



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MINORITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Ramon Baez, Chair, at 11:15 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE**
- Members Present: Ramon Baez, Laura Dunn, Anthony Frederick, Georgette King, Catheline Lamour, John Melartin, Patrick Mercier, Marylin Merida, Jerry Nealy, Darlene Smith
- Members Absent: Maria Aponte, Jana Balicki, Josefina Campos, Jackie Colunga, Lolita Emanuel-Brown, Janet Kitchen, Sherri White, Lewis Williams
- Guests Present: Robert Bailey, Gerando Galiz, Brenda Grove, Mac McDougale, Raul Rodriquez, JaDawn Wright
- Grantee Staff Present:
- Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** A discussion about TBAN (Tampa Bay AIDS Network) was added.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Marylin requested that one sentence in the proposed minutes be changed. The minutes for September 12, 2008 were approved (**M:** Baez, **S:** Dunn) as amended 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTATION** The issue of confidentiality surrounding a Care Council members HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) seat was again discussed. Some members voiced concern that the person currently sitting in the formally incarcerated seat is not actively involved in the linking ex-offenders ad hoc. The following motion passed (**M:** Melartin, **S:** Merida) with 10 yes votes and 0 no votes:
- Motion 10/08-01** **RECOMMEND TO THE CARE COUNCIL THAT MEMBERS BE ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR MANDATED SEATS.**

TBAN	Georgette and Marylin raised a concern about TBAN no longer wanting to provide HIV/AIDS related services. There is currently a new RFA (Request For Application) from the Grantee's office to provide services that are currently contracted with TBAN. They are concerned that this was not discussed at the Planning and Evaluation Committee meeting or at the RPARC (Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendation Committee) meeting and that the community may not know about the current situation. They are also concerned that clients may think that they no longer have access to services. Patrick said that the RFA is available on the Hillsborough County web site and he offered to contact the Grantee on behalf of MAC about an informational e-mail being sent out.
MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION	Members discussed moving the meeting to a location that is easier to find and more accessible by bus. The following motion passed (M : Mercier, S : Melartin) with 10 yes votes and 0 no votes:
Motion 10/08-03	HOLD MEETINGS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 11:00 AM AT THE METRO CENTER ON FLORIDA AVE IN TAMPA.
MAC WORK PLAN	Members reviewed the draft work plan and decided on several changes. Members would also like to revise the work plan in the upcoming months to include benchmarks and outcomes. The following motion passed (M : King, S : Lamour) with 10 yes votes and 0 no votes:
Motion 10/08-04	APPROVE THE 2008-09 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN WITH CHANGES.
OLD BUSINESS	Marylin suggested that the committee review the name of the Minority Advocacy Committee.
CARE COUNCIL REPORT	There was no Care Council report given.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	There were no committee reports given.
COMMUNITY CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Patrick passed out information on the Smart Ride fundraising event. Members decided to move the November MAC meeting to November 7 th . This will allow members to attend the PCPG (Patient Care Planning Group) meeting in Orlando or to attend the WICY&F (Women, Infant, Children, Youth and Families) community event being held on

November 14th.

Metro will be holding a free BBQ in St. Petersburg on November 1st from 5pm - 11pm to celebrate their 15 year anniversary. Metro is also holding a raffle.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Minority Advocacy Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.