



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SUNCOAST HOSPICE – ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by JaDawn Wright, Chair at 9:40 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Wanda Barker, Bernadette Bass, Fitzroy Dillon, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Marilyn Merida, Wendy Pearson, Jana Richardson, Adella Screen, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright
Members Absent: Cindy Brown, Linda Stephenson, Barbara Szelag
Guests Present: Teresa Lohr, Belinda Maxwell, 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 February 25, 2010 were approved (**M:** Barker, **S:** Wright) with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** John shared information from the March Care Council meeting. He stated that our area will be getting new Part A & B project officers. There is also a new quality management provider.
- MOTHERS CELEBRATION** Members discussed the mothers' celebration set for Friday, May 7th. Liz Murray with Gilead will be the motivational speaker for the event and a location is yet to be identified. Adella is working on getting a singer for entertainment and JaDawn will be checking the availability of two different poets. The University of South Florida (USF) and Gilead will be providing lunch. Marilyn

will purchase CDs to be made into relaxation CDs. JaDawn and Harriet offered to help create the CDs and Ron Weston of AHF Pharmacy will be donating gift cards. Darlene & Carolyn will be looking into having students on hand for massages. Mary will talk about the importance of clients becoming a member of the WICY&F Committee. There also was an idea of allowing guests to discuss being mothers and Darlene suggested a game variation of this idea. After following up on assignments committee members are to e-mail staff or JaDawn by Friday, April 2nd so that a flier can be finalized for distribution.

REVIEW WORK PLAN

JaDawn began a discussion of the committee's work plan and if the committee is meeting all of its goals. Harriet shared that some of the community development is being done by members and just not shared at the meetings. Marilyn stated that she feels that persistence works and that repeated attempts to get women involved has shown to be successful in the past. She also feels that the committee needs to look at utilization and epidemiological data. Members plan to revisit these issues at the mothers' celebration.

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE

The needs assessment survey will be available starting in April and members were asked to encourage all clients to fill out the survey.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rural Issues Committee will be holding a spring community event at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland on May 1st.

Theresa shared that the Women's Empowerment Program at Operation Par is now four days a week instead of three.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 11:14 p. m.