

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

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Georgette King, Chair, at 9:10 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Vivian Candelaria, Georgette King, Janet Kitchen, Debbie Langhorne
Members Absent: Edith Ellerson, Carla Foster, John Melartin, Marylin Merida, Diondria Riley
Guests Present: Ramon Baer, Gustavo Bardelli, Tonicia Freeman, Vicky Oliver
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Gilda Roman-Nay-Torres
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes made to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** There was no vote to adopt the minutes for June and July due to lack of quorum.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** There was no Care Council meeting in the month of August, but Georgette reported on the following items from the SIOC meeting: P&E is seeking input and support in their upcoming focus groups for the Needs Assessment; September Care Council is Political Action Leaders month with a reception being held 30 minutes prior to the regular meeting; all committees should elect chair and co-chair at the September meeting; HOPWA is planning for a new round of funding and is distributing a housing survey for PLWHA to complete. Georgette asked Aubrey to speak to the guidance for the 2007 application. Aubrey stated that the guidance had been received and all parts had been assigned for completion with due dates being established. The application is due Oct. 2.

**LOGIC MODEL AD
HOC REPORT**

None of the members of this ad hoc group were in attendance to report.

**ATTENDANCE
POLICY**

The committee looked over the draft attendance policy and would like to make some further revisions and bring it back to the next meeting.

**REVIEW OF 05-06
WORK PLAN**

The committee has been diligently working on the MAI Capacity Building and Logic Model as well as informally working with the Grantee's office to build up funds for MAI in the Title I application. In looking at future work, the group would like to consider addressing issues of diversity and reaching out to other non-majority communities, collaborating with prevention and working with P&E on surveys and focus groups.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no community concerns.

Members announced upcoming events that can be viewed on the website at www.thecarecouncil.org

Vivian announced that TBAN has a new program to reach out to HIV+ ex-offenders and assist with housing. If anyone is aware of apartments that will agree to work with TBAN to provide temporary housing to this population as they get reestablished in the community, please let Vivian know.

Metro Charities is creating a Minority Education Treatment Program specifically for African American and Hispanics and are seeking clients to enroll. Metro Charities is also looking for members to serve on a Core Advisory group of individuals who are Black, Hispanic or re-entry population as well as those with a history of substance use. THAP is also putting together a Healthy Relationships support group.

The PWA Coalition did vote to disband and distributed a letter detailing how their assets and supplies would be disbursed among other agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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