

**RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS
PINELLAS PARK STATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005
1:30 – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Resource Prioritization and Allocation Committee was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by David Konnerth, Chair.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Vivian Candelaria, Lisa Cohen, Carolyn Eke, Carla Foster, David Konnerth, Jeannie Lewis, Suzanne Lewis, Lee Luther, John Melartin, Mark Mischan, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds, Elizabeth Rugg, Woody Wilbanks

Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Jimmy Baumgartner, Natalie Jackson, Don Kurtyka, Lorraine Langlois, Marilyn Merida, Sister Pam Nolan, Jeanette Reid, Jim Roth, Barbara Szelag

Guests Present: William Harper, Gilda Roman Nay Torres

Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Susan Josephson, Dorinda Seth.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Chair David Konnerth proposed postponing item #VI, Discussion of proposed Methodology for the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism, until a later meeting. Mark Mischan expressed concern that it be placed on the agenda in a timely manner so that changes in the methodology could definitely be discussed prior to the next AAM. Aubrey explained that the current provider has stated they do not want to provide the next assessment so he will release an RFA for bid for the next cycle for this product. He also said he had received another proposed methodology via the local HRSA contact person. After additional discussion, it was decided that a small work group of several RPARC members will work with Aubrey in preparing several options for discussion at the January RPARC meeting. This will allow enough time for RPARC to make a recommendation to Care Council for the February meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ADOPTED MINUTES FROM 11/15/05 WITH TWO TYPOGRAPHICAL CORRECTIONS. (MOTION BY C. FOSTER, SECOND BY V. CANDELARIA, 14 YES VOTES, 0 NO VOTES, 0 ABSTENTIONS.)

CARE COUNCIL REPORT

Mark Mischan reported on the Care Council meeting on 12/7/05. A proposed by-law change was tabled for later consideration, the remaining committee work plans were adopted, Mark requested that the Client Services committee focus on a tri-fold resource list

and quality assurance issues, suggestion was made to hold another Medicare Part D workshop, and RNT and Associates was announced as the new website provider. There will be a meeting on 12/19/05 from 10 am to 11:30 am at Hillsborough County regarding the website.

GRANTEE REPORTS

Aubrey Arnold stated that the Grantee has been notified of a 5% cut in Title II funding. He reviewed the Grantee's suggestions for reductions in the DCSF (mostly funds for rental and utility deposits) and nutritional supplements categories. He noted that there will also be a 5% reduction in administrative costs for Title II. Mark Mischon asked if the reduction was presented in writing. It was not, but it was presented at an in-person contract negotiation and it will not change. Vivian Candelaria declared her conflict of interest and stated that she has checked to see if the HOPWA funds recently awarded to Gulf Coast could be used for housing and utility deposits. They cannot be used for that purpose. Aubrey noted that a majority of requests for these funds have come from Pinellas County. A suggestion was made to meet with Pinellas County case managers to see if there are other resources that can be used for housing and utility deposits. Another suggestion was made to see if there are other resources now paying some deposits in Hillsborough County with the thought that Pinellas County might then be able to utilize a similar resource.

The following motion (**Motion: E. Rugg, Second: J. Melartin**) passed with 12 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstention (Candelaria):

MOTION 05-12/01

THAT THE FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS BE MADE IN TITLE II FUNDS IN THE 2006 ALLOCATION: DCSF (NON-CONTRACTED) FROM \$74,718 IN 2005 TO \$1,000 IN 2006; DCSF (NON-CONTRACTED) HIGHLANDS COUNTY FROM \$13,160 IN 2005 TO \$10,394 IN 2006; AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS (ONE PROVIDER) FROM \$3,000 IN 2005 TO \$0 IN 2006. THE TOTAL REDUCTION IN 2006 TITLE II FUNDING WITH THESE REDUCTIONS IS \$79,484.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorinda Seth announced that the mental health services provider will begin offering services twice a month for Pasco and Hernando Counties as a result of discussion in the November RPARC meeting. The provider will use space donated by Gulf Coast and will be available on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. William Harper announced that Hospice will also provide a limited amount of free counseling in that area. Lisa Cohen said she would approach the Dade City Health Dept. for space if the service can be expanded later on.

Suzanne Lewis reported that a Meds AD waiver has been approved for Florida. This allows non-Medicare consumers served by this program to receive the same services they have been receiving.

William Harper announced that there is a plan in motion to see if ADAP can provide assistance for consumers with funds to cover the “doughnut hole” of consumer cost in the Medicare Part D program. He will let everyone know how this progresses.

Lisa Cohen announced that flu vaccine is available at Tampa Cares, Pinellas Cares, and the Health Dept.

Vivian Candelaria announced that Joe Lennox Smith has been helping consumers one on one with Medicare Part D selection. He has offered to assist consumers in other agencies as well.

Susan Josephson announced that the Membership and Client Services committee meetings for 12/19/05 have been cancelled and rescheduled to 1/23/06 at the West Tampa Care Center.

Susan also announced that there is a training planned for 1/31/06 on “Monitoring and Evaluating the Planning Process.” It will be presented by a HRSA consultant and will be a one-day training. Location and exact times TBA. This training would be particularly relevant for RPARC committee members.

Susan will be forwarding information on the community input sessions scheduled for January and early February. A consultant, Bruce Strahl, will conduct the meetings which are scheduled for Thursday 1/26/06 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Metro Center, Thursday 2/2/06 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Spring Oaks, and Wednesday 2/15/06 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the Specialty Clinic in Bartow.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.