



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
HERNANDO COUNTY LIBRARY – BROOKSVILLE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011
1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Linnwood Davis, Chair, at 1:22 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Keith Boyd, Gilbert Crespo, Linnwood Davis, John Halman, James King, Randy Masters, Bill Quercia, Jeffery Wells
Members Absent: Evonne Cobbett, Nicole Geiger
Guests Present: Laura Dunn, Donald Hinton, Janet Kitchen, Serena Knopp, Dave Konnerth, Andrew Maldonado, Nibert Marcelin, Debbie Reinhardt, Debbie Stephey, John St. John, Cassandra Watkins
Grantee Staff Present:
Health Councils Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** A remembrance of John Melartin was added to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for April 20, 2011 (**M:** King, **S:** Quercia) were approved as written. There were 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council took nominations for the role of chair, vice-chair and parliamentarian. The Funding Stream Analysis, Minimum Standards of Care and service caps and limits were approved. There was also an allocation adjustment of Part B funds and three members were removed from Care Council membership.
- ISSUES OF LIVING IN A RURAL COMMUNITY** Janet Kitchen gave a presentation on peer support and case management's role in the care system. The group found the presentation to be informative and a discussion starter. Those present discussed the role of a case manager as well as the

role clients must take in their care. Adherence issues were also addressed. In addition, the group discussed HIV and ageing and its awareness day in September.

**REMEMBERANCE
OF JOHN MELARTIN**

It was shared that John Melartin passed away. The group remembered John and praised his years of dedicated service to the Ryan White Care Council and its committees. There was a moment of silence observed in honor of John.

**OTHER COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

The Membership Committee is currently recruiting new members for the Care Council.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janet shared that Positively U, Inc. is holding a support group over the phone through a free conference call service. She hopes that this will help with the transportation and stigma problems of living in a rural community. Positively U, Inc. also now has a website www.positivelyu.org

Information was shared on the Pasco World AIDS Day group.

Linnwood thanked PharmacyOnePro for providing lunch for the event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.