

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:40 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**
- Members Present: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Harriet Ellington, Mary F. Jones, Ann Sherman-White, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson, Barbara Szelag, Tina Van Doren Ruppell, Rita Winstead, Mona Wright
- Members Absent: Carolyn Eke-Peart, Mabel Gonzalez, Marilyn Merida, Lisa Sampson, Shanita West
- Guests Present: Janet Kitchen, Belinda Maxwell, Desmon Newton, Wendy Pearson, Bob Reynolds, Vernon Williams
- Grantee Staff Present: Valetta Rhinehart
- Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** Item VII. Mother of the Year Community Event was moved up to item V.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The March meeting minutes were approved as written.
- MOTHER OF THE YEAR COMMUNITY EVENT** Ann Sherman-White gave an update on the planning for the Mother of the Year event. The event is going to be held at the McCabe United Methodist Church and not at the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast as originally thought. Ann said that she would let the Hospice receptionist know the new location in case someone shows up there instead. The program will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm with set up at 10:30am. The University of South Florida (USF) is sponsoring an Italian themed lunch for fifty people. Some members of the committee thought that food might be short if planning for only fifty people. Barbara Szelag offered to see if USF could provide any additional food and Mary F. Jones offered to contact a couple of pharmaceutical representatives for money to get more food.

The topic of gifts and raffles was discussed. The group decided that they would like to have a single flower and a bookmark with a poem on it for each mother that attends. Tina Van Doren Ruppell offered to make the bookmarks and Ann will contact a flower shop to donate the flowers.

Ann is in the process of finishing the agenda for the event and Marilyn Merida will contact the speaker to see if she has any audio/visual needs.

Harriet Ellington offered to make a gift basket for the guest speaker Jeanne White Ginder. While Ms. Ginder is being compensated for speaking the committee thought it would be a nice thank you. A collection was taken at the meeting to cover the cost of the basket.

**CARE COUNCIL
REPORT**

Barbara said that there was a member's retreat in April instead of a Care Council meeting.

**CO-CHAIR
ELECTION**

Barbara nominated Marilyn Merida to be the new co-chair of the WICY&F Committee. While Marilyn was unable to be at the meeting Barbara said that she had spoken with her and Marilyn said she would be willing to serve. No other nominations were put forward and the following motion was passed: (M: Ellington S: Jones, 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 04/07 - 01

THAT MARYLIN MERIDA BE ELECTED THE CO-CHAIR OF THE WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE.

**WICY&F
STANDARDS OF
CARE**

Barbara said that the work group of the WICY&F committee had planned to meet and work on standards of care but had not done so. They hope to get together before the June meeting.

**PLANNING &
EVALUATION
COMMITTEE &
RPARC UPDATE**

Bob Reynolds gave an update on the Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Committee and the Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendation Committee (RPARC) meetings. He said that the P&E committee reviewed the comprehensive goal change suggestion and decided to forward it on to the Care Council in May. RPARC decided to recommend to the Care Council that \$155,000 be allocated to case management in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. They intend for this money to be used to provide for eligibility specialist and additional case managers. They hope that there will be carryover funds to support most of this allocation but may have to take some money from support services. This issue will be before the Care Council in May.

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the bylaw revision and comprehensive goal change that was proposed by the WICY&F committee have passed their respective committees and will be forwarded onto the Care Council in May.

Bob shared that the Care Council is currently recruiting members. The council is especially in need of people living with HIV and representatives of the Hispanic community. He also shared that this year there are two new mandated seats, one for someone with Hepatitis C co-infection and one for a Native American member.

Linda Stephenson announced that the Children's AIDS Foundation will be holding its annual fundraiser on May 5th. The Kentucky Derby Day will be held in St. Petersburg and is a \$25.00 donation to attend. There will be food and drink provided. For more information go to www.childrensAIDSfoundation.com.

Linda also mentioned that USF has hired a new social worker for adolescents named Tony Lee.

Staff announced that the anonymous needs survey for people with HIV/AIDS is now available. It can be completed online at www.thecarecouncil.org or paper copies are available in English, Spanish and Creole. All members were encouraged to take surveys back to their agency or support group.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.