



**RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS  
HOSPICE, CLEARWATER  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009  
11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Dave Konnerth, Chair at 11:05 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Ginny Boucher, Marty Clemmons, Lisa Cohen, William Harper, David Hasiba, Dave Konnerth, Lorraine Langlois, Suzanne Lewis, John Melartin, Andrew Paquette, Jim Roth, Elizabeth Rugg, Woody Wilbanks  
Members Absent: Marylin Merida, Bob Reynolds  
Guests Present: Gene Bundrock, Janet Kitchen, Vince Lisbon, Suzanne Matthews  
Grantee Staff Present: Dorinda Seth  
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** Members agreed by consensus to add a presentation on peer programs by Janet Kitchen.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for March 12 were approved (M: Clemmons, S: Hasiba) with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Dave Konnerth shared that the Care Council approved a new voting member and an associate member and approved bylaw revisions for membership applications and new member orientation. Members that had attended the Ryan White Program meeting in Orlando shared their experiences. The Grantee shared our Part A award which included an increase of \$65,884. It was announced that there is no grace period for eligibility. Clients must have a notice of eligibility on the date they receive services. The Care Council also accepted nominations for the position of Chair, Vice-Chair and Parliamentarian with elections to be held in June.
- PEER PROGRAM** Janet Kitchen presented information on behalf of the Client Services Committee. Client Services requested that the Care Council consider establishing a peer support system to assist clients with their special needs. Janet shared information gathered from several websites and presentation she had attended in addition to how a similar program that she is currently involved with is working. The groups discussed the role of peers, their training needs and compensation for them. Questions were raised about the particulars of such a program. HRSA and the State Bureau seem to both be supportive of these programs. The following motion passed (M: Langlois, S: Clemmons) with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes:

**WHEN WE LOOK AT 2010 FUNDING, LOOK AT RESTRUCTURING THE FUNDING AND CONSIDER A PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM AS A FUNDED SERVICE.**

Several members agreed to form a workgroup of P&E and RPARC members to review existing models, determine needs and coordinate information with the state consumer advisory group.

**PART A  
INCREASE  
ALLOCATION**

The Grantee presented a recommendation for the allocation of the Part A increase based on a poll of primary care providers. Since additional funding was limited and primary care is the highest ranked service, it was decided to recommend funding to cover unmet service needs for lab expenses. The following motion passed (M: Hasiba, S: Melartin) with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes:

**APPROVE THE FY 09-10 PART A ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

Service	County	Current Allocation	Increase	Revised Allocation
Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care	Pinellas	\$846,898*	\$65,884	\$912,782
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$65,884</b>	

\*Amount represents combined Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care allocation in Pinellas County as of May 7, 2009 excluding the allocations for WIC/Pediatrics.

**COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS/  
ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

Metropolitan Charities will begin offering primary care services at their St. Petersburg office beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The provider will accept Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.