

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS (RPARC)
HOSPICE, ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007
12:30 – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Andrew Paquette, Co-Chair at 12:44 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Lisa Cohen, Carla Baity, Jeannie Lewis, Suzanne Lewis, Lee Luther, John Melartin, Patrick Mercier, Marilyn Merida, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Elizabeth Rugg, Woody Wilbanks
Members Absent: David Konnerth, Lorraine Langlois
Guests Present: William Harper, Suzanne Matthews, Vicky Oliver
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** None
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for February 8, 2007 were approved unanimously.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Andrew reported that the Grantee presented information to the Care Council on the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act and informed members that the formula award has been received. The Care Council approved four action items: the Client Focus Groups Report, revisions to five minimum standards of care, an exception request to the primary care patient education service cap, and an allocation revision that consolidates contracts for a single provider. One allocation item was declined since it did not match current procurement practices which the Grantee further explained to the RPARC committee at this time.
- GRANTEE REPORT** Aubrey shared information about implementation of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006. Our formula award has been received (\$6.3M) and the supplemental award should be announced in a couple of months. It is anticipated that our area will continue to see an influx of clients who are not accounted for in our formula award. Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding will no longer be part of the Title I Supplemental award, but will be a separate competitive process with its fiscal year beginning August 1.

MAI BRIDGE FUNDING

Since the MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) grant year will begin August 1 instead of March 1, there is a five month funding gap. The Grantee proposes that we follow HRSA's recommendation to use carryover funds to bridge the gap. The Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) will allow us to quickly request FY 2006 carryover without normal strings attached once our grant year closes on May 1. The Grantee shared estimated annualized amounts for the current MAI programs and estimated carryover funds to more than cover the unfunded months. Since there has been no guidance from HRSA on new MAI program requirements, the Grantee's office hopes that we can continue with current contracts in place. After discussing several options and many details, the following motion passed (M: Reynolds, S: Merida) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 3 abstentions (Baity, Lewis, Mercier):

MOTION 3/07- 01

APPLY FY 2006 TITLE I CARRYOVER FUNDS TO THE MAI PROGRAM TO COVER MAI ALLOCATIONS FROM MARCH 1 THROUGH JULY 31, 2007, NOT TO EXCEED 5/12 OF THE MAI ALLOCATIONS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS

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

Elizabeth Rugg stated that all enrolled and wait listed clients received Insurance Services for the fiscal year with only \$.67 of allocated funds unspent.

Aubrey indicated that Administrative Rule 64D regarding eligibility for State HIV services is in effect. The eligibility requirements do not allow anyone over 300% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to receive services under Title II/Part B. More clients will be seeking these services from Title I/Part A.

RWIS (Ryan White Information System) only covers those services administered by Hillsborough County Health and Social Services. The Grantee's office is looking for ways to allow the system to communicate with Title IV/Part D client information database.

Bob Reynolds announced that there are two new mandated seats for the Care council; one for Native Americans and one for Hepatitis C co-infection. The Membership committee is working to recruit new members, especially those who are HIV+ and living in Pinellas and Hillsborough.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.