



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
POLK COUNTY SPECIALTY CARE CLINIC – BARTOW
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Linnwood Davis, Chair, at 1:46 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Linnwood Davis, Nicole Geiger, John Halman, James King, Randy Masters, John Melartin, Bill Quercia, Jeffery Wells
Members Absent: Keith Boyd, Evonne Cobbett, Gilbert Crespo, Gwen Patterson
Guests Present:
Grantee Staff Present:
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for January 19, 2011 (**M:** Melartin, **S:** King) were approved as written. There were 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council approved funding reallocations; the anonymous needs survey report and a change to the local pharmacy formulary. Client comment cards are now available at contracted services providers and there was a presentation on the Sunshine Law and how it affects the Care Council and its committees.
- VISITING OTHER COUNTIES** Linnwood shared that he has contacted representatives from Hernando, Hillsborough and Manatee Counties. Laura Dunn of Hernando County stated that she was eager to host a Rural Issues meeting and Andrew Maldonado stated that he had a contact that could host a meeting in Plant City, a rural part of Hillsborough County. Linnwood is still waiting to hear back

from a Manatee County potential host. The Committee is hoping to visit Hernando County in May and follow up with the other two county representatives to set times to visit.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Minority Advocacy Committee has printed their 'Stop the Stigma' flier cards and has a Facebook page focusing on the same subject.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy shared that there will be an Area 14 CPP (Community Planning Partnership) meeting on February 25th in Winter Haven at 1:00pm.

Billy announced that Highlands County now has a gay and lesbian friendly bowling league.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.