



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE  
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA  
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008  
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER**      The meeting was called to order by Michael Amidei, Chair, at 12:35 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**      Members Present: Michael Amidei, Martin Clemmons, David Hasiba , Bill Thomas  
Members Absent: Ramon Benitez, Armando Carrasco, Michele Carrasco, Janet Kitchen, John Melartin, Aritus Miller, Bob Reynolds  
Guests Present:  
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, 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 from February 18, 2008 or March 17, 2008. The members present approved the minutes as written and an e-mail will be sent out to remaining members to request approval. E-mail approval was achieved April 25, 2008 (Miller & Reynolds).
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT**      Members waived the Care Council Report.
- RETREAT EVALUATION SUMMARY**      The committee reviewed the retreat evaluation summary. The group felt that the retreat went well and that the feedback was positive about the presenters. Members also discussed the issue of having a provider sponsor food for the retreat. There were many comments about the lack of food on the retreat evaluations. About one third of the members would not be able to partake in the food provided because of a conflict of interest and that is why a provider was not asked to sponsor lunch. The next retreat will be a half day in October.

**MEMBERSHIP  
RECRUITMENT**

Staff gave an update on membership recruitment. Five applications have been received including four current members and one new. Letters and flyers have been sent to all members of the Care Council, committees, local agencies and past care Council members. Recruitment advertisements have been placed in local newspapers and magazines throughout the month of April. The scoring subcommittee has also been identified. Members were encouraged to continue spreading the word about membership needs.

**RECRUITMENT  
VIDEO**

Members discussed the idea of creating a recruitment video. Aubrey said that Hillsborough County may be able to produce the video. Next month the committee plans to view an out of date video that was made by HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) to get ideas.

**ASSOCIATE /  
HONORARY  
MEMBERSHIP FOR  
COMMUNITY  
GROUPS**

To encourage community groups, social action coalitions and local political leaders to become more involved with the Care Council members discussed creating a different category for membership. This would not be a voting membership and would not require the member to attend committee meetings. This membership could also be shared by a couple of different people from one group. In order to have this new category of members the Care Council would have to approve a bylaw change. David offered to bring draft language for a bylaw change to the next meeting for members to work from.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS**

Bill announced that ASAP (AIDS Service Association of Pinellas) will be holding an event called Dining Out for Life on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 42 Pinellas County restaurants.

Bill also mentioned that OraSure is working on a rapid test for Hepatitis.

The HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition is still working to establish a membership. They are meeting monthly at the Jan Platt Library in Tampa and new members are welcome.

A concern was raised about the local food pantries running low on food. It was stated that this is currently an issue all over the country and is linked to higher food costs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.