



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
METRO CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by John Melartin, Co-Chair, at 12:05 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: David Hasiba, Denis Hayes, Marshall Lee, John Melartin, Andrew Paquette, Bill Thomas
Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Janet Kitchen, Bob Reynolds
Guests Present: Don Metzgar, Darlene Smith, Tom Wood, Bobby Vandyke
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for May 18, 2009 were approved as written (**M:** Thomas, **S:** Hasiba). There were 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** John Melartin shared that the Care Council approved ten new voting members, elected Dave Konnerth as Chair, Janet Kitchen as Vice Chair and David Hasiba as Parliamentarian. Revisions to the minimum standards of care were approved as well as the Part A increase allocation. A bylaw revision regarding conflict of interest was introduced for review. The Grantee shared that an RFA is ready to go out for the Part A increase and some MAI funds. The unexpended Part A funds from the last grant year have been requested as carry-over. Concerns were shared from ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) staff regarding aligning Part A eligibility with Part B and a concern from the Insurance Services Program provider regarding program changes to accommodate increased demand for service. Vicki Kenyon announced a new peer to peer program from Gilead. The Care Council will not meet in July.

**CURRENT
MEMBERSHIP
REVIEW**

Staff reported that all members who were absent from the Care Council meeting notified us of their absence.

For recruitment, we are still in need of a representative from Highlands County, but have been told that there is an application forthcoming from Manatee. Two applications have been received from minorities in Hillsborough that have yet to be processed.

**NEW MEMBER
ORIENTATION**

Staff stated that the new member orientation is scheduled in place of the regular Care Council meeting in August and will be held August 5th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Children’s Board in Tampa. Returning members are invited to attend and those with applications pending are also welcome to attend.

The orientation gives new members information about the care Council, the committees, expectations and responsibilities of all members, funding streams, bylaws, legislation and acronyms. The Grantee also shares their role in the process.

A leadership training is held in October/November each year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

Don Metzgar asked if non-contracted pharmacies can bill directly to Ryan White. Medicare clients are having difficulty in the first few months of the year when they fall into the Medicare donut hole. CVS pharmacy is willing to accept payment from Ryan White and bill for co-pays. Aubrey stated that this was not possible since they could only issue payments to contracted providers. Members suggested that clients can have their case manager enroll them in the insurance services program and help facilitate the payment of their co-pays. There are local pharmacies that issue credits to accounts and float balances until the process is completed. It was suggested that information be obtained from them about how they manage this.

Members announced upcoming community events.

Andrew suggested a topic for the fall retreat – a speaker from Abilities and Social Security to talk about the work opportunities specifically for those on disability which could ultimately save the Ryan White system if more clients are employed with salary and benefits.

Staff mentioned that we are considering a Ryan White Information System demonstration for the fall retreat as well so that all members could see what information is available in the system.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.