

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MINORITY ADVOCAY COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006
9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Carla Foster, Co-Chair, at 9:15 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Vivian Candelaria, Edith Ellerson, Carla Foster, Debbie Langhorne, John Melartin
Members Absent: Georgette King, Janet Kitchen, Marylin Merida, Diondria Riley
Guests Present: Ramon Baez, Tonicia Freeman, Bob Reynolds, Jose Torres
Grantee Staff Present: Gilda Roman-Nay-Torres
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes made to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Minutes for the months of June, July and August were approved unanimously with 2 attendance changes noted.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Carla Foster presented the Care Council report and stated that the actions taken by the Council included: approval of service caps and limits; MAI allocation alignments for Pasco and Hernando counties; and 2007 allocations which included flat funding of all services with the exception of a \$95,000 increase to Insurance Services and a \$95,000 decrease to Program Support. The agenda had included the approval of a membership application, but the candidate rescinded his application due to a job change. Collette announced Care Council membership vacancies for a health department seat, Pasco County, Hernando County, and 2 Hispanic seats to achieve parity.
- LOGIC MODEL AD HOC REPORT** This group has not yet met, but recruited additional members to now include Ramon Baez, Vivian Candelaria, Tonicia Freeman, Carla Foster, Georgette King, John Melartin and Marylin Merida. The group plans to meet on September 28th at 11:00 at Spring Oaks to review the logic model activities for alignment with the comprehensive plan and goals. The ad hoc group will bring back recommendations to MAC for inclusion in

the 2006/07 committee work plan.

**ATTENDANCE
POLICY**

Georgette had planned to make revisions to the draft and since she was not in attendance at the meeting, the committee tabled this item until the next meeting.

**2006-07 WORK
PLAN**

The committee tabled this item until the next meeting to consider the recommendations from the ad hoc group.

HISTORY OF MAC

Georgette had shared at the last meeting that she would ask Marilyn to present this item to the group to help new members understand the purpose of the committee. This item was tabled since neither of them was present.

**CHAIR AND CO-
CHAIR ELECTIONS**

Nominations were opened and members nominated Carla Foster, Georgette King, and Marilyn Merida for the position of chair and co-chair. Carla accepted the nomination but since neither Georgette nor Marilyn was present to accept or decline their nomination, members decided to leave the nominations open and vote at the October meeting.

**FOCUS GROUP
SCRIPT INPUT**

Staff shared the script used with previous focus groups with the committee for their input to be presented to the Planning and Evaluation committee. Committee members suggested several changes that were recorded by staff.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members shared concern regarding the lack of consumer participation on the committee. Members suggested ways to recruit, involve and retain members as well as options to gather more consumer participation without the monthly commitment to a committee meeting that happens during working hours. The committee would like to create a committee brochure describing the purpose/goals and history of the committee with member contact information. They would also like to share a handout that explains all the acronyms used at meetings and set up some mentoring for new committee members. The committee considered the option of having two open forum/Town Hall type meetings each year (with the first one being in January 07) to get consumer input.

Committee members feel that it would be valuable for the Membership Committee to create updated and informative brochures and handouts for recruiting new Care Council members and items to help them once they are attending

meetings.

Members shared upcoming community events. Visit www.thecarecouncil.org for more details.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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