



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE  
METRO CENTER – TAMPA  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009  
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER**      The meeting was called to order by Bob Reynolds, Chair, at 12:10 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**      Members Present: David Hasiba, Janet Kitchen, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds, Bill Thomas  
Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Denis Hayes, Marshall Lee, John Melartin  
Guests Present: none  
Grantee Staff Present: Teresa Newgent  
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA**      There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES**      The minutes for April 20, 2009 were approved as written (**M:** Thomas, **S:** Hasiba). There were 5 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT**      Members waived the Care Council report.
- CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REVIEW**      As a follow up to the issue raised last month regarding two current members working for the same agency, staff and the Grantee’s office propose a bylaw amendment that would address the concern and not force the Council to lose integral members and their valuable input. Committee members agreed that this solution would resolve the issue and allow more flexibility in the future if peer programs are put in place and more clients are employed by agencies as discussed at P&E and RPARC recently with the appointment of an ad hoc committee to review. The following motion passed (M: Paquette, S: Hasiba) with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Kitchen):
- AMEND THE BYLAWS TO ESTABLISH A LIMIT OF TWO VOTING**

**MEMBERS FROM A SINGLE AGENCY [Section IV, Part E, page 24].**

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

Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Parliamentarian were opened at the last Care Council meeting. Voting will take place in June.

**MEMBERSHIP  
RECRUITMENT  
CAMPAIGN**

Staff gave an update on the membership recruitment campaign. Twelve applications have been received to date. We still need a representative from Manatee County and a Highlands County representative. There is also a need for more non-conflicted PLWH (people living with HIV) especially Blacks from Hillsborough County. Staff requested that members be available to conduct interviews in the upcoming weeks to expedite the process for completion prior to the June Care Council meeting. Members suggested available times for interviewing.

**RETREAT  
ATTENDANCE**

Members questioned if attendance could be taken once and counted for both the retreat and the business meeting. It was discussed that we must achieve quorum for a business meeting and attendance must be taken to ensure adequate voting membership is present. The time of the business meeting was moved later in the day at the last retreat to allow dismissal once the business was taken care of rather than schedule it in the middle of the day and potentially have down time before the next presenter arrived.

A discussion of future retreats and specific training including changes to length and topics, including a session on client job training programs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS**

Bill Thomas shared that there will be lots of money coming to the local areas from the Resource Recovery Act, but each municipality determines how to spend their money. Bill mentioned a few programs in Pinellas that will be receiving assistance.

Andrew mentioned that there are no COLA (cost of living allowance) increases planned for those on disability for the next three years.

Bill shared that clients must have eligibility renewed by their due date every six months in order to continue receiving services. There is no longer a grace period for completion. Concern was expressed that the State's rigid position placed responsibility on the client, but case manager must also assume additional responsibility for keeping the client current. Clients not in case management would be vulnerable so should be encouraged to become part of the system.

Members shared a concern that there is a wait list for dental services in

Pinellas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.