



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007
12:45 P. M. – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Bob Reynolds, Chair, at 1:20 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Janet Kitchen, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds, Bill Thomas
Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Aritus Miller
Guests Present: Doris Charest
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The November meeting minutes were approved with one spelling correction.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council report was waived by the committee.
- REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED** Staff reported on the status of the four current applications. Two applicants have been unreachable by phone or e-mail for the last month. A letter has been sent in the mail requesting that they contact staff if still interested. Another applicant has not been able to set up an interview because of work commitments. The fourth applicant was unable to keep their interview due to a family emergency. Another effort will be made to set up interviews with each of these applicants.
- Bob Reynolds started a discussion about the interview process. He said that it would be better if applicants could come to a committee meeting to have their interview. Janet Kitchen asked why it was not a requirement for applicants to attend the Care Council before they could apply. It was discussed that the committee intended interviews to be informal and friendly. John Melartin voiced the opinion that the interviews have moved away from the original intent and now require

more time and effort for all involved.

The committee reviewed the participation of its membership. Members decided to remove Joseph Robinson from voting membership on the Care Council because of poor attendance and lack of response. Staff has sent several letters to Joseph about his poor attendance in the past four months. The committee members requested that attendance letters now be sent to two other members with poor attendance.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Staff announced that several recruitment ads are being placed the end of February and throughout the month of March. The ad created was sent to several Care Council members for input. After receiving suggestions a new ad was created that will hopefully elicit a large positive response. Due to the continued need of more Hispanic members the ad will be placed in several Spanish language newspapers. Bob asked if a public service announcement could be created to send to local radio stations and other HIV/AIDS organizations.

MINI CARE COUNCIL TRAININGS

Bob asked members of the committee to come up with a couple of ideas for Care Council mini trainings. One idea considered by the committee is a presentation on the new Treatment Modernization Act of 2006.

APPLICATION DISCRETIONARY POINTS

The committee members reviewed the form used to give additional points to membership applicants and the following motion was passed: (M: Thomas S: Melartin, 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 1/07-01

**THAT NO CHANGES BE MADE TO THE APPLICATION
DISCRETIONARY POINTS SYSTEM.**

REVIEW OF MENTORING PROGRAM

Janet Kitchen suggested surveying new members to see if they would like to have a mentor before assigning them one. After a short discussion members decided to table a review of the mentoring program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS

National Black AIDS Awareness day is February 7th.

Bill Thomas shared the federal poverty levels for 2007.

Bob announced that the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) will be extending the deadline for their computer assistance program.

Bob shared an article about Michael Amidei and his work with the homeless community.

Bob also gave information on the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Housing Project and its potential funding cuts. Funding cuts will affect prisoner reentry programs.

Bob announced that there is a new group for people living with HIV in Hillsborough County called People Living Better with HIV. The group will meet on February 10th at the Metro Center starting at 6:00pm.

Bob shared an article from the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) on the importance of breast and cervical cancer education to women who are gay or bisexual.

ADJOURNMENT

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