

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT, AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
WEST TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER – TAMPA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Michael Amidei, Chair, at 12:30 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Michael Amidei, John Melartin, Aritus Miller, Bob Reynolds, Bill Thomas
- Members Absent: Janet Kitchen
- Guests Present: Ovidiu Cotea, Debbie Langhorne, Mark Mischan, Andrew Paquette
- Grantee Staff Present:
- Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The August minutes were approved as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** No Care Council report was given.
- ELECTIONS / MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION** Bob Reynolds was elected Chair of the Membership Committee and Aritus Miller was elected Co-Chair. The committee had a discussion about moving the location of the meeting to Pinellas County but decided to stay at the West Tampa Neighborhood Center. They also felt it was a good relationship with Client Services to meet back to back. Aritus Miller requested that the start time of the committee meeting be moved back 15 minutes. Members discussed how the membership committee often runs past Client Services' start time and if they start at 12:45 p.m. they would have to do a better job of ending on time. Bob said that as the new chair he will keep the meetings to one hour so that the committee can respect Client Services by finishing on time. The committee members agreed and the new start time will be 12:45 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICATIONS

Nicole Brown presented information on an applicant for membership. The applicant received a satisfactory score on their application and did attend an interview. The committee voted to give him associate member status because his county of residence is already adequately represented on the Care Council.

There are still openings for someone to represent Hernando County, Pasco County, the Hispanic population and a local health department. Several Hispanic festivals, groups and events were mentioned as possible places for recruitment. Bob Reynolds and Michael Amidei also said they would follow up with a few potential members. Nicole also stated that the recruitment flyer was being translated into Spanish by a volunteer.

MOTION 09/06-01

The following motion was passed: (M: Reynolds S: Thomas, 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

THAT JAMES BRANDON IS ACCEPTED AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

The poor attendance of some associate members was also discussed. The committee decided to send a letter giving one more month to improve attendance to one associate member. They also decided to remove another associate member that had very poor attendance and whose mail has been returned.

MOTION 09/06-02

The following motion was passed: (M: Thomas S: Reynolds, 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

THAT ROBERT TATE BE REMOVED AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE CARE COUNCIL.

WORK PLAN

The committee reviewed the draft work plan for the 2006 -2007 year. Michael Amidei suggested formalizing the mentor program and including it in the work plan. A step was added to the training of all members section to plan for the 2007- 2008 mentor program. This is a responsibility of the committee members and will be due by November 20, 2006. John Melartin also suggested that any reference to members in the goals or steps be labeled Care Council and Associate members for clarity.

MOTION 09/06-03

The following motion was passed: (M: Melartin S: Miller, 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

THAT THE WORK PLAN BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The committee discussed the issue of VISTA employees further. Bill Thomas shared information about the set up of VISTA employees at an agency. The committee decided to make no changes to the way VISTA employees are viewed as volunteers and not having a conflict with their home agency.

FULL DAY RETREAT

Mark Mischan announced that Mac McDougle of The Medicine Shoppe has agreed to provide lunch for the retreat. Mark said that it was important for members to thank him for his help again this year. Mark also said that it was necessary for presenters to stay within their time limits to have an event that runs smoothly.

MENTORS

Bob Reynolds gave an update on the mentors program. He said that hopefully new Care Council members will have chosen a mentor by the October meeting. If a new member has not selected a mentor by the October Care Council then Bob will link them up with a mentor. Bill Thomas asked if there is a mentor training. Michael said that there have been mentor trainings in the past but no training was held this year.

REVIEW OF ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Michael Amidei asked committee members to review the orientation evaluation summary at their own convenience.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Amidei brought up the issue of adding new voting Care Council members regardless of their county of residence as long as they are a nonconflicted consumer. The committee supported the idea of not turning away any consumer from having a voting seat on the Care Council. Nicole Brown explained the issue of having skewed Parity, Inclusiveness and Reflectiveness (PIR) if any consumer was allowed voting membership even if their county seats are full. Mark Mischan shared the opinion that he thought it would be acceptable to HRSA to be out of accordance with PIR should it be to allow a client onto the Care Council. There was also concern raised about not having 40 members on the Care Council when there is the potential to have that many members. Bob Reynolds asked that a special ad hoc committee be designated to review this issue because it has been discussed several times in the past. The ad hoc will report back at the October membership meeting.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bob Reynolds announced that he received a scholarship to attend a housing conference at the end of November. He asked anyone that has a housing issue or information they would like him to share to let him know.

Mark Mischan shared that SIOC has been asked to look at eligibly guidelines for services.

Michael Amidei stated that Pinellas County is looking at approving a large super fund made up of local money for housing. He said if approved it would increase the number of section eight housing vouchers.

Michael also announced that there will be a gay men health summit in Fort Lauderdale the beginning of November. He believes that scholarships are still available and more information could be found at www.gaymensummit.com.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

11/7/2006