



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, MAY 19, 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, John Melartin, Aritus Miller, Bill Thomas
Members Absent: Ramon Benitez, Armando Carrasco, Michele Carrasco, Janet Kitchen, Bob Reynolds
Guests Present:
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** Marty Clemmons requested that the committee discuss adopting an attendance policy.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The April meeting minutes were approved with one change. The word honorary was added to the title of Associate Membership for Community Groups.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Members reported that the MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) allocations and reallocations were approved at the May Care Council meeting. The Council also approved the Needs Assessment Anonymous Client Survey report.
- MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT** Staff gave an update on membership recruitment. Ten applications have been received including seven current members and three new. Staff is still expecting to receive one additional member application. The scoring subcommittee has been given the application narratives and is currently scoring them. Interviews are being set up with the three new applicants for before the Care Council meeting in June and Membership Committee members were asked to come early to hold

these interviews.

Members also discussed orientation and not allowing new members to take their seats until after they have completed orientation. The bylaws do not state any repercussions for new members that do not attend their orientation in a timely manner. The committee plans to review the bylaws at the next meeting.

RECRUITMENT VIDEO

Members continued discussing the idea of creating a recruitment video. Staff was unable to locate a copy of the old recruitment video titled You Can Make A Difference. This video had not been used in years but could have been used as a starting point for Hillsborough County's communications department. Aubrey Arnold offered to contact HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) to see if they have a general recruitment video that Hillsborough County can review.

BYLAWS - ASSOCIATE / HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

David Hasiba shared information that he had found on the general role of honorary board members. He said that honorary board members are people that are sympathetic to your cause that can lend their name or position to support issues or help raise money. Members discussed what would be the benefit of this new category of membership for the Care Council because they are not charged with raising money and cannot do advocacy. Members also discussed working with political and civic groups. The idea of going to do presentations to county and city commissions in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties was also brought. This would be a three to five minute presentation on who and what the Care Council is. Michael offered to work on coming up with an outline for these presentations. Members will be preparing a list of municipalities that they would like to present to.

CARE COUNCIL MINI TRAINING

There was no discussion on this topic.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Marty Clemmons proposed an attendance policy for members of the Membership Committee. He stated that after the committee has not met quorum for the last couple of months that an attendance policy should be put in place so that committee work can be accomplished at future meetings. The following motion was passed: (**M:** Clemmons **S:** Hasiba, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

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THAT THE ATTENDANCE POLICY BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS

It was announced that May 19th is National Hepatitis Awareness Day. Michael presented on Hepatitis and homelessness at the Florida

Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Bill Thomas stated that ASAP has agreed to have the Care Council display in their lobby and to also give handouts about the Care Council at the Pride festival.

Michael raised the issue of combining the Membership and Client Services Committees so that they will have a larger committee base. A possible merger was discussed and it was decided that their committee purposes are too different to be combined. Another concern raised was that Membership has to use Robert's Rules of order to accomplish its committee work but Client Services has decided to relax their use of Robert's Rules to make their meeting more client friendly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.