



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THE CHILDREN'S BOARD - TAMPA  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010  
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by John Melartin, Co-Chair at 2:00 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Vicki Kenyon, Bobbi Lambert, John Melartin, Steve Palermo, Jim Roth, Bonnie Tiemann, Michael Wagner, Donnette Waul  
Members Absent: Leslie Betts, Don Kurtyka, Priya Rajkumar  
Guests Present: Deniz Curler, Teresa Gillespie, Lois Hall, Randy Masters, Bill Quercia  
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 September 16, 2010 were approved (M: Palermo, S: Roth) with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** John shared that the Care Council approved the allocations for Part A and Part B FY 11-12, and discussed ways to achieve parity between all counties on a per capita basis or state why a disparity exists. The Grantee reported that the state is discussing making changes to Eligibility Rule 64D to lower the FPL (Federal Poverty Level) requirement from 400% to 300% which would eliminate many clients from the Ryan White Program.
- ADAP UPDATE** The ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) Waiting List Report from November 5 was shared. Of the 1,976 people waitlisted in Florida, 174 are from Hillsborough, 71 from Pinellas, 66 in Polk, 17 in Manatee, 16 in Pasco, 7 in Hernando, 4 in Highlands and 3 in Hardee.  
Jim Roth participated in an ADAP conference call today. State officials indicated that they are looking at revising the change to Eligibility Rule 64D to include only ADAP and not other patient care programs. The latest numbers reported on November 5<sup>th</sup> would reflect the 324 individuals removed from the waitlist using the \$6.9M in federal relief funds. The clients were notified that they were being removed from the

waitlist and the PAP (Patient Assistance Provider) was also notified. However, clinical providers were not notified so they may be hearing from clients to write new scripts for ADAP. Providers can also contact their local county health department ADAP office for a list of their clients who were removed from the waitlist.

Members mentioned that SHINE, CVS and Walgreens pharmacies have a software program to assist Medicare Part D clients in determining which part D program is most suitable based on individual client needs and medications they are taking.

## **PHARMACEUTICAL EXPENDITURES**

Dorinda prepared reports of pharmaceutical expenditures by month and funding stream for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Overall, there are few variations in expenditures from one year to the next and at the same point in time each year. There are a few month to month variations that seem very large and the monitors will be investigating reasons for the fluctuations.

The Hillsborough County Health Department, our largest provider of pharmaceuticals in the TSA indicated that they will expend all funds before the program year ends. The Grantee's office is looking for funds that can be reallocated to this service in the final round of reallocations coming up.

Vicki stated that as we continue to look for cost containment strategies that we will need to be sure we continue to cover diabetic test strips if we discontinue coverage of other over the counter medications and supplies.

## **QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

The QM workgroup is collaborating with County IT department on ways to easily extract the HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) quality measures data from RWIS (Ryan White Information System).

The workgroup has approved a satisfaction survey and is working to develop it into a card that can be distributed 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 group hopes this will instill confidence in the system and promote more honest feedback with client's having no fear of reprisals. John stated that the Client Services committee would be happy to assist with collating data if needed. The goal is to also have the survey card shared with clients from their case manager so they know to expect to receive it for all services.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Members shared upcoming community events.

Randy Masters shared a concern from the Client Services committee and requested that the HSAC work with them to draft a letter to HART (Hillsborough Area Rapid Transit) requesting that they accept Medicaid vouchers during all operating hours. This was successfully done

recently in Pasco County. The members requested more information about how this system works with the disability transportation on the specific client concern before writing a letter. Staff agreed to contact HART for more details and Randy will communicate with the Client Services committee for more information.

Members also shared a concern about difficulty in accessing dental services in Pinellas County. The provider has denied service citing lack of funding and clients have felt that they were treated in a disrespectful manner. It was suggested that the Client Services Committee speak with the grant manager for that service to get a complete understanding of what has taken place.

Members were also concerned about the complexity of the process to access dental services in Polk County by having to first get a referral from their primary care doctor.

It was noted that we provide a fairly comprehensive set of dental services while most of the state only covers cleanings, fillings, extractions and emergencies.

Members shared several World AIDS Day events and fliers. Most are distributed in the info share or posted at [www.wemakethechange.com](http://www.wemakethechange.com).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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