



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:38 p.m.
ATTENDANCE	<p><u>Members Present:</u> Wanda Barker, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Mabel Gonzalez, Marilyn Merida, Desmon Newton, Wendy Pearson, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, Mona Wright</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> Cindy Brown, Lolita Emanuel-Brown, Mary F. Jones, Linda Stephenson, Ann White, Rita Winstead</p> <p><u>Guests Present:</u> Cecillia Carothers, John Melartin, JaDawn Wright</p> <p><u>Grantee Staff Present:</u> none</p> <p><u>Health Council Staff Present:</u> Nicole Brown</p>
CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA	None.
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	The minutes for June 26, 2008 were approved (M: Merida, S: Eke-Peart) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
CARE COUNCIL REPORT	The Care Council approved Laureen Husband as a new voting member as well as allocations for Part A carryover funds. The Funding Stream Analysis and the Demographics and Epidemiology Report, with additional information to follow, were also approved.
ELECTIONS/ MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION	Barbara Szelag was elected chair and Marilyn Merida was elected co-chair by consensus. Members decided to not change the meeting date, time and location.

WORK PLAN

Members reviewed the proposed work plan. Barbara read the Care Council's current goals and objectives to the committee and asked members which goals they would like their work plan to focus on. A larger discussion of the work plan was tabled until the next meeting when members will have had a chance to more fully review the goals and objectives.

EVENT PREPARATION

Members discussed ideas for the event to be held on November 14th at the Hospice in St. Petersburg. Topic ideas suggested were transportation, HIV status disclosure, the down low, sex negotiation, female condoms, STDs, HIV and STD statistics and testing. After discussion, members decided to change up the format of the November event. The event will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and will be less formal than the town hall has been in the past. Members discussed having multiple topics and allowing people to talk in small break out groups. The event will be for the entire community and members hope that it can be widely publicized. Carolyn, Mona and Wendy will be the lead planners for this event. Members were asked to send ideas for the event to Barbara.

EVENTS SURVEY

Only one member had completed event surveys. Barbara passed around copies of the survey and asked members to get their clients to fill them out. Even if this data is not available for the November event the committee discussed using the information for all future event planning.

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE

Marylin stated that the Planning and Evaluation Committee forwarded to the Care Council the Executive Summary for approval. She also stated that the Resource Prioritization & Allocation Recommendations Committee (RPARC) made recommendations for funding reallocations.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the state plans to increase the eligibility income to 400% of the federal poverty level and to remove any limit on assets.

There will be a perinatal task force meeting at the Hillsborough County Health Department on October 23rd.

John shared that the Client Services Committee is finalizing a brochure for people that are newly diagnosed with HIV.

Barbara encouraged members and their clients to register to vote by October 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.