



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THE CHILDREN'S BOARD - TAMPA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011
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: Marc Betts, Vicki Kenyon, Don Kurtyka, John Melartin, Steve Palermo, Bonnie Tiemann, Donnette Waul
Members Absent: Bobbi Lambert, Priya Rajkumar, Jim Roth, Michael Wagner
Guests Present: Deniz Curler, Teresa Gillespie, Amanda Schall
Grantee Staff Present: Dorinda Seth
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for November 18, 2010 were approved (M: Melartin, S: Kenyon) with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** John shared that the Care Council discussed the ADAP funding uncertainty. With the Governor's executive order to suspend all rule making, the change will not happen to the lower the federal poverty level eligibility criteria and ADAP predicts that they will be out of funds by mid February. The decision to review all state contracts in excess of \$1M could delay our Part B contract (over \$2M) and allow all Part B contracts to expire requiring a new procurement process and an interruption in services in areas where no other funding source exists.
The Part A Carry Over from FY 09 (\$114,883) was received in notice since the Care Council meeting and will be routed to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and must be spent by the end of February.
A provider network meeting will be held on Friday, January 28th at the Children's Board in Tampa. Customer satisfaction surveys will be discussed and distributed. There will be discussion of the Quality Management program and enhancements to the Ryan White Information System (RWIS).
The Care Council approved two new voting members, some revisions

to the bylaws, the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism, and the reallocations for FY 10 Part A and Part B. The Minority Advocacy Committee is distributing anti stigma postcards with a link to their e-mail and 'Stop The Stigma' Facebook page.

ADAP UPDATE

The ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) Waiting List Report from January 7, 2011 was shared. Of the 2,719 people waitlisted in Florida, 225 are from Hillsborough, 112 from Pinellas, 96 in Polk, 23 in Manatee, 20 in Pasco, 9 in Hernando, 7 in Highlands and 1 in Hardee.

Several members participated in an ADAP conference call yesterday. ADAP predicts that they will be out of funds by mid February and plan to transition all clients, around 6500 statewide, to Welvista to temporarily receive their medications and transition them back to ADAP at the beginning of the new grant year in April.

Marc stated that there had been an 8% increase in requests for antiretroviral medications in the outlying counties while Hillsborough had remained about the same. Pinellas saw an increase as well. These requests are for HIV medications through our pharmacy exception process while clients are waiting to receive medication through another source such as Medicaid, Patient Assistance, etc.

To conserve local pharmaceutical funds to fill any gaps that may be created when ADAP runs out of money and transitions clients to Welvista and then back to ADAP, the committee passed the following motion (M: Kenyon, S: Betts) with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes:

STOP FUNDING ALL OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS EXCEPT DIABETIC SUPPLIES IN ALL LOCAL AIDS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACTS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2011.

This will allow additional local funds to be used immediately and long term so clients will not fall through the cracks and go without antiretroviral medications as the ADAP situation remains uncertain.

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER SURVEY DRAFT

Members reviewed the 2010 survey and suggested a few additional questions regarding the PAP (Patient Assistance Program) process for the 2011 survey. The survey will be revised and distributed for completion.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

An IT consultant is working with clinicians, users and providers to redevelop screens and simplify data entry in the RWIS (Ryan White Information System) and to integrate performance measures.

The workgroup has approved a client satisfaction survey. The postage paid cards will be given to clients at a service visit, completed by the client at home and mailed directly back to the Grantee's office. The QM provider would then analyze the collected data. The initial

distribution of cards will be at the provider meeting on January 28.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

Members shared upcoming community events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.