



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
METRO CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2009
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Bob Reynolds, Chair, at 12:03 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Denis Hayes, Marshall Lee, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent: Michael Amidei, David Hasiba, Janet Kitchen, Don Metzgar, Andrew Paquette, Bill Thomas, Tom Wood
Guests Present:
Grantee Staff Present: Debbie 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 June 15, 2009. The members present approved the minutes (**M:** Melartin **S:** Hayes) and staff will contact remaining members to request approval. Phone approval was achieved August 21st (Kitchen, Paquette & Thomas). There were 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council did not meet in July but an orientation for new members was held. Members that attended the orientation stated that it went smoothly and was well received by new Care Council members.
- CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REVIEW** Staff reported that only one member has had very low attendance in the last year. Members decided to not take any action because of the Care Council member's health problems that are keeping them from meetings.

**MEMBER
RECRUITMENT**

Staff reported that there are two current applicants that have satisfactorily completed the application and interview process. After discussion the following motion was presented and the motion was passed after a phone vote on August 26th (Kitchen, Paquette & Thomas): (**M**: Melartin **S**: Lee, 7 yes votes, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 8/09 – 01

THAT WILLIAM QUERCIA REPRESENTING HIGHLANDS COUNTY AND TYRONE STAMPS REPRESENTING HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BE RECOMMENDED FOR VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

Staff also reported that they have been working with one additional applicant. This person's application is not yet complete and staff is working with them to set up an interview.

It was also noted that the Care Council is still in need of a member from Manatee County.

**OCTOBER
RETREAT**

Members discussed moving the retreat to another month to prevent having to hold a short business meeting during the retreat. Some members stated that the holding of a special meeting is not inconvenient to them and they decided to keep the retreats in October and April.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

Bob raised several concerns. He feels that our area should have a plan to deal with a quality management crisis. He also thinks that local agencies should share their annual reports with the Care Council as a courtesy and have more communication with the planning council. In addition, he stated that he thinks agencies should have to show client involvement in an agency as part of the RFA (request for application) process.

Bob shared concerns about starting a Peer Program in our area when AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program), ISP (Insurance Services Program) and ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) have waiting lists for clients. He also raised a question as to why there are reallocations of funding from services like transportation and dental. He feels more should be done to understand why some providers are not fully spending their allotted money.

Bob discussed food bank services and how he feels that the gift card value is much less than what clients used to be able to receive with a traditional food pantry. He suspects that less people are being serviced because they find the new system inconvenient.

Bob shared updates on ETHA (Early Treatment for HIV Act) and the Florida HIV/AIDS Network.

Bob also announced that a new group for people living with HIV/AIDS

is being developed. He invited members and guests to take part.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.