



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
RURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
POLK COUNTY SPECIALTY CARE CLINIC – BARTOW
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Linnwood Davis, Chair, at 1:37 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Evonne Cobbett, Linnwood Davis, Nicole Geiger, John Halman, Randy Masters, Bill Quercia, David Szelanski
Members Absent: Keith Boyd, Gilbert Crespo, James King Jeffery Wells
Guests Present: Tonia Bell, Eda Dugas, Janet Kitchen, Charles Lee, Mariely Mujka, Donna Sabatino
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 July 20, 2011 (**M:** Masters, **S:** Quercia) were approved as written. There were 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Grantee shared that we received our revised Part A grant award and it is \$51,000 less than last year's award. We also received MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) carryover funds. There are currently over 4,000 people on the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) waiting list. Two new associate members were approved and it was announced that David Hasiba passed away.
- ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR** Linnwood Davis was reelected chair and David Szelanski was elected co-chair of the committee by acclamation.

**MEETING
DATE/TIME/
LOCATION**

There was a discussion about where to hold the meeting. Some members felt that the location should stay at the Polk County Specialty Clinic in Bartow while others would like to move it to the Health Department location in Lakeland. There was concern about conflicting with the Lunch and Learn if the meeting was moved to Lakeland and clients could not attend both events. Members planned to follow up with Ellen Gates to see if the lunch and learn could be moved to Lakeland and also will hold the October meeting in Lakeland so the group can view the facility there. The October meeting will start a half hour later to allow clients to travel from the Lunch and Learn in Bartow to the meeting in Lakeland. After discussion the following motion passed (**M**: Masters, **S**: Quercia) with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions:

**TABLE DISCUSSION OF THE MEETING DATE/TIME/
LOCATION UNTIL NEXT MONTH.**

WORK PLAN

Members reviewed the work plan. There was discussion about the meeting traveling to other rural communities as well as the Thanksgiving dinner event. After discussion the following motion passed (**M**: Quercia, **S**: Masters) with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions:

**APPROVE THE 2011-12 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AS
AMENDED.**

The group discussed the Thanksgiving dinner event. PharmacyOnePro has agreed to sponsor the event again this year. The group hopes to find a location for Nov. 11th, 12th or 17th. Billy, Charles, David, Evonne and John offered to be part of a planning group that will work on the event and report back to the Committee in October.

**OTHER COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

The Client Services Committee would like to have a combined meeting with each of the other client focused committees. They hope to have a joint meeting with Rural Issues in January or February.

The Membership Committee is recruiting new members that can represent Hernando County, Blacks and hospital/health planning.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John announced that the Heart to Heart Resource Center, sponsored by PharmacyOnePro will be opening soon. They plan to have a support group the first Tuesday of the month for those infected and affected. The center will be located at 65 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Winter Haven, FL 33880

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.