

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE  
ASAP – ST. PETERSBURG  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007  
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:49 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**
- Members Present: Cindy Brown, Harriet Ellington, Lolita Emanuel-Brown, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary F. Jones, Dionne Kerr, Marylin Merida, Desmon Newton, Wendy Pearson, Barbara Szelag, Mona Wright
- Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Janet Kitchen, Ann Sherman-White, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson, Tina Van Doren Ruppell, Rita Winstead
- Guests Present: Waydia Hughes, Hilda Leon, Wendell Martin, Lisa Obando
- Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
- Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** No changes were made to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The September meeting minutes were approved as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Wendell Martin gave the Care Council report. He said that members held their annual half-day retreat and had a special meeting to review funding allocations for the FY 2008 budget. The Part A allocations approved will eliminate the funding for transportation in Pinellas, housing assistance, legal services and acupuncture.
- PART B ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** Aubrey Arnold shared information and answered questions about the Part B eligibility requirements set by the state. He said that these eligibility requirements are mandated by the state of Florida and will have to be done for anyone receiving services

in the TSA (total service area). There are four full time eligibility specialists and case managers in the rural counties who can help clients go through the eligibility process. At the end of the contract year in February, clients will have to have their eligibility determined before they can receive services. Members asked if there is a central list of who has received eligibility and Aubrey said that there is not and privacy laws prevent one from being created.

**NOVEMBER TOWN HALL**

The town hall on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm will be held at the St. Joseph's Hospital medical arts building. Marilyn Merida said that she confirmed Helen Ali as the speaker on domestic violence for the first half and then there will be a health fair for the second part of the event. Mary Frances Jones asked that members show up at 10:00am to help with set up and plan to stay until 2:00pm to help with clean up. Marilyn and Barbara Szlag have lined up Positive Healthcare to provide food and Barbara is currently working on the flyer. Several groups were named as agreeing to set up a table for the health fair portion of the event. Members hope for a good turn out because the location is on a bus line. Mary will be contacting a pharmacy to ask if they would provide a couple of gift cards for door prizes. She also asked that if any other agencies could provide a gift card as well it would be appreciated.

**REVIEW OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA**

Barbara stated that she reviewed the current Epidemiological and Demographics Report produced for the Care Council. She shared with the group a couple of statistics that affected women. She would like to see specific data runs done on women, infants and children in our area. She plans to make a list of information she would like and will forward it to staff to request from the state of Florida.

**PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE**

No report was given from the Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Committee or from RPARC (Resource Prioritization & Allocation Recommendations Committee).

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hilda Leon shared a map that indicated the number of infants born with HIV in Florida over the last three years. She said that there are increased numbers of cases in the last year or two due to mandatory testing for women as part of prenatal care or rapid testing at the hospital.

Members decided to cancel their December meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.