



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SUNCOAST HOSPICE – ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by JaDawn Wright, Chair at 9:40 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Marilyn Merida, Jana Richardson, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson, Barbara Szelag, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright
- Members Absent: Bernadette Bass, Fitzroy Dillon, Wendy Pearson, Adella Screen, Darlene Smith
- Guests Present: Bernadette Clemmons, Liz Creech, Jordan Elrod, Rick Harrington, Bonita Jackson, Teresa Lohr, Billy Quercia
- Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
- Health Council Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** Members agreed to add information from Jordan Elrod at CommCare Pharmacy regarding a community event as item VIII.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for April 22, 2010 were approved (**M:** Ellington, **S:** Merida) with 14 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council passed reductions to several services based on the decrease in Part A funding for the current budget year. Funds were taken from contracts that are historically under-spent. Part B was level funded for FY 10-11. The Part B emergency housing program ended in March. Care Council chose not to fund the program going forward in order to meet other core services with a higher need.

MOTHERS CELEBRATION FEEDBACK

Members discussed the mothers' celebration which had over 60 guests in attendance and at least one third of those were clients. The event was executed well with an excellent speaker, tasty and plentiful food, a nice relaxation CD, surveys completed and an enjoyable time for everyone. Mary asked all members to collaborate more in the planning stages of all events to help them run more smoothly throughout. She suggested that individuals be more open-minded to ideas and suggestions, put personal differences aside, and ask how they can help rather than waiting to be asked. Billy offered to help coordinate events by creating timelines and keeping track of who is responsible for each task.

JULY 13TH EVENT

This will be an annual summer event geared toward youth with the title "Sizzling Summer". The event will focus on reducing stigma, involving clients and the wider community. The group brainstormed topics including stigma, risk reduction, playing it safe (protection, condom demonstration), SISTA, Drug and alcohol prevention, Barriers/disclosure (who to tell and when)/the emotionality of being positive, positive decision making, demystifying HIV, the journey of living with HIV, and relationships.

Members decided to title this event "Sizzling Summer: Playing It Safe" and have three topics – Sex in the City (sexual health facilitated by JaDawn), How High is Too High? (drug and alcohol prevention facilitated by Zanette Stark from Operation PAR), and Who Am I? (identity development facilitated by Rick Harrington). Each session will be around 20 minutes with a 15 minute group introduction (explain logistics, promote WICY&F, distribute nametags) and a 30 minute wrap up. Participants will divide into three groups and facilitators will rotate to each group. Food will be available in each area. Sessions will be interactive and there will be testing done at the event. JaDawn will follow up with Bernadette and Ann on the public service announcement and have the flyer ready by Friday, June 4. Jordan will distribute flyers at the June 26th Pride event. Carolyn has reserved rooms at Suncoast hospice in St. Pete for Tuesday, July 13th from 6-8pm. Food suggestions should be sent to Carolyn.

'UNDETECTABLES' EVENT

Jordan Elrod from CommCare Pharmacy and Mary F. Jones are putting together an invitation only celebration to honor those with undetectable viral loads for a year or more. Case managers will each invite two clients from Hillsborough to participate on Friday, July 16th from 3-6pm at Bernini in Ybor City. The event will be a semiformal social time in the 3rd floor lounge at Bernini with a private entrance. Liz from Gilead will lead a discussion. The space has been donated. Jordan and Mary are looking for help

with the food and a keepsake for each attendee.

DATA REVIEW

Item tabled until the July committee meeting.

REVIEW WORK PLAN

Item tabled until the July committee meeting.

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE

The RPARC (Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee) had a presentation from the new Quality Management and Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism (AAM) provider on the methodology of the AAM. The committee discussed the Needs Assessment survey and the need for surveys from Hillsborough County, women and minority responses.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aubrey mentioned the new developments in the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) which is a state level program administered through local county health departments. There will be no new enrollments (other than pregnant women) beginning June 1, 2010 and the ADAP formulary will be reduced beginning August 1, 2010. The Health Service Advisory Committee will be looking at addressing our local formulary and how to more aggressively pursue Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) available from the pharmaceutical companies through local MedNet navigators. Our local area wants to ensure that clients still have an avenue for getting their medications by maximizing resources and expanding our coordination of efforts.

Members announced upcoming community events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a. m.