

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007
12:45 P. M. – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Bob Reynolds, Chair, at 12:49 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: John Melartin, Aritus Miller, Bob Reynolds, Bill Thomas
Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Janet Kitchen
Guests Present: Dr. William Perry
Grantee Staff Present: Teresa Newgent
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The March meeting minutes were approved with one clarification correction.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Bob Reynolds passed out his notes from the Care Council Retreat. Bill Thomas said it was a professional and appropriate training. The committee will receive a copy of the evaluations when available.
- Bob also spoke about the Health Services Committee. He said that Dr. Brown, who is the Hillsborough County dentist, is retiring and they are looking for someone to replace him. The committee also has completed their survey of providers.
- Bob stated that the Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee (RPARC) has forwarded a couple of funding proposals to the Care Council. One is for diagnostic care in Hardee County and the other is to increase funding in case management so that new case managers and eligibility specialists can be hired.
- BYLAW REVIEW** Bob started discussion on the bylaw revision request that was made by the Women, Infant, Children, Youth and Families Committee (WICY&F). WICY&F took into consideration the concerns raised by the

Membership Committee in March and removed the language that seemed to request more representation on the Care Council. Bob requested that two grammatical changes be made to the original bylaw language. The word “underserved” was separated into two words and “unserved” was changed to “not served”. The following motion was passed: (M: Thomas S: Miller, 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 4/07-01

THAT THE BYLAW REVISION REGARDING THE WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE PURPOSE BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CARE COUNCIL AS AMENDED.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Bob began discussion of membership recruitment by saying that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has created two new mandated seats. One for Hepatitis C co-infection and one for Native American. Staff gave an update on recruitment. Two applications have been received and the scoring subcommittee members have been contacted. Committee members were encouraged to talk with other members of the community and help get people to apply for membership. The Care Council is looking for several members that are Hispanic, people living with HIV/AIDS and someone from Highlands County. The due date for applications is May 7, 2007.

In addition the committee decided to remove two applicants that have been unreachable due to a lack of accurate information on their application.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Staff updated the committee on Care Council voting and associate members with poor attendance. James Brandon has not attended a Care Council meeting since being appointed in November of 2006. The following motion was passed: (M: Thomas S: Miller, 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 4/07-02

THAT JAMES BRANDON IS REMOVED AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

The committee also evaluated Gustavo Bardelli and his lack of attendance and communication with the Care Council since November 2006. The following motion was passed: (M: Melartin S: Miller, 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 4/07-03

THAT GUSTAVO BARDELLI IS REMOVED AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

An effort will also be made to contact Debbie Langhorne and Michael Amidei who have decreased their participation in the Care Council since the end of last year.

MINI CARE COUNCIL TRAININGS

The committee discussed possible topics for mini Care Council trainings. Some topics discussed were working while on Social Security Disability, the new eligibility requirements for Part B, what one unit of

service is for each provider and Medicare Part D. It was determined by the committee that each of these items would take more than a fifteen minute presentation to address. They would like to put these issues on the agenda for the October retreat. The committee hopes to come up with some mini training ideas so that they can have mini trainings at the June and August meetings.

**MENTORING
PROGRAM /
ORIENTATION**

This agenda item was tabled by the chair until the May meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

Bob mentioned that he attended the Create Your Scared Space Retreat and had a great time. He said that it was well attended and he spoke with several other participants about the Care Council.

Bob shared a flyer for Dining Out for Life which is to be held on April 26th in Pinellas County. On the flyer there is a list of restaurants that will donate a portion of the proceeds to AIDS Service Association of Pinellas (ASAP).

Boehringer Ingelheim has produced a healthy eating guide for HIV positive people. Bob shared copies.

John Melartin announced that the AIDS Partnership dinner is scheduled for 6:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month at the Good Samaritan Church in St. Petersburg.

Bill Thomas announced that the City of Tampa HIV/AIDS Housing Consortium will be meeting at ACTS (Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc) on April 27th from 10:00am-3:00pm to work on a five year housing plan.

Dr. William Perry spoke about the National Black Leaders Commission on AIDS and their campaign to build awareness in the black community primarily through churches. For more information on this group contact Dr. Perry.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.