



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE  
SUNCOAST HOSPICE – ST. PETERSBURG  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011  
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by JaDawn Wright, Chair at 9:39 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Wanda Barker, Bernadette Bass, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Gloria Galston, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Ann Knott, Zinzler Larry, Marilyn Merida, Wendy Pearson, Deborah Richards, Linda Stephenson, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright  
Members Absent: Cindy Brown, Liz Creech, Coralie Gatewood, Billy Quercia, Jana Richardson, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag  
Guests Present: Belinda Alexander, Lori Jones, 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 December 9, 2010 were approved (**M:** Ellington, **S:** Barker) with 15 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** At the Care Council meeting Aubrey shared an update on the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) waiting list. There are over 2,500 people on the waiting list and the state is facing a large budget deficit for the ADAP program. There has also been a delay by the state to change the eligibility criteria from 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 300%. Our area is still waiting for \$114,000 in carryover funds to be received from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) and the Care Council approved final reallocations of funding. The Care Council also approved two new voting members and approved the AAM (Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism) and bylaw changes.

**WORKING WITH  
OTHER  
COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS**

Those present reiterated their desire to work with more community organizations on the planning of events. JaDawn offered to draft a letter that would introduce the committee, explain our events and the population that we work with and invite them to join our efforts. Committee members would be able to customize this letter and then e-mail JaDawn with the name of the group that they sent it to so there will not be a duplicate and members know who should follow up on the letter.

Members would also like to have a set place to hold events in Hillsborough County. Members also discussed having a similar name for events year after year so that clients will be able to recognize the events.

**EPIDEMIOLOGICAL  
DATA**

Members reviewed the current Demographics and Epidemiology Report. Harriett pointed out the high numbers in certain zip codes in Hillsborough County. She said that these areas could be targeted for care and prevention outreach. It was also noted that the Committee could send letters to agencies in those zip codes to see about working together on events. Members also touched on the low perinatal transmission rate, the high incidence in the 40-49 year old age range as well as the race disparity. Members recommend to the Planning and Evaluation Committee that they highlight the disproportionate impact that the data shows on women, youth and children in the Demographic and Epidemiology reports.

**REVIEW OF  
COMMITTEE WORK  
PLAN**

The group reviewed the Committee's work plan. During discussion members shared that they feel like the group is on task and following the work plan they have created. Members were excited to now be offering childcare for events and committee meetings and that some agencies can provide bus passes or transportation to clients that would like to attend meetings. Members did discuss making a clarification to one of the activities and the following motion was passed: (**M**: Barker, **S**: Stephenson) with 15 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions:

**APPROVE THE REVISED COMMITTEE WORK PLAN.**

**PLANNING &  
EVALUATION  
COMMITTEE &  
RPARC UPDATE**

Marilyn shared that the Planning and Evaluation Committee forwarded to the Care Council the Needs Assessment Anonymous Needs Survey Report. The Committee discussed that the state left housing out of its list of categories for clients to prioritize which will make it more difficult for our area to correctly place housing on our local priority list.

RPARC (Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee) did not meet in January.

**COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members shared fliers for National Black Awareness Day events and also discussed what events are being planned for National Women & Girls Awareness Day in March.

The Minority Advocacy Committee has made anti-stigma post cards for agencies to use at events. JaDawn shared one of the cards and stated that more were available for events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a. m.