



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006
12:45 P. M. – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Bob Reynolds, Chair, at 12:55 p.m.

ATTENDANCE Members Present: Michael Amidei, John Melartin, Aritus Miller, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent: Janet Kitchen, Bill Thomas
Guests Present: None
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Judit Hahn

CHANGES TO AGENDA There was one change to the agenda: Item IVA. was added to discuss a joint meeting with the Client Services Committee in December.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES The October minutes were approved as written.

CARE COUNCIL REPORT The Care Council report was waived by the committee.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED Staff reported on the status of the two current applications. The first applicant is an employee of the Hernando County Health Department. She received a good score on the application and attended an interview.

MOTION 11/06-01 The following motion was passed: (M: Amidei S: Miller, 4 yes 0 no 0 abstentions)

THAT HARRIET F. MONFORTS BE RECOMMENDED FOR VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

The second applicant is an employee of the Pasco County Health Department. She received a good score on the application and attended an interview.

MOTION 11/06-02 The following motion was passed: (M: Miller S: Melartin, 3 yes 0 no 1 abstention [Amidei])

THAT JEAN GETCHELL BE RECOMMENDED FOR VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

Staff shared information on a new applicant who works at the Pinellas County Health Department. According to current by-laws, only one representative from each organization can be a voting member. There is already an active member representing the Pinellas County Health Department. Some of the committee members felt that consideration for voting membership should be given to this new applicant because she is a client. The committee discussed granting associate membership to the new applicant but decided instead to proceed with an interview because they would consider forwarding her name to the Care Council for voting membership.

JOINT MEETING

The next Membership Committee meeting will be a joint meeting with Client Services held on December 18th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This meeting will focus on the open enrollment period for Medicare Part D. Joe Lennox-Smith and George Dowden are scheduled to be the presenters.

HEPATITIS MANDATED SEAT

The committee revisited the idea of mandating a seat on the Care Council for a representative of the Hepatitis population. The committee had previously asked for an opinion from our Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) representative. The HRSA opinion was that this category is covered under the other infected communities' seat. Michael Amidei feels that the high prevalence of HIV co-infection with Hepatitis warrants a separate seat. Bob Reynolds suggested that the committee try to recruit someone that could represent each of the five most prevalent co-infections but that they doesn't need to be a bylaw change to do so.

MOTION 10/06 -01

The following motion was defeated: (M: Amidei S: Miller 1 yes 2 no 1 abstention [Miller]).

THAT A BYLAW REVISION BE MADE ADDING A MANDATED SEAT FOR HEPATITIS TO THE CARE COUNCIL.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

The Care Council is still lacking an additional member to represent the Hispanic community. Recruitment of a Hispanic member will be a priority for the committee in January.

CARE COUNCIL BYLAWS REVIEW

The committee discussed the bylaws. Bob Reynolds said that he asked the other committee chairs to let him know if they see a need for any bylaw change and no one has shared any concerns. Members decided to not make any bylaw changes at this time.

**APPLICATION
DISCRETIONARY
POINTS**

The committee tabled a review of the membership application discretionary points until January.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

John Melartin raised a concern about the estimated 9,000 medically needy clients that have been recently dis-enrolled from Medicaid. It was mentioned that Positive Healthcare has been working to develop a strategy to help these clients.

Bob Reynolds shared information on Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART)'s Travel Trainer program that assists clients on how to use the bus system.

Bob also spoke about county funding for social services being available to non-profit organizations. The grant application is available starting December 1, 1006 and the deadline is January 12, 2007.

The AIDS Wrap Around Pilot Program (AWAPP) was also discussed. AWAPP was established by the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and has been serving clients since July 1, 2006. This program is set up to assist those clients that are in the doughnut hole.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Membership Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.