

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
SPECIALITY CARE CLINIC-BARTOW
NOVEMBER 16, 2005
12:30-2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Deborah Robinson, Chair at 12:45 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Ovidiu Cotea, Brenda Davis, Linnwood Davis, Patricia Mayid, John Melartin, Jan Neeson, Deborah Robinson
- Members Absent: James Brandon, John Halman, Gail Prichard, Deborah Reinhardt, Linda Rogers, Woody Wilbanks
- Guests Present: Ismael Colon, Donald Hinton
- Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Wilma Genter
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT**
- PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**
- COMMITTEE GUIDELINES** Deborah Robinson passed out a booklet that she created that is a reference guide for members of the committee. The group discussed the information in the booklet including committee guidelines, the CARE act and contact information.
- POSTERS/FLYER/ OPEN HOUSE** Deborah Robinson presented to the group a draft of an invitation for the open house. She hopes to send them out to providers and clients to boost attendance. The open house will be a small business meeting and social gathering. A sign up sheet was passed around so that everyone can bring in a refreshment.
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Donald Hinton voiced a concern that some area hospitals treat HIV/AIDS patients not as well as other patients. He said that there are other illnesses that have their own specialized

hospitals and that might be a good idea for HIV/AIDS.

Ovidiu Cotea announced that the Patient Care Clinic is hosting an art contest on Thursday, December 1, 2005 for anyone infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. All forms of art will be accepted and there will be food and prizes.

Ovidiu Cotea also voiced concern that the rural community is not represented enough with regards to announcements. He feels that everyone on the committee should make it a point to make sure rural events are on calendars and announced at meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.