



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - TAMPA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010  
1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Don Kurtyka, Chair at 1:00 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Don Kurtyka, Brent Laartz, John Melartin, Steve Palermo, Bill Quertia, Priya Rajkumar, Jim Roth, Bonnie Tiemann, Michael Wagner, Donnette Waul-Santiago  
Members Absent:, Gene Bundrock, Barbara Clark-Alexander, Vicki Kenyon, Bobbi Lambert, Theresa Pellek, Bill Quertia  
Guests Present: Lois Hall  
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold  
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for September 17, 2009 were approved (M: Melartin, S: Wagner) with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Members shared that the Care Council approved the Executive Summary report at the December meeting and will be presented with the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism in February. Alpha Dental is a new dental services provider in Pinellas County. Alpha Dental is also a Medicaid provider so providers are working to transition patients as easily as possible considering their current treatment plans. There were RFAs (Requests for Applications) out for Quality Management, the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism, and some funding for the rural areas due in mid January. Beginning in April, we will receive an additional \$198,500 in non-recurring Part B funds to be spent by September.
- Legislative changes have altered the MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) funding cycle to realign with Part A so existing contracts will be transitioned to the new funding cycle. The unobligated balances provision will change from requiring 98% of funds be spent to requiring that 95% be spent.
- The new legislation requires that planning councils build or strengthen

collaborations with prevention efforts. There is a need to determine the size and demographics of the population who are unaware of their HIV status (which is different from the unmet need which attempts to find those who are aware of their status but not in care). Planning councils need to help develop strategies to determine those who are unaware of their status, help make them aware, and then refer them to appropriate treatment and care.

**CO-CHAIR  
ELECTION**

Staff indicated which members were eligible to be co-chair. The committee agreed to **APPROVE JOHN MELARTIN AS CO-CHAIR BY CONSENSUS.**

**PRIMARY CARE  
PROVIDER  
SURVEY**

Members reviewed the 2009 survey and suggested a few additional questions for the 2010 survey and to remove the question pertaining to the eligibility process. The survey will be revised and distributed for completion.

**QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT**

The primary care providers will be meeting with the QM provider for their cluster meeting at the end of January.

The contract for quality management is currently out for bid and the new provider should be announced in early February and will begin providing services in March.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS**

Lois Hall announced that the AETC (AIDS Education and Training Center) will hold its annual conference May 14-15<sup>th</sup> in Orlando.

HSAC will meet again on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.