

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT, AND TRAINING COMMITTEE  
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA  
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006  
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The meeting was called to order by Michael Amidei, Chair, at 12:35 p.m.
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<u>Members Present:</u> Michael Amidei, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds <u>Members Absent:</u> Janet Kitchen, Aritus Miller, Bill Thomas <u>Guests Present:</u> Mark Mischan <u>Grantee Staff Present:</u> Aubrey Arnold <u>Health Council Staff Present:</u> Nicole Brown
<b>CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</b>	None.
<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	There was no quorum present to approve the minutes from July 17 <sup>th</sup> . The members present approved the minutes and an e-mail will be sent out to remaining members to request approval. E-mail approval was achieved August 28 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>CARE COUNCIL REPORT</b>	There was no August Care Council meeting so no report was given.
<b>REVIEW OF NEW APPLICATIONS</b>	Nicole Brown gave an update on the approved Care Council membership slate. Aubrey Arnold added that the slate will be voted on by the BOCC on September 7 <sup>th</sup> . Nicole also stated that there are currently openings for someone to represent Hernando County, Pasco County, the Hispanic population and a local health department.  The committee discussed a membership application that has been scored and the applicant has had an interview. This applicant would represent Hernando County and the local health department. Members were also asked to participate in an interview for a new applicant.

**MOTION 08/06-01**

The following motion was passed: (M: Reynolds S: Melartin, 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions) Additional votes achieved over e-mail and phone August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**THAT LASAMUEL STALLWORTH BE RECOMMENDED FOR VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CARE COUNCIL.**

**FULL DAY RETREAT**

Nicole Brown shared a draft agenda for the full day retreat in October. Aubrey Arnold also announced that Emily Gantz-McKay will be able to present on Unmet Need at the retreat. The group made changes to topic times and included a special Care Council meeting at the end of the day to look at reallocations. Members also discussed that having lunch provided for the group would be the most time efficient option. Aubrey will ask MOSAICA to provide lunch and if they are unable then Bob Reynolds will check with Mac McDougle of The Medicine Shoppe.

**MENTORS**

Bob Reynolds gave an update on the mentors program. He said that all the new members had been contacted by him or Janet Kitchen for a discussion on who they would like to have as their mentor. New members will have the September meeting to think about whom they would like to work with and then they will be linked up in October. Michael Amidei voiced concern about new members not having a mentor for their first meeting. Bob said that he had given his phone number to all the new members and would act as their mentor until October.

**POLITICAL ACTION LEADERS (PAL) MONTH**

Michael Amidei opened discussion about Political Action Leaders (PAL) Month and stated that he had no response to his invitations. Bob Reynolds shared that he had a similar experience to the sixty invitations he sent out. The meet and greet to be held a half hour prior to the September meeting will still take place but there is not expected to be a good turn out. Michael will be providing healthy refreshments for the event.

**REVIEW OF ORIENTATION SESSIONS**

The Committee decided to table a discussion of the orientation evaluations until a make up orientation is held for the new members that did not attend. The group decided to hold the make up orientation from 10:00am to noon at Jan Platt Library before the Care Council meeting. Michael Amidei brought up the issue of what to do if someone does not attending the make up session. The committee decided that a new member would not be able to take their seat as a voting Care Council member until they attended the orientation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a lengthy discussion on membership issues. It has recently been called into question whether someone who is a Volunteer In Service to America (VISTA) employee should be counted as having a conflict of interest for the agency they are housed at. Some members of the committee shared concern that VISTA employees use agency e-mail addresses and could be fired by the agency thus making them more like an employee. Aubrey Arnold will check with HRSA as to whether they have an opinion on the issue. If HRSA feels it should be dealt with at the local level then the committee will revisit the issue next month to make a decision. Michael Amidei said that it is important for the group to be on the same page and to explain the committee decision when it is questioned at meetings.

The bylaws were reviewed to see if associate members can fulfill the requirement of a Care Council chair or co-chair. Due to the bylaws saying "a member of the governing body" the committee felt that a voting or associate member could fill that spot.

The committee also discussed the issue of having to turn away an applicant because there is already representation from their agency or county of residence. Some members of the committee raised concerns that consumers were being turned away while other members shared that voting membership was not the only way to be involved. Committee and associate memberships were available to any applicant that could not be recommended for voting membership. The bylaws were reviewed and the committee had a detailed discussion of PIR.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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