



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES – ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Marylin Merida, Co-Chair at 1:43 p.m.

ATTENDANCE Members Present: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Cecillia Carothers, Fitzroy Dillon, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Marylin Merida, Wendy Pearson, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright

Members Absent: Barbara Szlag

Guests Present: Belinda Maxwell, John Melartin, Jana Richardson, Linda Stephenson, Rita Winstead

Grantee Staff Present:

Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA A discussion on minimum standards of care was added to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Mary Jones suggested one change to the minutes. The minutes for February 26, 2009 were approved as amended (**M:** Wright, **S:** Jones) with 15 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.

CARE COUNCIL REPORT The Care Council approved the Epidemiology and Demographics Addendum. It was also announced that the Care Council is currently recruiting new members. They are especially looking for a Part D representative and people living with HIV/AIDS.

MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE It was shared with committee members that the Health Services Advisory Committee is recommending to the Planning and Evaluation Committee that the minimum standards of care for women, infants, children and youth be rolled under the standards for ambulatory/outpatient medical care. The WICY&F

Committee developed the minimum standards for women and youth in 2007 and they were approved by the full Care Council at that time. The general primary care standards state that a provider shall follow a nationally accepted treatment guideline which would include all the specifics that are laid out in the women and youth standards. The separate standards for women are also causing double monitoring for medical providers.

Members agreed that the specific standards are covered in the general guidelines but some members also felt a little disappointed that the specific standards for women were being eliminated after the committee spent so much time and effort on them just a few years ago. There was also a suggestion to look at listing the nationally accepted treatment guidelines to make the standard less vague.

MOTHERS CELEBRATION

Members discussed ideas for the Mothers Celebration on Friday, May 8th from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Hospice in St. Petersburg. The topic of parents talking to their children about sexual health was discussed. Linda stated that she knows a mother and two daughters that could present. JaDawn stated that she found a speaker from the Health Department that could do a presentation on how to talk to your kids. Harriet also suggested a speaker from Atlanta that she had heard recently at another function. After committee discussion Linda was going to contact her speakers to do a fifteen to twenty minute presentation and Harriet was going to contact her speaker to see if she could do a presentation for about the same amount of time. If Harriet's speaker is not available then they would go with the Health Department speaker. The committee would like to have the speaker confirmed by Friday April 3rd.

Barbara Szlag will do the flyer for the event and USF (University of South Florida) will sponsor the food. JaDawn also offered to make a music CD for each of the mothers and members agreed to send her song suggestions. Harriett was also going to check with the volunteer who provided music for last year's event to see if she is available to play the piano. Carolyn offered to check into flowers and Cindy will check with ANAC (Association of Nurses in AIDS Care) about a donation for the flowers or decorations. It was also suggested that members make a small donation to decorations. Carolyn will be collecting the money and getting the decorations together. Members suggested the themes of precious moments or the joys of parenthood - communicating with your kids.

**SUMMER
COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

There was not much discussion on the summer community events. Members plan to follow up on Francis House as the location for a June or July evening event.

**2008
DEMOGRAPHICS
AND
EPIDEMIOLOGY
ADDENDUM**

A discussion of the Demographics and Epidemiology Addendum was tabled until the April meeting.

**PLANNING &
EVALUATION
COMMITTEE &
RPARC UPDATE**

There was no update given on RPARC or the Planning and Evaluation Committee.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JaDawn shared information on the Voices conference. She stated that there are scholarships available for youth.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.