



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Michael Amidei, Chair, at 12:45 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Michael Amidei, Martin Clemmons, David Hasiba, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds, Bill Thomas
Members Absent: Ramon Benitez, Armando Carrasco, Michele Carrasco, Janet Kitchen, Aritus Miller
Guests Present: Darlene Smith
Grantee Staff Present: Debra Hill
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes made to the meeting agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for May 19, 2008 were approved (M: Clemmons, S: Thomas) with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** There was no Care Council meeting held in June.
- SLATE OF MEMBERS** Staff presented the slate of members recommended by the scoring sub-committee. There were eleven applications received during the recruitment season that were scored by the sub-committee. One of the applications was subsequently withdrawn by the applicant. There are seven current members that applied for a second term and three new applicants. The new applicants had in person interviews with members of the Membership Committee. The scoring sub-committee recommended nine of the ten applicants become voting members based on their application scoring satisfactorily and their demographic

and seat placement benefiting the Care Council. One applicant was denied based on their county of residence being already represented on the Care Council. After discussion, members decided not to offer this applicant associate membership based on their interview. With this presented slate, all membership spots will be filled with the exception of a Part C and Hardee County representative. An additional application has been received but has not been scored that may fill these open seats. The following motion was passed: (**M:** Hasiba **S:** Clemmons, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 6/08 - 01 THAT THE SLATE OF NEW MEMBERS BE APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CARE COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION.

ORIENTATION Members decided against holding a formal power point based orientation due to the small number of potential new members to be orientated. They requested that staff hold an informational orientation for the new members focusing mainly on the orientation manual. The orientation will be held on August 6th in Tampa at 1:30pm. All Care Council members will also be invited to attend.

MENTORING PROGRAM After a discussion of how the mentor program has worked the last couple of years members decided to not assign formal mentors this year. They feel that a list of committee chairs and Care Council members provided in the manual is sufficient.

BYLAWS REVIEW The sections of the bylaws pertaining to orientation attendance and associate membership were distributed to members for review. Over the last couple of months the committee has discussed making changes to these sections. Members will discuss any proposed changes at the next meeting.

RECRUITMENT VIDEO The Grantee's office shared that they have requested a copy of any recruitment videos that HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) has but have not yet received any information.

NEW BUSINESS Members discussed the attendance of current Care Council members. After a review of meeting attendance and retention efforts the following motion was passed: (**M:** Reynolds **S:** Melartin, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 6/08 - 02 THAT RAMON BENITEZ AND VERNON WILLIAMS BE REMOVED AS VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS Members discussed the current mileage rate and how the cost of gas may be affecting membership. It was again noted that the Care Council rate is linked to Hillsborough County's rate and can not be increased unless the County decides to increase their rate.

St. Pete Pride will be held on June 28th in downtown St. Petersburg. Some Care Council information will be passed out at the ASAP (AIDS Services Association of Pinellas) booth.

Francis House is holding a bowling fundraiser on August 9th in Tampa.

Janet Kitchen announced that there will be a social on June 27th at the Metro Center in Tampa. These socials are for people infected and affected by HIV and are the fourth Friday of every month.

Janet also shared that she will be presenting at the SOS (Sistas Organizing to Survive) conference in Orlando.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.