



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Don Kurtyka, Chair at 2:05 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Robbie Bouplon, Don Kurtyka, Brent Laartz, John Melartin, Steve Palermo, Priya Poulimas, Tina Van Doren-Ruppell, Michael Wagner, Donette Waul-Santiago
Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Leslie Betts, Cindy Brown, Barbara Clark-Alexander, Vicki Kenyon, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Rita Winstead
Guests Present: Rob Loy, Terry Oster
Grantee Staff Present: none
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** Members agreed by consensus to add an update on quality management.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for February 21, 2008 were approved (M: Palermo, S: Poulimas) with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Robbie Bouplon stated that the Care Council held a retreat that focused on the planning process and the state comprehensive plan. There was also a brief meeting where allocations for additional Part A funds were approved. It was also noted that in March the Care Council voted to allow HIV positive clients that are asymptomatic to be eligible for the local ISP (Insurance Services Program). This change was brought about to align with a state change in AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program) to allow enrollment by asymptomatic clients.
- PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER SURVEY RESULTS** Members reviewed the results received from the primary care provider survey and discussed current trends. Some specific issues discussed were the increased number of other chronic illnesses and MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) infections among clients. In some areas there is not a dedicated nutritionist available to clients nor is there a provider available for colorectal surgery. There was also discussion on the anal pap smear question and how some clinics

inferred that it is only for MSM (men who have sex with men). There was discussion on the baseline resistance testing and resistance testing for clients on ARV (Antiretroviral) therapy and failing. Some clinics are only doing one type of testing due to funding. The VARS (Variant, Atypical and Resistant HIV Surveillance) Program was also mentioned and how any person testing positive for the first time will have their specimen sent for genotype testing. This program should be completely in place by the end of 2008 and all health departments will have access. The committee is waiting to approve these survey results when all of the providers have contributed their information. The provider information that was not available for this meeting will be brought to the next.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Steve stated that the QM forms for Primary Care, Dental and Nutritional Services had some type fit/font issues and that there was concern from some of the Primary Care providers about needing a "N/A" response space for some of their questions. The "N/A" question was sent to the Ryan White QM management for a response. Priya also said that case management's tool is better this year and is only one form instead of four. Tina said that her clinic is not yet tracking for quality management but she does have a meeting set up with RNT & Associates to make the tracking tool specific to pediatric clients. Members decided to add quality management as an ongoing agenda item because they are one of the oversight committees for the program. Steve has also started to attend the Planning and Evaluation Committee because they are the other oversight committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS

TBAN (Tampa Bay AIDS Network) and USF (University of South Florida) pediatrics have started to use RWIS (Ryan White Information System). Tina and Priya shared that the database is not already populated with clients so it is time consuming to enter full records on each of their clients. Mike stated that the Hillsborough County pharmacy will be able to view records but will not have the time to enter new clients.

John raised concerns about clients not getting bus passes. Mike said that the cost of bus passes has gone up and it has caused some providers to watch more closely the number of passes given out. Priya said that clients that are not eligible for Medicaid transportation can get a monthly bus pass to use for doctors visits. These bus passes are good for the whole month so a client can also use it to go to the pharmacy or do other errands. Donnette pointed out that Medicaid will only pay for a one day bus pass to go to the doctor and not to the pharmacy.

Committee members announced upcoming community events.

Robbie announced that Jim Roth received the Unsung Hero Award at the state Ryan White Program meeting in Orlando.

The committee has decided to meet every other month. The next meeting will be in June.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.