

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE  
ASAP – ST. PETERSBURG  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2008  
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:37 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Lolita Emanuel-Brown, Mabel Gonzalez, Marylin Merida, Desmon Newton, Wendy Pearson, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, Rita Winstead, Mona Wright  
Members Absent: Mary F. Jones, Dionne Kerr, Janet Kitchen, Ann Sherman-White, Linda Stephenson, Tina Van Doren Ruppell  
Guests Present: Wendell Martin, John Melartin, Amanda Schall, Darlene Smith  
Grantee Staff Present:  
Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** A perinatal report and a date setting discussion were added to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The October meeting minutes were approved as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** There was no Care Council meeting held in January.
- TOWN HALL REVIEW** Members discussed the November 2007 town hall held in Tampa. Members felt that the speaker was very good but they were disappointed by the client turn out for the event. Possible reasons why there are variations in attendance at events were discussed. It was suggested that a survey be done of clients to see where they would feel most comfortable attending an event and what topics they would be interested in. Committee members were encouraged to send any question ideas to

Barbara who will be coordinating the survey. The group would also like to check with the Grantee's office and see if RNT & Associates can distribute the survey. Members discussed future event ideas like a presentation from Jenna Bush. Lolita Emanuel-Brown and Harriet Ellington were selected as the lead planners for the Mother of the Year event in May.

**DATE SETTING**

Members selected dates for this year's events. The Mother of the Year is planned for May 9<sup>th</sup> in Tampa and the Town Hall for November 14<sup>th</sup> in St. Petersburg.

**REVIEW OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA**

Barbara shared epidemiological data on the aging HIV+ female population in Florida. Members reviewed the information and discussed trends. Issues relating to senior sex education and the number of people that have been infected for years that are now aging over 50 were discussed. Amanda Schall offered to contact a seniors HIV prevention group and see if they had any education materials.

**PERINATAL REPORT**

Due to time constraints this report was tabled until the next meeting.

**PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE**

Marylin Merida gave the report for RPARC (Resource Prioritization & Allocation Recommendations Committee). She said that there was a presentation on the history of medical education in our area. The presentation gave reasons as to why this approach was taken and answered current questions about its usage. There was no Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Committee meeting in January.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Carolyn Eke-Peart coordinates a co-ed heterosexual support group on the first and third Thursdays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. Childcare is available.

Amanda announced that the Y.E.S (Youth Education Services) program has an open position for someone to do outreach and testing for 13 – 24 year olds.

The Minority Advocacy Committee will be holding an ad hoc to discuss HIV+ ex-offenders that are returning to our TSA (Total Service Area). The meeting will be on February 8<sup>th</sup> in Tampa.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.