



**RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS  
HOSPICE, CLEARWATER  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009  
11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Marty Clemmons, Co-Chair at 11:05 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Ginny Boucher, Marty Clemmons, Lisa Cohen, William Harper, David Hasiba, Lorraine Langlois, Suzanne Lewis, Vince Lisbon, Marylin Merida, Andrew Paquette, Jim Roth
- Members Absent: Dave Konnerth, John Melartin, Bob Reynolds, Elizabeth Rugg, Woody Wilbanks
- Guests Present: Lolita Emmanuel-Brown, Tom Liberti, Suzanne Matthews, Mac McDougle
- Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
- Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for June 11 were approved (M: Merida, S: Roth) with 11 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council did not meet in August.
- FY 09-10 Expenditure Reports** The Committee reviewed the expenditures for Part A, Part B, MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) and GR (General Revenue). Reallocation recommendations will be presented at the September meeting, but there should be few shifts in funds since most contracts are on target with their spending rate. The contracted provider for Dental Services in Pinellas County is actively looking to add another sub-contractor to increase capacity.
- The Florida Department of Health notified the Grantee that we may be able to take advantage of Part B Carryover and those funds have been requested. Last year's carryover was received with only three months in the budget year to spend it and our area was unable to fully expend the carryover we received. There is no guarantee that we will receive any carryover this year and no indication of how much or when it will be received, but our area will only accept a prorated amount if the award is annualized so that we can fully

expend the funds entrusted to us.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tom Liberti, Chief of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS was in attendance and shared some of the activity from the state level to respond to the current economic crisis. HIV/AIDS program services are 'countercyclical' meaning that when the economy takes a downturn, there is an increased demand for these services.

The Department of Health budget has been cut \$149 million as of June 30<sup>th</sup> with \$2 million coming directly from HIV/AIDS program office.

ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) stockpiled the shelves a few years ago which is helping them maintain services, but the stockpile is being eroded and action needs to be taken to avoid a crisis.

AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program) is seeing a surge in demand for service since more and more people are being laid off. Those currently in the program are not getting jobs and leaving the program so the state is looking at giving some one-time funding to help this program meet the demand. A request for an additional \$2 million of General Revenue funds has been submitted.

Health departments across the state receive approximately \$400 million in non-categorical general revenue which is also being reduced. Since some of these dollars were also used for HIV/AIDS services, local areas are having a difficult time meeting the needs of those HIV/AIDS patients.

The carryover from last year's budget has been requested from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) and is needed to patch the holes and respond to needs. There is new money in the CARE Act for Parts A, B and C, but not D and the amounts differ in the House and Senate and must be reconciled. The 2006 reauthorization created a tiered system which makes it more difficult to estimate how much additional revenue may be received in Florida. In the meantime, all agencies need to look at any and all efficiencies in doing business.

Members announced upcoming community events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.