



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by JaDawn Wright, Chair at 9:43 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Fitzroy Dillon, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Marylin Merida, Wendy Pearson, Adella Screen, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright
Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Bernadette Bass, Cindy Brown, Jana Richardson, Linda Stephenson
Guests Present: Belinda Maxwell, Eugeuia Padilla, Billy Quercia
Grantee Staff Present:
Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for March 25, 2010 were approved (**M**: Ellington, **S**: Merida) with 14 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council held a members' retreat in April. There was a legislative update and a panel discussion with representatives of some of Florida's HIV planning groups.
- MOTHERS CELEBRATION** Members discussed the mothers' celebration set for Friday, May 7th. Liz Murray with Gilead will be the motivational speaker for the event that will be held at the Eddie Newkirk Life Center (Orange Blossom) in Tampa. The University of South Florida (USF) and Gilead will be sponsoring lunch. There is a singer scheduled to do a solo and Adella and Yamilette are working on decorations. Barbara will be the mistress of ceremonies and will

also create the program and name tags for committee members. Ron Weston of AHF Pharmacy is donating 30 gift cards and Adella is working on making goodie bags for each attendee. The relaxation CDs have been made and JaDawn will be printing labels for them. JaDawn also offered to update the WICY&F brochure and make it available to guests. Members discussed getting bus passes to give to clients that attend and how important a personal invite is to events like the mothers' luncheon.

DATA REVIEW

Members reviewed the expenditure reports that were provided by the Grantees office. Members expressed an interest in not only seeing expenditures for women and children but also the utilization data broken out by demographics. Members also requested to look at general epidemiological and demographic data. Marilyn raised a concern about transportation services. She stated that every year money is taken away from transportation and it is still one of the most commonly listed barriers to service for clients. JaDawn stated that the transportation money is hard to spend down because it is only available for certain uses, such as doctor's appointments. Members would like a clarification from the Grantee's office on what transportation funding can be used for.

REVIEW WORK PLAN

JaDawn started a discussion of the committee's work plan. Members would like to have a little survey at the end of each event to gauge if the event was successful. This would also be a way to invite event guests to become involved with the WICY&F Committee. Marilyn and Barbara will work on creating this brief survey.

JULY 13th EVENT

Members began discussion of the July 13th event that is scheduled in St. Petersburg. This will be more of a town hall community event and will be held on a Tuesday night. Some ideas discussed were addressing stigma, having testing available and to gear the event to a younger crowd. Bernadette and Anne White will work to create a public service announcement to promote the event and JaDawn will ask the graphic designer at USF to come up with a flier that would appeal to young adults. Billy suggested having the event participants' move from room to room and that in each room there would be a different theme with food.

Members decided to hold a meeting in addition to their Mothers event in May to continue planning the July 13th event.

**PLANNING &
EVALUATION
COMMITTEE &
RPARC UPDATE**

The RPARC (Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee) approved budget modifications in response to the decrease in Part A supplemental funding.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rural Issues Committee will be holding a spring community event at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland on May 1st. There will be activities for children planned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a. m.