



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MINORITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Bill Quercia at 11:15 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Tony Gonzalez, Bill Quercia, Brien Richard, Chris Spall
- Members Absent: Ramon Baez, Patricia Cuero, Lolita Emanuel-Brown, Zinzler Larry
- Guests Present: Ian Barker, Mac McDougale
- Grantee Staff Present: none
- Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** There was no quorum present to approve the minutes for August 12, 2011.
- ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR** Ramon Baez was reelected chair and Tony Gonzalez was elected co-chair of the committee by acclamation.
- MEETING DATE/TIME/ LOCATION** Those present would like to keep the same meeting time and date but discussed moving locations. ACTS, Lee Davis Service Center and Metro Wellness & Community Center were also suggested as the meeting location. A discussion on location was postponed until the October meeting.
- MAC WORK PLAN** Members reviewed the Committee’s work plan. There was discussion on expanding the focus of education from minority clients to also include providers. Adding research and sharing best practices with our network of providers could also become part of the work plan. It was suggested to do an adherence training three times a year in place or in addition to the committee meeting. It was also mentioned that the group could review quality management data to make sure that minority clients are accessing services.

**FACEBOOK PAGE
& STIGMA CARD
UPDATE**

Those present discussed the Stigma Cards and Facebook Page. There has been discussion over the past couple of meetings on updating the stigma cards with three new myths and getting the cards printed in a different color. A couple of myth suggestions were, HIV only affects men, I'm too old to get HIV or I'm too young to get HIV, You can't get HIV in a committed relationship and older people don't have sex and therefore are not at risk. Mac offered that AB Specialty Pharmacy would print another set of cards once the group was ready.

Tony provided the group with a stigma story that was posted on the Facebook Page. Other members were encouraged to also send information that could be posted. The idea of seeing if the other Care Council client focused committees would be interested in helping to manage and provide content to the Facebook page was also discussed.

**CARE COUNCIL
REPORT**

The Care Council will hold their full day members retreat on October 5th from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

CLIENT INPUT

There was no client input shared.

**OTHER
COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

The Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee (RPARC) discussed the revised Part A grant allocation from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration). The revised amount is only \$55,000 less than the grant award last year.

The Membership Committee is currently recruiting new members for the Care Council. They would like to recruit more female clients and black members.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that Laura Dunn is no longer with the Hernando County Health Department and will not be attending the MAC meetings. Her position has been eliminated.

It was announced that there are 4,033 people on the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) waiting list.

Tony shared that Project Inform had a lot of materials that are available for distribution in Spanish.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Minority Advocacy Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.