



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by JaDawn Wright, Chair at 9:45 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Bernadette Bass, Gloria Galston, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Ann Knott, Marylin Merida, Wendy Pearson, Linda Stephenson, Barbara Szelag, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright
Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Liz Creech, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Zinzler Larry, Billy Quercia, Deborah Richards
Guests Present: Patricia Cuero, 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 27, 2011 were approved (**M:** Bass, **S:** Szelag) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** JaDawn shared that at the Care Council meeting there was a presentation on the Sunshine Law and an update on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).
- WORKING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS** The group reviewed the letter that JaDawn drafted to invite other community agencies to work with the Committee on events and providing services to women and children. Prevalence data will be used to customize letters to the areas in which the agency being contacted is located. All members were asked to send the letters to contacts in the community and then let JaDawn know who they have sent letters to for follow up. This is a way for the Committee to work with agencies to further mutual goals.

MOTHERS EVENT

Members discussed the Mothers Event that will be held on May 6th in Pinellas County at the Suncoast Hospice. This will be a luncheon from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Members discussed a theme for the event and sponsors for food and gift card door prizes. There was also a discussion of having a pampering aspect to the event and looking into volunteers to do massages. Bernadette shared that there is already an inspirational speaker lined up.

Mary shared that she is still working on setting up a Tampa location that could be used for all events in Hillsborough County.

**ANONYMOUS
NEEDS SURVEY
REPORT**

The group reviewed the Anonymous Needs Survey Report and discussed the number of women who completed the survey, the number of clients out of work, housing issues and the barriers to care listed. The group hopes to address the barrier of clients just not knowing how to access services with education at their community events. The group would like to help educate women about being more self-sufficient and general ways to access health care. It was also noted that the WICY&F program has been focused for a long time on young women and children but also needs to focus on the aging women population and their needs.

**PLANNING &
EVALUATION
COMMITTEE &
RPARC UPDATE**

There was no Planning and Evaluation Committee or RPARC (Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee) meeting held in February.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members shared fliers for National Women & Girls HIV Awareness Day events.

A concern was raised about the downtown bus route. There is no convenient bus stop to the Hillsborough County Health Department. Members discussed working with other community groups such as the Healthy Start Coalition on such community issues that affect women and children.

JaDawn stated that the scholarship application is now available for the VOICES conference in Washington DC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a. m.