

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE  
HOSPICE, ST. PETERSBURG  
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007  
10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jim McGarvey at 10:20 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Barb Green, Lee Luther, James McGarvey, John Melartin, Patrick Mercier, Marilyn Merida, Vicky Oliver, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, William Wilbanks, Jr.  
Members Absent:  
Guests Present: Jimmy Baumgartner, Don Kurtyka, Andrew Paquette  
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold  
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** Members agreed by consensus to hear an item from the Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families (WICY&F) Committee.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for February 8 were adopted (M: Reynolds, S: Green) unanimously.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Jim McGarvey reported that the Care Council approved all items presented by this committee in addition to an allocation revision that consolidates contracts for a single provider. One allocation item was declined since it did not match current procurement practices. The Grantee presented information to the Council on the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act and informed members that the formula award has been received.
- SERVICE CAP REMOVAL REQUEST** Don Kurtyka, Health Services Advisory Committee Chair shared background on how the primary care dollars began to be used to fund patient education. Jimmy Baumgartner shared some practical examples of how the funding is utilized. A lengthy discussion ensued with members raising many pros and cons. It was stipulated by the providers that a disparity exists on the way public health departments and private clinics are reimbursed by Medicaid. Department of Health Clinics are reimbursed \$150-\$200 per client visit; private clinics are reimbursed \$18-\$26. Medicaid will not reimburse for patient education programs. As a result HRSA (Health Resources and Service Administration) has agreed in the past to accept charges. The

providers stipulated that unless the service cap was eliminated, that their clinics would immediately suspend accepting Medicaid patients and transfer existing Medicaid clients to the Health Department. The following motion passed (M: Merida, S: Roth) with 5 yes votes, 3 no votes and 2 abstentions (Luther, Wilbanks):

**MOTION 03/07-01**

**ELIMINATE THE 25% SERVICE CAP ON PATIENT EDUCATION FROM PRIMARY CARE DOLLARS.**

The committee raised the concern that other requests for service cap exceptions may occur in the future and will have to be reviewed individually and considered on their merits regarding unintended consequences resulting from the service cap limits.

**ESTABLISH SERVICE PRIORITY RANKS**

The Committee reviewed several options presented by staff for ranking the services. Members agreed to consider the options and e-mail staff with any questions. The committee will rank the services in priority order at the next meeting.

**WICY&F REQUEST**

The WICY&F Committee has requested that P&E consider a revision to Comprehensive Plan Goal Four. Information will be forwarded to all members prior to the next meeting for consideration. This item will be tabled until the next Planning and Evaluation meeting in April.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Andrew stated that the State has enacted Rule 64D in January. Our local ad hoc that was considering this issue needs to look at the information again.

Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver is expected to renew without change on July 1, 2007.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bob Reynolds shared that the Membership Committee is recruiting new Care Council members and especially would like to fill the newly mandated seats for Hepatitis Co-Infection and Native American.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning and Evaluation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.