



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
SUNCOAST HOSPICE – ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:43 p.m.
ATTENDANCE	<p><u>Members Present:</u> Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Fitzroy Dillon, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Harriet Ellington, Coralie Gatewood, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Wendy Pearson, Darlene Smith, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson, Barbara Szelag, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> Marilyn Merida</p> <p><u>Guests Present:</u> Bernadette Bass, Rick Harrington, Mac McDougale, John Melartin, Jana Richardson, Yamilette Rivera, Adella Screen</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 August 27, 2009 were approved (M: Barker, S: Jones) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
CARE COUNCIL REPORT	The Care Council approved MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) funding allocations and the minimum standards of care for peer support services. Two new members were also approved along with a bylaw change.
ELECTIONS/ MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION	JaDawn Wright was elected chair and Mary Jones was elected co-chair by consensus. Members decided to change the meeting time to 9:30 am – 11:00 am but keep the date and locations the same.

WORK PLAN

Members reviewed the proposed work plan. It was discussed to add extra community events to the committee work plan but it was decided to leave them as potentials for the upcoming year but not planned events. The following motion passed (**M**: Brown, **S**: Stephenson) with 14 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions:

APPROVE THE 2009-10 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AS WRITTEN.

NOVEMBER EVENT

Members discussed the November event. Mary shared information that the planning sub-group has come up with. A venue has not been decided for the event, but it will be in Hillsborough County. Barbara shared a draft save the date post card for the event. Mary suggested that if everyone personally invited ten people then there would likely be a great turn-out. The idea of having a panel to answer questions was discussed. Barbara plans to ask Don Kurtyka to answer questions for adults and either Cindy or Wanda can be on the panel to answer questions for infants and adolescents. They would also like to have people write down the questions and then have a moderator ask them in case someone is embarrassed. Another idea was to potentially have testing done at this event for family and friends of the clients that attend.

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE

There was no update given from the Planning and Evaluation Committee or the Resource Prioritization & Allocation Recommendations Committee (RPARC).

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanda shared that it is alarming to her that women still do not know that with care HIV positive women can have healthy babies. She spoke of a couple of incidents where women have called clinics for abortions because they were concerned that their babies would be born with HIV.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.