



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:42 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Cecillia Carothers, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, JaDawn Wright
Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Marylin Merida, Wendy Pearson, Mona Wright
Guests Present: Fitzroy Dillon, Coralie Gatewood
Grantee Staff Present:
Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for January 22, 2009 were approved as written (**M**: Jones, **S**: Ellington) with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** There was no Care Council meeting held in February.
- 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. It was suggested that Lisa Sampson could be invited to speak as a mother and that Dr. Aaron Smith could speak on grandparents raising their grandchildren. The topics of how to talk with your children about sexual health or disclosing to your children your HIV status was suggested. JaDawn offered to check with the USF (University of South Florida) music department to see if they would be able to provide

entertainment and Mary suggested that someone check into the food being provided by a local culinary school. Members also plan to contact local beauty schools to see if they would be willing to provide a gift certificate that could be used as a raffle. Members also discussed having a music CD and flower as a favor for each mother in attendance.

**PLANNING &
EVALUATION
COMMITTEE &
RPARC UPDATE**

No other committee updates were given.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JaDawn shared information on life skills classes for youth that are held on the third Saturday of the month in St. Petersburg.

Mary shared that on March 14th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm the Tampa Bay Community Partnership will be holding a spring tea time event. The topic of discussion will be overcoming obstacles.

There will be a Men's Health Forum on March 7th from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm at Hillsborough Community College. Free HIV testing will be available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.