

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT, AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2006
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Michael Amidei, Chair at 12:30 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Michael Amidei, Wayne Bibeault, Janet Kitchen, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent:
Guests Present: Bill Thomas
Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Teresa Newgent
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** No changes were made.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2006 were adopted as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** No report was given.
- REVIEW OF APPLICATION RECEIVED** Nicole Brown passed out the narrative section of R. Allan Wesnitzer's membership application for scoring. The committee is following the process in the bylaws when he applied which did not require an interview. Members will notify Nicole if after scoring the application they recommend his name be forwarded to Care Council for approval.

Michael Amidei mentioned that spring is the Care Council's recruitment period and that members should be involved in identifying potential members. Ideas discussed to recruit new members included announcements at the FACT and PWA dinners, distribution of applications through case managers and peer recruiting.

Janet Kitchen suggested that a new flyer be made for recruitment. She feels the old flyer was unappealing and that a more colorful flyer would be more effective. Members were encouraged to create their own flyer ideas for this recruitment season.
- BYLAW REVISION** The committee discussed the bylaw revision that failed to pass

the Care Council in February. Part A of the revision was withdrawn because it might be necessary for the Care Council Chair to be a committee chair or co-chair to keep with the requirement of having a voting member as chair or co-chair of each committee. Part B was tabled till the next meeting so that the committee could more closely examine the issue and reword the revision so that it is more understandable.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael discussed the issue of confidentially. He stated that the Membership Committee needs to be given information on members but reminded the group that information was meant to be kept confidential.

Nicole presented two member issues. Rogelio Capo and Jan Neeson are not meeting the attendance requirement for the Care Council. Transportation was sited as part of the reason that both members have not been able to attend meetings. These members will be invited to reapply for membership should their barriers to attending meetings be resolved.

MOTION 06/02-1

The following motion was passed: (**M** Bob Reynolds **S** Janet Kitchen, 5 yes)

THAT ROGELIO CAPO BE REMOVED AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

MOTION 06/02-2

The following motion was passed: (**M** Bob Reynolds **S** Janet Kitchen, 5 yes)

THAT JAN NEESON BE REMOVED AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael raised concerns about food and how much Ryan White funding is allocated verses how many clients utilize the service. He feels that it would be good to look at the issue more closely to make sure clients know these services are available to them and that we are getting a good value for the money being spent. Issues also mentioned were clients having difficulty picking up food and the lack of variety of items.

Michael also spoke about housing and that the ten year plan now has PLWH/A as part of the process and that the HIV/AIDS community has more benefit than other health groups.

There will be a Medicare Part D presentation at the Client Services committee meeting. Bob Reynolds said that the community is still trying to understand the new system and some issues have yet to be identified. Some pharmacies are also providing a weeks worth of medication to clients without

confirmation of payment to allow for uninterrupted care.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.