



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS  
PINELLAS PARK STATION  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006  
12:30 – 2:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Dave Konnerth, Chair at 12:48 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Lisa Cohen, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Carla Baity, David Konnerth, Lorraine Langlois, Suzanne Lewis, John Melartin, Marylin Merida, Mark Mischan, Andrew Paquette, Jim Roth, Elizabeth Rugg  
Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Vivian Candelaria, Jeannie Lewis, Lee Luther, Bob Reynolds, Barbara Szelag, Woody Wilbanks  
Guests Present: William Harper, Don Kurtyka, Suzanne Matthews, Sister Pam Nolan, Bill Thomas, Mike Wagner  
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Dorinda Seth  
Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin

**CHANGES TO AGENDA** None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for July 25, 2006 were approved (M: Foster, S: Cohen) with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.

**CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Dave Konnerth reported that the Care Council discussed continuing to hold meetings at Jan Platt library because of the location being convenient to the largest number of members. The Care Council chair presented information on recent attendance at a HRSA conference, and the upcoming Retreat was announced. The Grantee announced the website review panel meeting date, and stated that a large portion of our local Title I funds will be out for bid in the RFAs to be released in October. Care Council approved both items submitted by RPARC, the 2007 allocation recommendations and the MAI allocation alignment. The Care Council also approved the service caps/limits presented by P&E. Planning and Evaluation also announced they are scheduling focus groups this Fall.

**FY2006/07 REALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS** The Chair asked Aubrey to explain the different MAI categories presented on the summary sheet. Aubrey explained that the allocations were separated by fund reductions, reallocations and carryover funds. The summary sheet also presents recommendations for FY06 on page one and recommendations for FY07 on page 2. The committee discussed details of several reallocations. Aubrey explained

that Hillsborough County has chosen to spend their MOE (Maintenance of Effort) dollars on the SHAP (Supportive Housing Assistance Program). This will free up some Ryan White funds previously allocated to SHAP to be allocated to core services. The following motion passed (M: Langlois, S: Merida) with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions.

MOTION 09/06- 01

**ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING TITLE I FY06 REDUCTIONS, REALLOCATION AND CARRY-OVER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**DECREASE TITLE I**

ORAL HEALTH (Pasco) \$4,200  
AMBULATORY/OUTPATIENT CARE (HIV/TB) (Hillsborough) \$18,000  
DRUG REIMBURSEMENT (CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES) (EMA) \$10,000  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Pinellas) \$25,000

**DECREASE TITLE I MAI**

TREATMENT ADHERENCE MEDICAL EDUCATOR BLACK (Hillsborough) \$10,006  
TREATMENT ADHERENCE MEDICAL EDUCATOR HISPANIC (Hillsborough) \$2,552  
TREATMENT ADHERENCE (Hillsborough/Pinellas) \$8,927  
TREATMENT ADHERENCE (Pinellas) \$84  
TREATMENT ADHERENCE MEDICAL EDUCATOR (EMA) \$349  
TREATMENT ADHERENCE MEDICAL EDUCATOR Black (EMA) \$263  
TREATMENT ADHERENCE MEDICAL EDUCATOR Hispanic (EMA) \$1,684  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Hillsborough) \$4,702

**INCREASE TITLE I – (C indicates carry-over funds, R indicates reallocation)**

C- CASE MANAGEMENT (Hillsborough) \$40,000  
C- CASE MANAGEMENT (Pinellas) \$75,000  
C- ORAL HEALTH (Hillsborough) \$33,436  
R -FOOD BANK (NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS) (Hillsborough/Pasco/Pinellas) \$5,000  
R -ORAL HEALTH (Hillsborough) \$52,200

**INCREASE TITLE I MAI (C indicates carry-over funds, R indicates reallocation)**

C- TREATMENT ADHERENCE BLACK (Pasco/Hernando) \$2,765  
C- TREATMENT ADHERENCE HISPANIC (Pasco/Hernando) \$2,764  
C- TREATMENT ADHERENCE BLACK (Hillsborough) \$5,000  
C- TREATMENT ADHERENCE HISPANIC (Hillsborough) \$5,000  
C- TREATMENT ADHERENCE HISPANIC (Pinellas) \$545  
R- TREATMENT ADHERENCE BLACK ((Pinellas) \$7,828  
R- TREATMENT ADHERENCE HISPANIC (Pinellas) \$5,739  
R- CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT BLACK (EMA) \$7,500  
R- CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT HISPANIC (EMA) \$7,500

**ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING TITLE I FY07 REDUCTIONS AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**DECREASE**

HOUSING ASSISTANCE (RESIDENTIAL) – (HILLSBOROUGH) \$157, 525

**INCREASE**

AMBULATORY/OUTPATIENT CARE (HILLSBOROUGH) \$37,525 CASE MANAGEMENT (HILLSBOROUGH) \$60,000

## **CASE MANAGEMENT (PINELLAS) \$60,000**

The committee reviewed expenditure data for under-expended funds. Aubrey informed members that the shaded boxes in the expenditure charts indicated that a provider had already billed the maximum allowed in the quarterly cap. This data can be tracked by service and area so the fiscal staff can determine which services may be under-funded and in need of available reallocation dollars.

## **ELECTIONS**

Staff reminded members that Dave Konnerth was nominated for the position of Chair and Andrew Paquette was nominated for the position of Co-chair at the last RPARC meeting with both accepting the nomination. The floor was opened to nominations with no additional nominees. Mark Mischan made a motion to close nominations and vote; the motion was seconded by Carolyn Eke-Peart. The following motion passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions (Konnerth, Paquette):

**MOTION 09/06 – 02 ELECT DAVE KONNERTH AS COMMITTEE CHAIR AND ANDREW PAQUETTE AS COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR.**

## **WORK PLAN**

Staff presented a draft work plan for consideration. The committee discussed tasks for the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism to determine if the time frame was still applicable. After reviewing each goal, the following motion passed (M: Merida, S: Melartin) with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions:

**MOTION 09/06 – 03 ADOPT THE WORK PLAN AS PRESENTED.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Members announced upcoming events that are posted on the website at [www.thecarecouncil.org](http://www.thecarecouncil.org)

William Harper announced that ASAP will be accepting new clients after October 1 through sources other than the clinic. ASAP is also beginning a Comprehensive Risk Counseling & Service Program following a CDC intervention model. They will be looking for HIV+ individuals from Pinellas who are practicing high risk behaviors and are willing to talk about changing those behaviors. It is an incentive based program and bus passes will be offered.

Dave reminded members of the RPARC attendance policy and that the committee would be strictly adhering to the adopted policy. All members who were absent today without providing prior notice will receive a letter.

Members presented the following community concerns:

John Melartin asked how an individual who was not Ryan White case managed could get drug reimbursement. Members replied that the

individual would need to carry their script and Ryan White eligibility documentation to the Health Department pharmacy. Usually the clinical staff would be able to supply the necessary documents.

Marylin Merida asked for an update on RWIS (Ryan White Information System). Aubrey replied that the previously scheduled training for providers was on hold due to an audit by the Clerk's office. They are unsure at this point if the audit will delay the implementation. The audit is concerned with security and how data will be transmitted. There has been lots of behind the scenes testing of the system up to this point.

Aubrey stated that our prevalence data is showing an increase in AIDS case in the EMA rather than increase in HIV. He questioned why these individuals were continuing to need Ryan White funded services and were not getting Social Security, Medicaid, etc. Members stated that it could be the individual is still working even with an AIDS diagnosis and does not qualify for those services or that the case managers are at capacity for processing them into the other programs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.