



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE  
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009  
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by JaDawn Wright, Chair.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Cindy Brown, Harriet Ellington, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Marilyn Merida, Wendy Pearson, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright  
Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Fitzroy Dillon, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Linda Stephenson  
Guests Present: John Melartin, Deborah Richards, Jana Richardson, Adella Screen  
Grantee Staff Present:  
Health Council Staff Present:
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** A discussion on National Women & Girls HIV Awareness Day was added to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for September 24, 2009 were approved as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council held a members' retreat in October. There was also a short business meeting to approve Part A reallocations.
- NOVEMBER EVENT** The November event is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the North Tampa Branch Library. There will be three breakout discussions during the event led by Darlene, Mary and Barbara. Members would like to focus on people that have been recently diagnosed with HIV. The topics for discussion are transformation, thanksgiving and having a viral load that is undetectable. Marilyn volunteered to do the introduction and welcome for the event. Food will be sponsored

by the University of South Florida and will be provided by First Class Catering. Mary is working with Janet Kitchen for gift cards and Cindy is working with the AIDS Nursing Association for door prizes. All members agreed to personally invite members of the community to the event and Deborah confirmed that women from Mercy House will attend. Yamilette and Deborah will be coordinating decorations and Barbara plans to create the event flyer and program.

**NATIONAL WOMEN  
& GIRLS HIV  
AWARENESS DAY**

Marylin shared information on a grant proposal to plan an event or activity for National Women & Girls HIV Awareness day. Staff will e-mail the committee the grant application and members will then have the opportunity to review the grant criteria and email back their preferred activity. National Women & Girls HIV Awareness day is held in March and the grant is due on November 11th.

**PLANNING &  
EVALUATION  
COMMITTEE &  
RPARC UPDATE**

Marylin gave an update on the Planning and Evaluation Committee. There was a lengthy discussion on transportation issues. It was stated that clients are waiting all day to be picked up for their appointments.

**COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mary shared that she attended the Care Council leadership training. She said it was a great training that focused on personality characteristic profiles with an emphasis on communication styles.

Members shared information on World AIDS Day events.

There was also a concern raised as to why there is no one representing the Grantee's office at the WICY&F meetings. John volunteered to contact Aubrey Arnold about the issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned.