



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by JaDawn Wright, Chair at 9:36 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Liz Creech, Patricia Cuero, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Zinzler Larry, Marilyn Merida, Wendy Pearson, Billy Quercia, Barbara Szelag, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright
Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Bernadette Bass, Cindy Brown, Harriet Ellington, Gloria Galston, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Ann Knott, Linda Stephenson
Guests Present: Melissa Dickson, Janet Kitchen, Vickie Lynn, Rachel Parks, Priya Rajkumar
Grantee Staff Present:
Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** A moment of silence for John Melartin was added to the agenda.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE** It was shared that John Melartin passed away. The group remembered John and praised his years of dedicated service to the Ryan White Care Council and its committees. There was a moment of silence observed in honor of John.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for May 26, 2011 were approved (**M:** Quercia, **S:** Szelag) with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council took nominations for the role of chair, vice-chair and parliamentarian. The Funding Stream Analysis, Minimum Standards of Care and service caps and limits were approved. There was also an allocation adjustment of Part B funds and three members were removed from Care Council membership. Our area has not received our Part A grant award notice and is hoping to receive the amount soon.

SUMMER EVENT

There will be a change in provider for Part D services and the Committee has chosen to use the summer event as a way to introduce the new case management provider, Metro Wellness & Community Centers. After discussion about whether to hold the event on a week night or weekend the group decided on Saturday, July 30th from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Metro's building in Ybor City, Tampa. Bus passes will be provided to clients to cover transportation and there will be food and games for kids. Metro plans to have all of their case managers in attendance so the clients will have a chance to meet them. Marilyn said that USF (University of South Florida) will be mailing out information to clients letting them know that Metro is the new provider and a flier for the event will be included. Patricia and Zinzler offered to contact all the clients in Tampa and give them information about the event. The theme for the event will be "Smooth Sailing" and it will have a nautical/beach theme. Metro will provide the food for the event and some members planned to contact local pharmacies to assist with door prizes for the clients and their children. Marilyn suggested that there be a panel of Part D representatives there to answer questions about the transition of providers and youth concerns. Barbara may also do a presentation of her thesis work on youth adherence. Billy suggested the there be color coded name tags for those at the event. He thought that maybe one color could be for committee members and one for the new Metro staff that is being introduced. Priya also stated that she planned to invite some of the staff and volunteers from the other youth focused programs at Metro, including "Young Minds" and "Closing the Gap".

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE

There was no report shared for RPARC (Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee). The Planning and Evaluation Committee has been discussing changing the way financial eligibility is verified for minors that would like to seek Ryan White services.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet shared that Positively U, Inc. is holding a support group over the phone through a free conference call service. She hopes that this will help with the transportation issues and stigma that many clients face. Positively U, Inc. also now has a website www.positivelyu.org.

Vicki shared information on the HER (Health Relationships – Extending the Reach) Study. She stated that it is a video telephone conference and there are incentives available to clients who are eligible to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a. m.