



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE  
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA  
THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010  
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by JaDawn Wright, Chair at 9:37 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Cindy Brown, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Marylin Merida, Jana Richardson, Barbara Szelag, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright  
Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Bernadette Bass, Wendy Pearson, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson  
Guests Present: Liz Creech, Natalie Klinkenberger, Rachel Pennington  
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 May 27, 2010 were approved (**M:** Merida, **S:** Brown) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council approved the Resource Analysis and discussed the changes to ADAP.
- JULY 13<sup>th</sup> EVENT** Members began discussion of the July 13<sup>th</sup> event that is scheduled for 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in St. Petersburg. AB Specialty Pharmacy and Health Stat Pharmacy will be providing food and drinks for 75 people. The menu will be finger foods and the food will be set up in each of the three breakout rooms. Barbara stated that she still had gift cards left from the Mothers' Event to use as raffle prizes. JaDawn said that YES (Youth Education Services) will also have a raffle for youth to win t-shirts and backpacks. Members have been sharing fliers for the

event and they hope for a good community turn out. The speakers have also been confirmed.

**PLANNING &  
EVALUATION  
COMMITTEE &  
RPARC UPDATE**

Marilyn spoke about the changes to ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) and the ADAP waiting list. There is not enough money at the state level to support the current ADAP program and so therefore new clients are now being put on a waiting list and current ADAP clients will see a reduction in formulary in August. Locally we are planning to help clients apply to Prescription Assistance Programs (PAP) to get free medications directly from the drug companies. It was stated that the current system is changing and clients need to be informed that there are not as many services available as there used to be. Members discussed that there is a feeling of entitlement that some clients have because they have received extensive services for the several years. It was discussed at length that clients get very upset when they can not get financial assistance from their case manager and that some clients don't have basic skills and are not prepared to advocate for themselves. There was also the idea of speaking with each agency intake person to not promise or offer services like transportation or financial assistance which are very limited and have specific criteria because clients get upset when they hear about a service and then the case manager can not help them to get that service. The Committee discussed using their November event to speak with clients about the changes that are occurring and to empower them to meet their needs themselves.

**COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members shared information on National HIV testing events.

Members discussed the Needs Assessment Survey. The survey is scheduled to end on June 30<sup>th</sup> and staff encouraged members to push the survey especially in Hillsborough County where there is a lower response rate so far. It was suggested that in the future the survey have a little bullet list attached to point out what the importance of the survey is and to demonstrate to the client that their voice is heard. Members stated that clients get survey fatigue and that they feel like they are always giving feedback and then they don't see the results. Members would also like to see a sampling of the results posted or handed out everywhere that the survey was put out for clients to fill it out. Committee members will also see the results of the survey and share them with clients that they interact with.

Mary spoke about the July 16<sup>th</sup> undetectable event that will be held in Tampa. Mary said that there will be five or six invitations for each case management agency to give to their clients.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a. m.