

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE  
THE HOSPICE OF THE FLORIDA SUNCOAST – ST. PETERSBURG  
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008  
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 2:00 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Lolita Emanuel-Brown, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Desmon Newton, Wendy Pearson, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, Ann White
- Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Dionne Kerr, Marilyn Merida, Linda Stephenson, Tina Van Doren Ruppell, Rita Winstead, Mona Wright
- Guests Present: Rick Harrington, John Melartin
- Grantee Staff Present:
- Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** The HIV in Older Adults topic was removed from the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The February meeting minutes were not approved due to a lack of quorum.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** At the Care Council meeting it was announced that our EMA (Eligible Metropolitan Area) received an increase of 3.6% in the Part A supplemental grant award. The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) also received an increase of \$12,000. In addition, the Care Council approved a new voting member.
- MOTHER OF THE YEAR EVENT** Lolita Emanuel Brown gave an update on the plans for the Mother of the Year event. The event will be held at the Greater Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Tampa on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Lolita is working on a flyer and once she has a speaker confirmed she will distribute to members. Music CD's are being made as favors for the event and Tibotec

Therapeutics is a possible source for lunch.

**EVENT SURVEY**

The committee discussed the types of questions that they would like to ask as part of the events survey. Members broke into small groups and came up with questions that focused on the event's location, speaker and possible barriers to attendance. Barbara will bring a draft of the survey to the April meeting. The idea of changing the name of the town hall was also discussed. Some members feel that it might water down the significance of the event while others feel that it might remove a barrier for client attendance.

**PLANNING &  
EVALUATION  
COMMITTEE &  
RPARC UPDATE**

The Resource Allocation & Recommendations Committee (RPARC) made recommendations to the Care Council on how to allocate the additional Part A supplemental grant award.

The Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Committee forwarded the Anonymous Needs Survey report to the Care Council for approval.

The Minority Advocacy Committee discussed funding recommendations for the MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) grant.

**COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John Melartin shared a concern that there are not enough reduced rate bus passes for clients in Pinellas and Hillsborough County.

It was stated that eligibility is still an issue and not all clients have gone through the process. Agencies are now starting to close cases on clients that have failed to complete the eligibility process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.