



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MINORITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006
9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Georgette King, Chair, at 9:12 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Ramon Baez, Carla Baity, Tonicia Freeman, Georgette King, Debbie Langhorne, John Melartin
Members Absent:, Janet Kitchen, Marilyn Merida
Guests Present: Jennifer Echevarria, Sharon Jones, Catheline Lamour, Jeannie Lewis, Ivette Lopez, Patrick Mercier, Lisa Sampson, Paul Watkins, Ronald Weston
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Gilda Roman-Nay-Torres
Health Councils Staff Present: Judit Hahn, Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** The committee agreed by consensus to move item VI -1 to item VI -4.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Minutes for the month of September 8, 2006 were approved (M: Langhorne, S: Baity) with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes. The minutes for October 13, 2006 were approved (M: Langhorne, S: Baity) with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Carla Baity presented the Care Council report and stated that the Grantee made several announcements; RFAs are due November 20th and they are in need of scoring team members, Medicare Open Enrollment will be Nov 15th – Dec 31st, case management training will be held in December, and there will be a transportation public workshop on Nov 9th. The Care Council passed a revision to the Minimum Standards of Care for Drug Reimbursement and solicited nominees to the Florida Patient Care Planning Group.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Georgette presented a draft of the attendance policy that the committee reviewed and discussed. The following motion passed (M: Melartin, S: Freeman) with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes:

MOTION 11/06-01

ADOPT THE ATTENDANCE POLICY AS AMENDED

2006-07 WORK PLAN

The revised draft of the work plan work plan was presented to the committee. Members suggested some changes that will be incorporated into the final version. The following motion passed (M: Baity, S: Melartin) with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes:

MOTION 11/06-02

ADOPT THE 2006-07 WORK PLAN WITH REVISIONS

The committee agreed to add an agenda item each month for Committee Reports so that MAC liaisons can report back from the other committee meetings they attend.

HISTORY OF MAC

Georgette presented a handout detailing the work of the committee in recent years. Georgette requested that staff send a copy of the 2003 Program Evaluation Study of the Local Implementation of the Minority AIDS Initiative.

CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR ELECTIONS

The committee voted to elect Georgette King as Chair and Carla Baity as Co-Chair for the following year.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no community concerns that were shared.

Members shared upcoming community events. Visit www.thecarecouncil.org for more details.
Ronald Weston shared information about Positive Healthcare Pharmacies.
Jeannie Lewis shared information and brochures about the new program at West Care for substance abuse treatment in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.
Carla Baity shared that Operation HOPE is now providing treatment adherence in Pinellas County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

12/20/06