



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mary Jones, Co-Chair at 9:41 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Wendy Pearson, Jana Richardson, Adella Screen, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson, Barbara Szelag, Mona Wright
Members Absent: Fitzroy Dillon, Marilyn Merida, Darlene Smith, JaDawn Wright
Guests Present: John Melartin
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 January 28, 2010 were approved (**M:** Barker, **S:** Brown) with 14 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** John shared information from the January Care Council meeting. He stated that there is an additional dental provider in Pinellas County and a new voting Care Council member was approved.
- MOTHERS CELEBRATION** Members discussed the mothers' celebration set for Friday, May 7th. There has not been a location identified for the event yet and everyone was asked to be thinking of possible venues. The Oaks was suggested as a good option. Elizabeth Murray of Gilead and Ron Weston of AHF Pharmacy and USF (University

of South Florida) are lined up to be sponsors of the event. Elizabeth would like to be a speaker for the event. Mary said that the relaxation CDs are available at the dollar store and Barbara will check with Marylin about purchasing them.

**PLANNING &
EVALUATION
COMMITTEE &
RPARC UPDATE**

There was no other committee reports shared.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mary said that the Partnership, which is made up of local HIV agencies, is in need of new members.

There will be a week of prayer the first week in March coordinated through the state of Florida and the Balm in Gilead. They are still looking for local churches to participate.

The current issue of POZ magazine focuses on women.

John spoke about the new Project H.I.R.E (Health Improvement for Re-entering Ex-offenders). This program is for HIV+ ex-offenders returning to our community.

There will be a men's health forum held on March 6th at USF (University of South Florida).

Carolyn announced that ASAP (AIDS Service Association of Pinellas) is in the process of training nine staff members to do rapid testing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p. m.