for anal pap smears due to few or no specialists if abnormalities exist. All areas indicate limited specialists because many do not accept Medicaid or Ryan White payments.
Don will contact Polk County to discuss their difficulty with baseline resistance testing. The survey summary will be distributed to providers and in the next 'info share' to our distribution list.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The newly subcontracted provider has held an introductory meeting with all providers and is forming a technical work group that will build a meeting schedule and timeline of activities. They will review old measures and make recommendations, plan ways to better integrate data collection with existing systems at each agency, and work to build collection/reporting into the Ryan White Information System (RWIS). The provider hopes to streamline the customer satisfaction survey by pulling data from agency surveys already in use and possibly adding a couple of common questions among all providers.

The provider has stated that she hopes to move the program forward by using collected data for continuous quality improvement.

Members suggested that a cohort of patients be followed longitudinally.

HEALTHWISE PHARMACY

A local county health department pharmacy has received many requests to transfer patient prescriptions. The requesting pharmacist is located in Georgia and indicates that they will be able to bill our local Ryan White program and patients would be serviced at a location in Tampa. There are concerns that this may not be a legitimate pharmacy and that patients may have interruptions in their treatment regimen.

OLDER PEOPLE WITH HIV

An individual specifically requested that the committee establish some guidelines for the treatment and care of older people with HIV.

Members wanted to clarify that this request was slightly different from a recent discussion at another meeting about the effects of long term care of people who had been receiving treatment for HIV for many years which could also include young people who were born with HIV and have been on medications for 20+ years.

Committee members discussed various aspects of this topic. This is an evolving body of information as practitioners are treating more patients who are aging with the disease and being diagnosed in their senior years. Clinicians understand that HIV damages organs and causes premature aging so geriatric guidelines may need to be put in place earlier with HIV clients. There are no specific guidelines for older people with HIV. Clinicians will stay abreast of new information while treating all clients to the best of their knowledge.

The committee does not feel that separate minimum standards of care should be created to address the treatment guidelines for older people with HIV. The minimum standards of care for Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care of women, pregnant women, newborns, children and adolescents were recently collapsed to include all populations under the same standards stating that providers shall follow nationally accepted treatment guidelines.

Bonnie and Lois will research the topic and see if any new information has been published for the practitioners to be aware of and will bring back to the next meeting. A statement letter will be created from the committee and sent to the individual who made the initial request.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

An individual asked why the local pharmacy dollars are not being fully expended and are able to be reduced. She questioned if it a service category that has been over-funded because it seems that with the current state of the economy, job loss, ADAP needs, etc that the pharmacy services would be more in demand. Members indicated that the ADAP program in Hillsborough alone has increased enrollment from 425 clients 2 years ago to over 1,000 this year. Local demand and costs have been limited with more people qualifying for ADAP, pharmaceutical companies expanding their patient assistance programs, local pharmacies using PHS pricing, many drugs going generic in the past several years and allowing 90 day supplies of medications to lower the dispensing fees. This has allowed the unused funding to be reallocated to other areas of need.

HSAC will meet again on July 17th, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.