



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE  
METRO CENTER – TAMPA  
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010  
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**      The meeting was called to order by Bob Reynolds, Chair, at 12:38 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**      Members Present: David Hasiba, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds  
Members Absent: Wayne Fernald, Denis Hayes, Janet Kitchen, Adam Lapekes, Marshall Lee, John Melartin, Bill Quercia  
Guests Present: Edward Ford, Darlene Smith  
Grantee Staff Present: Debra Hill  
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**      There were no changes to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**      There was no quorum present to approve the minutes for March 15, 2010. The members present approved the minutes (**M:** Hasiba **S:** Paquette) and staff contacted absent members to request approval. A phone approval was achieved April 27th (Hayes, Lapekes & Melartin). There were 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.

**CONSUMER INPUT**      Andrew shared concerns about the lack of funding for AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program). He sees this as a missed opportunity for the state to save money by keeping clients on private insurance. For every \$1 spent on AICP to pay premiums, clients receive \$5 worth of good and services. He is also concerned about clients that are asymptomatic not being eligible for AICP even though these clients do take medications.

Bob began discussion on the Care Council looking into issues surrounding AIDS and aging and the effects of taking medications long term. The Health Services Advisory Committee has discussed this at their April meeting and is working on a written response.

**CARE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

The Care Council did not hold a business meeting in April.

**APRIL RETREAT  
EVALUATION**

Members reviewed the evaluations from the April Care Council retreat. Overall the evaluations seemed to be less favorable than in past years. The evaluations showed that some people found the presentations to be confusing. Committee members discussed starting now to plan the October retreat. They would like to get a presenter from the state or national level for the next retreat.

Andrew asked the group if a list could be created of all the different service programs and planning groups for people with HIV in our area and their funding sources. It was determined that this would be too big of an undertaking because the list would be almost endless and constantly changing.

**CURRENT  
MEMBERSHIP  
REVIEW**

Members discussed the attendance of current Care Council members. A few members have poor attendance and the committee discussed how to address it. Staff reported that the Care Council chair has agreed to send the general attendance letter that the committee discussed last month. Bob offered to create a draft letter for Dave Konnerth to customize.

**MEMBERSHIP  
RETENTION**

Members discussed issues surrounding keeping members of the Care Council active and involved. Edward stated that he feels that many clients that come to the Care Council don't feel like they are making a difference. It was also stated that many people see the Care Council as just a rubber stamp and if people don't attend a committee meeting then they don't see all the work that goes into a motion before the Care Council.

**MEMBERSHIP  
RECRUITMENT**

Staff stated that three people have applied for Care Council membership. Members were encouraged to promote membership and to help the Care Council meet their current needs of a Pasco representative, a female client and more Hispanic representation. It was also announced that the Care Council application is now available to fill out online and submit electronically.

Staff also shared an idea brought up by Marshall about changing the bylaws to no longer hold one recruitment season a year but rather an ongoing recruitment throughout the year. It was stated that applications are already received and processed year round and that during the recruitment process is the longest time an application is held. Members would like to review the bylaws next month and discuss changing to a quarterly recruitment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS**

Bob asked the group whether they thought it was acceptable that our areas PCPG (Patient Care Planning Group) representative is an employee of the Grantee's office. Members discussed that anyone can apply and the PCPG selects the representative and alternate.

Bob also shared that the VA (Veterans Administration) is creating advisory councils. Bob is a part of one of these councils, which are sanctioned by the VA but not sponsored, and are aimed at improving communication between the VA's professional staff and clients.

David raised a concern about the Grantee's office. He stated that he feels that there is a lack of attention to clients when they request intervention with providers on their behalf. He also stated that he has concerns about case management and how providers say that don't have a waiting list but clients have to wait months for an appointment. Edward added to the case management concern by saying that he feels 'the squeaky wheel gets the oil' and if a client does not constantly advocate for themselves they don't get all of their needs met. Bob stated that the Grantee's office did help him with a dental issues but he worries about the people that are not as well involved and may not know who to call for assistance with a provider. Members stated that they feel if they hear stories of clients not getting the case management they need that there are many more people that are out there that are not getting the service and just have not complained.

Andrew stated that he would like to see the Ryan White policies and procedures made more readily available and posted online.

Information on various upcoming events was shared.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.