



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
HOSPICE – ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:40 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Mary F. Jones, Marylin Merida, Wendy Pearson, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, Ann White, Mona Wright
Members Absent: Harriet Ellington, Lolita Emanuel-Brown, Mabel Gonzalez, Darlene Smith, Linda Stephenson, Rita Winstead
Guests Present: Rick Harrington, Belinda Maxwell, John Melartin, JaDawn Wright
Grantee Staff Present: none
Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** Marylin requested that there be a discussion on research with regards to women of color.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for September 25, 2008 were approved with one addition (**M:** Barker, **S:** Wright) with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** There was no Care Council report given.
- RESEARCH REGARDING WOMEN OF COLOR** Marylin explained that Part D is looking at applying for a SPNS (Special Project of National Significance) grant that focuses on how to keep women of color in care. She asked those members that are case managers about how many female clients they have that are falling out of care and the circumstances surrounding it. Factors such as substance abuse, relationship status, youth and the age of infection were cited as contributing to women having episodic care.

WORK PLAN

The committee decided that they did not have enough time to review and add to the draft work plan. Members decided to table this item until the December meeting.

EVENT PREPARATION

Members decided to title the November 14th community event "One Love – Caring for yourself and your relationships". This event will be from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and will be for clients as well as the whole community. Members would also like to appeal to teens as well as adults. Members hope that there will be enough young adults present so that they can go through each of the three presentations with their peers. There will be three topics with thirty minute breakout presentations for each. One breakout topic will focus on relationships and condom use presented by David White. Barbara, Mary and Rick will talk about disclosure and dealing with stigma. The third presentation will hopefully be by Lynn Swain and focus on STD's (Sexually Transmitted Disease). Barbara offered to create the flyer for this event and e-mail a copy to everyone.

EVENTS SURVEY

Barbara collected thirteen more surveys from committee members. She also passed out a summary of the results from the surveys that she had already received.

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE

There were no other committee updates shared.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The committee decided to move their December meeting due to the Christmas holiday. They plan to meet on Tuesday, December 9th at Spring Oaks in Tampa from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm to complete their committee work plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.