



**PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE  
HOSPICE, CLEARWATER  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010  
9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Planning and Evaluation Committee was called to order by Marty Clemmons, Chair at 9:30 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Ginny Boucher, Marty Clemmons, Lisa Cohen, Barb Green, David Hasiba, Mac McDougle, James McGarvey, Andrew Paquette, Priya Rajkumar, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Woody Wilbanks  
Members Absent: Marilyn Merida  
Guests Present: Amanda Schall, Bill Thomas  
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold  
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin

**CHANGES TO AGENDA** Members agreed to add the Care Council report from the December Care Council meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for November 12 were approved (M: McGarvey, S: Roth) with 12 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Marty shared that the Care Council approved the Executive Summary report at the December meeting and will be presented with the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism in February. Alpha Dental is a new dental services provider in Pinellas County. Alpha Dental is also a Medicaid provider so providers are working to transition patients as easily as possible considering their current treatment plans. There were RFAs (Requests for Applications) out for Quality Management, the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism, and some funding for the rural areas due in mid January. Beginning in April, we will receive an additional \$198,500 in non-recurring Part B funds to be spent by September. Legislative changes have altered the MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) funding cycle to realign with Part A so existing contracts will be transitioned to the new funding cycle.

**LEGISLATIVE CHANGES** Aubrey shared changes as a result of the legislative authorization of the 2009 Ryan White Extension Act. The unobligated balances provision will change from requiring 98% of funds be spent to requiring that 95% be spent.

The new legislation requires that planning councils build or strengthen collaborations with prevention efforts. There is a need to determine the

size and demographics of the population who are unaware of their HIV status (which is different from the unmet need which attempts to find those who are aware of their status but not in care). Planning councils need to help develop strategies to determine those who are unaware of their status, help make them aware, and then refer them to appropriate treatment and care.

The Grantee's office was required to submit a four page narrative as an addendum to our grant application to describe local collaboration (existing and planned) between patient care and prevention. Additional efforts suggested include adding a standing agenda item to each Care Council agenda for prevention and establishing a designated seat for prevention.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Members raised questions about the protocol for testing for co-morbidities at the time of HIV diagnosis and in the years following. Staff agreed to ask the members of the Health Services Advisory Committee for clarification or to consider asking this question on their primary care provider survey.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

Lisa Cohen shared information about H1N1 flu vaccines available at various community locations and events.

Andrew Paquette shared HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS) fact sheets.

Amanda Schall stated that the Florida Advocacy Network is holding a monthly conference call on the first Monday of the month at 3PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.