



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS (RPARC)
HOSPICE, ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007
12:30 – 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Dave Konnerth, Chair at 12:40 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Carla Baity, William Harper, Dave Konnerth, Jeannie Lewis, Suzanne Lewis, John Melartin, Patrick Mercier, Marilyn Merida, Andrew Paquette, Elizabeth Rugg
Members Absent: Lisa Cohen, Lorraine Langlois, Lee Luther, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Woody Wilbanks
Guests Present: John Maldonado, Suzanne Matthews
Grantee Staff Present: Deborah Thomas
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** None
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for April 12, 2007 were approved (M: Melartin, S: Baity) with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Paquette).
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Dave shared information from the May Care Council meeting including the location of the June meeting being in Hernando County and the July date moved to the second Wednesday, July 11. Action items included the vote to eliminate the service cap on Primary Care Patient Education; allocate Title I Carryover funds to bridge the funding gap in MAI programs; reallocate dollars to fund diagnostic services in Hardee County; and allocate Carryover funds to hire eligibility specialists in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties and a case manager for Hillsborough. Three new voting members were approved and a bylaw revision was presented for a 30 day review. The Health Services Advisory Committee presented their Primary Care Provider Survey Summary. The Client Services committee recently held a Town Hall and is working on their newly diagnosed brochure while the Minority Advocacy committee is working on gathering information for the Minority AIDS Initiative grant application. The Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families committee announced their Mother of the Year event being held on May 11 with Jeannie White-Ginder, mother of Ryan White as the special guest speaker.

**GRANTEE
REPORT**

Deborah Thomas stated that the supplemental award has not been received, but the anticipated date is May 15. Information will be disseminated once the award is announced.

**FINAL FY 06-07
EXPENDITURE
REPORTS**

Deborah shared the budget narrative and stated that across all Titles, contracts were expended at 97%. Committee members raised various questions about specific contracts and their expenditure rates. Since most contracts seemed to be expending normally or have valid reasons for limited spending, there were no issues noticed that required further attention by the committee.

The exact amount of Carryover has not been determined, but should be available soon. The Grantee's will then be able to determine if Carryover amounts are sufficient to cover the requests made by RPARC and approved by Care Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

Dave announced that RFAs (Requests for Application) are due Monday for eligibility specialists and oral health. The Grantee hopes to have a quick turnaround on announcing awards and contract negotiations so that the contracts may begin on July 1.

William Harper announced that there will be a Lunch & Learn at Hospice on July 16 at 11:30 on Understanding Your Labs hosted by Tibotech. Clients and interested staff are invited to attend

Dave reminded everyone that Sunday, May 20 is Candlelight Memorial at Good Samaritan Church in Pinellas Park at 6:30. Volunteers are still needed.

Staff announced that Park Station is unavailable on the scheduled meeting date in June, July, and August. Members agreed by consensus to meet at the Hospice if space is available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.