



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:47 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Cindy Brown, Fitzroy Dillon, Harriet Ellington, Mary F. Jones, Marilyn Merida, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson, Barbara Szelag
- Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Wendy Pearson, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright
- Guests Present: Belinda Alexander, Sarry Thomas, Tracy Stovall
- Grantee Staff Present:
- Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for June 25, 2009 were approved as written (**M:** Dillon, **S:** Spann) with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Szelag).
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council held a new member orientation in place of a meeting in August.
- FEEDBACK ON THE SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENT** Members discussed the successful evening community event held in Tampa. Some points noted were the involvement of young PLWH as a great addition, the neutral location of a hotel and the attendance by men. Everyone was thanked for their contributions.

NOVEMBER EVENT

Mary was selected as the lead planner for the November event. All members also made a renewed commitment to help with the planning of committee events. Members decided to move the event from Friday, November 20th at lunch to Thursday, November 19th in the evening as to not conflict with the Rural Issues Committee event. This event will have a Thanksgiving theme and will focus on the positive things in the lives of people living with HIV. Cindy suggested a slogan of "Giving Thanks in Challenging Times". Members plan to focus on inviting clients that have been newly diagnosed. Suggested presenters were Don Kurtyka or Donna Sabatino and Harriet offered to help with selecting a venue. Barbara and Marilyn offered to do a save the date card for this event and have it ready to be distributed at the September WICY&F meeting.

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE

Marilyn gave a financial update to members and shared that Tom Liberti, bureau chief of the State Bureau of HIV/AIDS attended the RPARC (Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee) meeting. The state is continuing to deal with the issue of more clients with less funding. Marilyn also stated that AICP (AIDS Insurance Continuation Program) has a projected \$5 million dollar short fall for the year and that no new money for Part D is projected in the President's proposed budget. She encouraged members to advocate on their own for HIV/AIDS funding increases.

John stated that it is important for agencies to bill for services even if they are not going to get reimbursed so that there is a record showing how much more money is being spent in our area.

Marilyn also stated that RNT & Associates did a presentation on the Client Satisfaction Survey at the Planning and Evaluation Committee meeting.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John announced that the Rural Issues Committee will be holding a Thanksgiving Dinner at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 20th in Lakeland.

Linda and Cindy shared that they have had success in getting pharmaceutical assistance directly from drug companies for clients.

ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) soon will be allowing PLWH that meet certain requirements to receive 90 days worth of medication at a time.

ADJOURNMENT

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