

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE  
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA  
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006  
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER**      The meeting was called to order by Harriet Ellington, at 1:50 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**      Members Present: Harriet Ellington, Stacie Jacobs, Cynthia Moore, Felix Spann, Daniel Swain, Barbara Szelag, Tena Thomas
- Members Absent: Mary Adams, Julie Baltzell, Cindy Brown, Arlene DeMull, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Charlene Larry, Valerie Martin, Marilyn Merida, Dr. Jeanette Reid, Pattye Sawyer, Lisa Sampson, Linda Stephenson, Ann White
- Guests Present:
- Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**      None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES**      There was no quorum present to approve the minutes from April 27<sup>th</sup>. The members present approved the minutes and an e-mail will be sent out to remaining members to request approval. E-mail approval with two corrections was achieved July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT**      Elections for a new Care Council Vice Chair will be held at the July meeting. Two bylaw revisions were also read and will be voted on in July. A reallocation was approved for an additional \$100,000 to fund the insurance and co-payment services program.
- ATTENDANCE POLICY**      Harriet Ellington started the review of the draft attendance policy by sharing that she is concerned about the appearance WICY&F has to the Care Council by repeatedly not having a quorum. She went on to state that having a written policy would reinforce the importance of members input at meetings. After a group discussion they decided to vote on adoption of the policy and request additional votes be sought over e-mail.

**MOTION 06/06-01** The following motion was passed: (**M**: Szelag, **S**: Swain) with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions (4 additional yes votes were achieved over e-mail.)

**TO ACCEPT THE WICY&F ATTENDANCE POLICY AS WRITTEN.**

**JULY TOWN HALL** Harriet Ellington shared what preparations had been made for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Town Hall from 11:00am to 1:00pm at All Children's Hospital Education Center. Barbara Szelag and Marylin Merida will have the flyer ready for distribution within the week and Felix Spann will work registration. Lisa Sampson and Dr. Jeanette Reid will create the agenda and Arlene DeMull and Cindy Brown are working on having food provided. Marylin is checking on the guest speaker and Barbara shared that she and Marylin had talked about a back up presentation from the AIDS Institute on political advocacy. The concept is that money is flat for HIV/AIDS services in our area and more needs to be done to increase funding. The presentation would be on encouraging clients to call or write their representatives. YES and Mercy House plan to transport some of their clients to the event.

**MAI STUDY RESULTS** Members present reviewed the MAI study. They decided to table a discussion until Marylin Merida was present because she was the member that requested the committee review the data.

**PLANNING & EVALUATION UPDATE** No member of the WICY&F committee is currently attending the Planning & Evaluation committee.

**RPARC UPDATE** Barbara Szelag gave a brief RPARC update to the committee.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUCEMENTS** Stacie Jacobs shared that there are openings at Mercy House for female clients. She also said that they have money to assist with rent and utilities.

Barbara Szelag raised a concern that consumers are not involved in the process enough. She feels that consumers should be more active in advocating for services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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