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RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Don Kurtyka, Chair at 2:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Wanda Barker, Robbie Bouplon, Barbara Clark-Alexander, Don Kurtyka, Brent Laartz, John Melartin, Steve Palermo, Priya Poulimas, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Michael Wagner, Donette Waul-Santiago, Rita Winstead

Members Absent: Leslie Betts, Cindy Brown, Vicki Kenyon, Tina Van Doren-Ruppell

Guests Present: None

Grantee Staff Present: None

Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes for August 16, 2007 were approved (M: Bouplon, S: Reynolds) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions (Poulimas, Waul-Santiago).

CARE COUNCIL REPORT

Jim Roth shared the action items from the September Care Council meeting. Two by-law revisions were presented for a 30 day review. One revision addresses the desire to establish a formal parliamentarian and the other establishes the Care Council Vice-Chair as Chair of SIOC (Standards, Issues and Operations Committee). The council selected interim co-parliamentarians (Amidei and Bouplon) until a final vote is determined. The Care Council approved the 2007 Executive Summary, revisions to the minimum standards of care for Transportation and Legal services, FY 07-08 Part B allocations, FY 07-08 Part A and B reallocations, and a revision to the nutritional supplements criteria. The council also voted in favor of having the PLWH (Persons Living with HIV) mileage reimbursement rate always reflect the Hillsborough County rate and to allow committee members to request mileage reimbursement.

The Chair also requested that anyone who attended the last RPARC meeting provide an update on proposed allocation recommendations

that are being forwarded to Care Council. Several members provided the requested information.

2007-2008 WORK PLAN

Committee members reviewed the draft of the work plan and changed the frequency of monitoring the formulary from quarterly to twice a year. The following motion passed (M: Barker, S: Wagner) with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes:

MOTION 09/07-01

APPROVE THE 2007-2008 WORK PLAN AS AMENDED

MEETING DAY, TIME AND LOCATION

The committee agreed by consensus to keep the same meeting schedule. **The Health Services Advisory Committee will meet on the third Thursday of the month at 2 PM at the Hillsborough County Health Department**.

CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR ELECTION

Don and Jim each stated that they would be willing to continue in their respective roles as Chair and Co-Chair of the committee and welcomed other interested individuals to speak up. No other member wished to be considered for either role and the committee agreed by consensus to **re-elect Don Kurtyka as Chair and Jim Roth as Co-Chair**.

AICP/INSURANCE SERVICES UPDATE

The Health Councils provided an annual utilization report covering the year from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Members reviewed and discussed all of the data. Don asked committee members to provide any input they may have from the case management and/or client perspective. Members indicated that they were pleased with the efficiency with which this program seems to run and serve all enrolled and wait-listed clients.

MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE REVIEW

The committee reviewed the Minimum Standards of Care in light of the newly revised service definitions for the Ryan White Program. Services reviewed were food bank/home delivered meals/nutritional supplements, medical nutrition therapy, and rehabilitation services. All suggested changes will be forwarded to the Planning and Evaluation Committee.

HIV RESISTANCE SURVEILLANCE PROJECT

Don shared information about the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) sponsored Variant, Atypical and Resistant HIV Surveillance Program. The CDC has already involved Duval, Orange and Broward counties and recently asked Hillsborough County to join. The program pays for genotype testing to estimate the prevalence of HIV drug resistance among persons recently infected, evaluate trends and transmission of HIV drug resistance, and evaluate risk factors for HIV drug resistance. All patients receiving HIV testing from the participating county health departments are automatically enrolled in this program. Patients

seeking care from providers outside the heath departments can request copies of their baseline resistance test results.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Mike Wagner announced that the Hillsborough County Health Department has hired a dentist to replace Dr. Brown. Dr. Jeff Dolle will begin work on November 2.

Bob Reynolds shared information form an AARP report stating that women over the age of 50 are reluctant to be tested for HIV for fear of stigma. Bob also shared that HIV+ prisoners are afraid to disclose their status to receive appropriate care because they will then be treated differently by not only the other inmates, but guards and prison staff as well.

At this time, there are no pressing items to necessitate a meeting in the month of October. The committee will convene on November 15.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.