



■ The meeting was called to order by Don Kurtyka, Chair at 2:05 p.m.

■ Members Present: Wanda Barker, Jimmy Baumgartner, Cindy Brown, Barbara Clark-Alexander, Don Kurtyka, John Melartin, Steve Palermo Michael Wagner, Donette Waul-Santiago, Rita Winstead

Members Absent:, Leslie Betts, Robbie Bouplon, Tish Carlton, Vicki Kenyon , Rob Loy, Priya Poulimas, Jim Roth

Guests Present: Tonicia Freeman, Dave Konnerth, Theresa Pellek, Tina Van Doren-Ruppell

Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold

Health Councils Staff Present: Judit Hahn, Collette Tomberlin

■ There were no changes made to the agenda.

■ The minutes for October 19, 2006 were approved (M: Brown, S: Wagner) unanimously.

■REPORT

Dave Konnerth announced that the Care Council approved the Drug Reimbursement Minimum Standards of Care revision and selected nominees for the Florida Patient Care Planning Group.

Announcements from the Care Council meeting included Medicare open enrollment dates, Request for Application (RFA) due dates, and solicitation of volunteers to score RFAs.

■ Input was solicited from Oral Health providers for the committee to consider in the review of these standards. The provider feedback was shared with the committee. The committee revised the standards for oral health and passed the following motion (M: Brown, S: Barker) unanimously:



■ The contracted provider submitted detailed utilization and expenditure reports for the committee's review since there are no Care Act Data Reports (CADR) available this year. Don sorted the data by total cost per medication, number of prescriptions written per medication, and the cost per prescription. Members studied each of the reports and noted nothing of concern. Aubrey stated that there is a new contractual relationship with the provider that supplies the medications at Public Health Service pricing which is much lower than previously available. The committee decided to review controlled substances expenditures annually in July.

■ A pharmacy provider requested clarification on the current one month formulary restriction on antiretroviral agents and exceptions that can be made to that requirement. The restriction was originally implemented so clients would seek other medication funding options such as Medicaid, AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and Patient Assistance Programs. Due to the lengthy process to be accepted into any of these programs, more than 100 clients have received exceptions to the one month restriction this calendar year. The committee passed the following motion (M: Brown, S: Wagner) with 9 yes votes and 1 no vote:

■ Patients with extenuating circumstances may apply for exceptions and they will be considered on a case by case basis.

■ Gilda of RNT & Associates was unable to attend this meeting to provide the committee with feedback from the Primary Care cluster meeting held October 20th but submitted a written report. Members who attended the October 20th meeting shared their comments with the committee. Providers stated that the meetings have taken a negative tone toward providers, their input is not being valued and will not likely be considered for any change, and the Quality Management provider is pushing Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI). Concerns that had previously been stated were reiterated including the lack of longitudinal data, requested data focuses more on process and administrative tasks instead of clinical patient outcomes, and the excessive time involved in data collection and entry. The Grantee has scheduled a meeting with RNT & Associates to request a simple process that can be implemented with limited resources and that will have value to the providers. Aubrey will request fewer measures of quality and that actual clinical providers be in attendance at the meetings instead of administrative staff. Members suggested a standing schedule for the year of Quality Management meetings so clinical providers could allot

time with patients around that schedule.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
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Members shared several events planned for World AIDS Day on December 1st.

Wanda Barker shared new guidelines that will go into effect on November 20th for reporting HIV infection and viral load results to Health Departments.

The committee will not meet in the month of December. The next Health Services Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2007.



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