



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – LAKELAND
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011
2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Linnwood Davis, Chair, at 2:05 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Evonne Cobbett, Linnwood Davis, Nicole Geiger, John Halman, James King, Randy Masters, Bill Quercia, Jeffery Wells
Members Absent: Keith Boyd, Gilbert Crespo, David Szelanski
Guests Present: Charles Lee
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 September 21, 2011 (**M:** King, **S:** Wells) were approved as written. There were 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council held a brief meeting to approve Part A and B allocations and then had a full day members' retreat.
- MEETING DATE/TIME/ LOCATION** The group discussed the meeting time and location. Some members would like to hold the meeting in conjunction with the Polk County Health Department Lunch and Learn. Nicole stated that Ellen, who coordinates the Lunch and Learns, has agreed to try and schedule one Lunch and Learn a quarter in Lakeland. The group has decided to keep the regular meeting place in Bartow at the Health Department but to move to Lakeland whenever there is a Lunch and Learn scheduled there. Those present decided to also visit Highland's county in April and to welcome the Client Services Committee in

January. In addition, the group plans to hold their holiday potluck again in December. Linnwood had an idea for a speaker and John offered to provide a ham for the event. The potluck will be held from noon to 2:00pm.

**THANKSGIVING
DINNER**

Members discussed the Thanksgiving Dinner event sponsored by PharmacyOnePro. A location has still not been found for the event. Charles shared information on a possible location and Linnwood agreed to check into the location from last year. Guests will be asked to RSVP to Charles or Linnwood and the group hopes for about 50 to 75 people. The group also discussed door prizes for the event. Linnwood shared that he feels that the sponsor should only provided the room and food and that the committee members should provide door prizes. Billy and Linnwood offered to help gather door prizes and Charles stated that he had already coordinated table centerpieces. John will bring a music system to set the mood and the main speaker will be Cathy Robinson Pickett. Some members wished to have a candle lighting ceremony included in the event along with a spiritual aspect presented as has been done in previous years. Charles shared that a flier is ready to be sent out once the event is finalized.

**OTHER COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

The Client Services and Membership Committees will be holding an event on December 19th in St. Petersburg. The topic for the event is Medicaid PAC (Project AIDS Care) Waiver Services.

The WICY&F (Women, Infant, Children, Youth and Families) Committee will be holding an event on November 9th from 6-8pm in St. Petersburg. The theme for the event is Myth Busters.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUCEMENTS**

John announced that the Heart to Heart Resource Center, sponsored by PharmacyOnePro will be having a social on November 8th at 7:00pm. The center will be located at 65 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

Medicare Part D open enrollment is October 15th – November 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.