

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT, AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006
12:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Bob Reynolds, Chair, at 12:50 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Michael Amidei, John Melartin, Aritus Miller, Bob Reynolds
Members Absent: Janet Kitchen, Bill Thomas
Guests Present: Andrew Paquette
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** Michael Amidei requested that the committee discuss adding a new mandated seat to the Care Council for Hepatitis.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The September minutes were approved as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** No report was given because all members present attended the Care Council meeting.
- VOTING MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES** The issue of adding new voting Care Council members regardless of their county of residence as long as they are a non-conflicted consumer was discussed. At the last meeting the committee asked Aubrey Arnold to speak with HRSA as to their opinion on the issue. Nicole Brown read the e-mail from HRSA explaining that the council must maintain its legislatively mandated reflectiveness. Bob Reynolds shared that he and Michael Amedei had spoken with Aubrey about HRSA's opinion and they understood the reasoning.
- MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT** Nicole Brown presented information on two applications that were received for membership. One person is an employee of the Pasco County Health Department and the other is an

employee of the Hernando County Health Department. She passed out the narrative section from both the applications to be scored by the committee. She also asked for volunteers to hold the in person interviews. It was suggested that the applicants be invited to the next Care Council meeting and their interviews could be held before or after the meeting. Some members voiced concerns about it being a difficult location for new people to find and might cause the applicants to travel in rush hour. Nicole will follow up with the applicants and set up interviews that are convenient for them.

The Care Council has openings for someone to represent Hernando County, Pasco County, the Hispanic population and a local health department. If these applicants are approved by the committee and then full Council there will still be a need for someone to represent the Hispanic population. There is also membership available to non-conflicted consumers as long as their demographics allow the Council to maintain parity, inclusiveness and reflectiveness (PIR).

MENTOR PROGRAM

Bob Reynolds spoke about the mentor program that he has been handling. He said that he will serve as a mentor to Larry Benes and Gustavo Bardelli, Wendell Martin will be David Dell's mentor, Linnwood Davis will be King James' mentor, Carla Baity will be Shanita West's mentor, Michael Amidei will be William Miller's mentor and Barbara Clark Alexander will be Barbara Szelag's mentor. Bob also stated that Alan Wright and Patti Nagel will not have formal mentors because they have past experience with the Care Council.

The committee discussed setting up a more formal mentor program as in previous years and is outlined in the committee work plan. Michael said that the mentor program needs to be worked on now for next year and it could be a job for the committee co-chair. Michael feels that the mentor program should start with a mentor training and begin matching people during the recruitment phase. Aritus Miller agreed to work on the mentor program.

RETREAT REVIEW AND FUTURE TRAINING TOPICS

Nicole Brown shared the evaluation results from the full day retreat. The content and presenters were all rated highly and there were many positive remarks about the location and feel of this year's retreat. Andrew Paquette praised the committee for choosing three different areas of focus, with a local issue, a national policy issue and a medical issue all being discussed.

Michael Amidei raised a concern about some of the content discussed at the retreat. He said that as one of the presenters

of Hepatitis information he felt that some information being shared from the group was not accurate. He has concerns about a provider that made comments at the meeting. He's worried that their clients may not be getting the best treatment and that they were sharing misinformation to the group. He specifically is concerned about the low rates of treatment success that were mentioned. Michael said that he will get some materials together for the committee to review about Hepatitis. Bob Reynolds said that he feels this is not something the committee should review but that once all the information is gathered it should be sent to Health Services Advisory Committee to check the authenticity of the information and then disseminate accurate information to Care Council members. Bob also said that the accurate information should be sent to case managers as well because he feels there is a lack of Hepatitis knowledge at that level. He also suggested posting it on the Care Council website.

Nicole also shared the results of the future training topics survey. The committee will use these survey results when planning the Care Council mini trainings and next year's full and half day retreats. Andrew suggested that one of the next trainings have a focus on mental illness or substance abuse.

**HEPATITIS
MANDATED SEAT**

Michael Amidei stated that he thinks there should be representation for Hepatitis on the Care Council. He recommended that a bylaw change be made to mandate a seat. Aubrey Arnold brought up the issue of other co-morbidities not having a mandated seat on the Care Council. Michael said that Hepatitis has had a large enough impact to warrant a seat. The motion was tabled so that Aubrey could ask HRSA for an opinion on the issue.

MOTION 10/06-01

The following motion was tabled: (M: Amidei S: Miller).

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

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No community concerns or announcements were given.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

11/30/2006