

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS  
PINELLAS PARK STATION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006  
1:30 – 3:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER**      The meeting was called to order by Dave Konnerth, Chair at 1:40 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**      Members Present: Vivian Candelaria, Lisa Cohen, Carla Foster, David Konnerth, Lee Luther, Marilyn Merida, Mark Mischan, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Elizabeth Rugg, Barbara Szelag, Woody Wilbanks
- Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Lorraine Langlois, Jeanne Lewis, Suzanne Lewis, John Melartin
- Guests Present: Jimmy Baumgartner, Suzanne Matthews, Sister Pam Nolen, Gilda Roman-Nay-Torres
- Staff Present: Dorinda Seth, Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA**      Dave Konnerth announced that the allocations work group did not yet generate any recommendations and therefore, item XII would not be an action item, but would remain on the agenda for discussion.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES**      The minutes for May 16, 2006 were unanimously approved.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT**      Dave Konnerth reported that the Care Council held open nominations for the Vice Chair vacancy and reviewed two Bylaw revisions concerning interviews for new applicants and time between terms. Each of these issues will be voted on at the next Care Council meeting. Care Council voted to reallocate Title I and II money to insurance services. Crystal Underwood's resignation was announced. The Chair announced that the Governor signed the 2006/2007 state budget which includes an additional \$2 million for the AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP) and \$1.5 million for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP).
- UNALLOCATED 2006/2007 FUNDS**      Dorinda Seth announced that two contracts were not applied for through the RFA process. The Grantee's office made recommendations for each contract. The Hillsborough Drug Reimbursement contract for \$100,000 could be reallocated to Program Support (MIS) to get the RWIS up and running. They do not anticipate needing the entire amount for MIS and will reallocate any unused funds to another source once exact need is determined. The Pasco/Hernando outpatient/ambulatory medical care MAI contract could be put out for bid again since an agency has shown recent interest in the contract, and the Minority Advocacy committee is in agreement with another bid on the contract.

The following motion passed (M: Roth, S: Merida) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions (Luther, Wilbanks):

**MOTION 06/06-01**

**RECOMMEND THAT THE CARE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE REALLOCATION OF \$100,000 IN TITLE I FUNDS (FY 2006-07) BEING DELETED FROM HILLSBOROUGH DRUG REIMBURSEMENT AND ADDED TO PROGRAM SUPPORT (MIS). THE PASCO/HERNANDO MAI CONTRACT WILL BE PUT OUT FOR BID AGAIN.**

**MEDICATION REALIGNMENT**

Dorinda stated that we currently have separate contracts for regular medications and controlled substances, and they are both with the same provider. The grantee's office would like to recommend aligning them under one contract to allow the provider to shift money between categories to best meet client needs. Additionally, combining contracts under each funding source will facilitate pharmacy claims adjudication with ESI once they are integrated with RWIS.

The following motion passed (M: Merida, S: Roth) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Reynolds):

**MOTION 06/06-02**

**RECOMMEND THAT THE CARE COUNCIL MERGE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CONTRACT WITH REGULAR MEDICATIONS CONTRACT FOR TITLE I AND TITLE II WITH IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION**

**ALLOCATIONS WORK GROUP REPORT**

The allocations work group met on Friday, June 16. The group discussed aligning Title I with Title II regarding asset and income limits. Knowing that this fell more under the program planning, it was decided to create a separate ad hoc under the Planning and Evaluation committee to consider this topic. The discussion included caps/limits on number of service units, creating a tiered system of assistance for persons over 300% of federal poverty level, grandfathering in those who are currently in the system but over the income limit, and gearing all services toward medical outcomes. The work group looked over several reports provided by the grantee, but felt that more information was necessary to make an informed decision about FY 2007 allocations. The grantee's office agreed to provide some specific reports on service utilization by income level in a three month sample size. The allocations work group will meet again and the eligibility ad hoc will attempt to convene prior to the next RPARC meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Lisa Cohen announced that Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is St. Pete Pride day and many activities are planned.

Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is National Testing Day and every health department will offer free testing on that day.

Mark Mischon announced that SIOC will meet on Wednesday, August 2 from 10-12 noon at Jan Platt Library.

There were no community concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.