



**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
METRO WELLNESS & COMMUNITY CENTER – TAMPA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mary Jones, Co-Chair at 9:43 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Cindy Brown, Liz Creech, Carolyn Eke-Peart Mary F. Jones, Janet Kitchen, Marilyn Merida, Rachel Parks, Wendy Pearson, Billy Quercia, Linda Stephenson, Barbara Szelag
Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Bernadette Bass, Patricia Cuero, Mabel Gonzalez, Zinzler Larry, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright
Guests Present: Kirsty Grant, Melvis Montserrat, Tara Ochoa
Grantee Staff Present:
Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** There were no changes or additions to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for July 28th and August 25th were approved as written (**M:** Kitchen, **S:** Quercia). There were 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** It was announced that David Hasiba passed away. The Grantee shared that our area received our final grant award and it was only \$51,000 less then our award last year. Our area is also receiving carryover funds for MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative). In addition the mileage rate for PLWH (Person Living with HIV) has increased to 44.5 cents.
- ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR** JaDawn Wright was reelected chair and Mary F. Jones was reelected co-chair of the committee by acclamation.
- MEETING DATE/TIME/** Members decided to keep the meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:30 am to 11:00 am alternating between Metro

LOCATION Wellness & Community Centers in Tampa and Suncoast Hospice in St. Petersburg.

WORK PLAN The group reviewed the proposed 2011 - 2012 work plan. After discussion the following motion passed (**M**: Quercia, **S**: Creech) with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions:

APPROVE THE 2011-12 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AS WRITTEN.

NOVEMBER EVENT The November event will be held on Wednesday, November 9th at the Suncoast Hospice from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The theme for the event is going to be myth busters. The group discussed several different myths that are circulating currently in the community including party packs, Pharm or Skittle Parties and Key parties. Barbara will make a save the date card and flier for the event.

Wendy stated that there is a stigma now with going to the Suncoast Hospice because ASAP (AIDS Service Association of Pinellas) is located there. She suggested looking into holding a community event at the YMCA in the future.

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE There was no RPARC (Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee) or Planning and Evaluation Committee updates shared.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Care Council is currently working to recruit some more black members and female clients.

ADJOURNMENT There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a. m.