

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES – ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, JULY 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 1:52 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Wanda Barker, Carolyn Eke-Peart , Mary F. Jones, Marylin Merida, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, Tina Van Doren Ruppell, Rita Winstead
- Members Absent: Cindy Brown, Harriet Ellington, Mabel Gonzalez, Janet Kitchen, Ann Sherman-White, Linda Stephenson, Mona Wright
- Guests Present: Dionne Kerr, John Melartin, Desmon Newton
- Grantee Staff Present:
- Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Tristan Tarantino
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** The Care Council report was moved ahead of the adoption of minutes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** The Care Council elected Wendell Martin as the new Chair and Carla Baity as the new Vice Chair. The Council also approved some reallocations of funding and announced that they are still waiting on the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding to be awarded. There were changes to the nutritional supplement minimum standards of care and new members were approved for a three year term starting in September.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The June meeting minutes were approved as written.
- WICY&F STANDARDS OF CARE** Some members of the Committee met twice as a workgroup to develop minimum standards of care for women, infant, children and youth. These standards are in addition to the current minimum standards of care for ambulatory/outpatient medical care. The following motion was passed: (M: Merida S: Van Doren Ruppell, 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

MOTION 07/07 - 01

THAT THE DRAFT MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE PROPOSED FOR WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN AND YOUTH BE SENT TO THE HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND THEN FORWARDED TO THE PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

Members also discussed creating case management standards of care for women, infant, children, youth and families. The committee decided to set up a work group meeting to discuss further.

NOVEMBER TOWN HALL

The next town hall meeting will be held November 2nd in Tampa. Members discussed having a Hispanic focus to the event as was done in November of 2006. Mary Jones and Marylin Merida offered to contact Ramon Baez and Armando Maldonado to see if they would be willing to help plan a Hispanic themed event.

PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE & RPARC UPDATE

Marylin gave an update on the Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee (RPARC). She said that allocations of new Part B money were made and it was recommended that the provider in Polk County receive an increase in funds because they have not had an increase in many years.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The committee reviewed its committee member list and moved Shanita West and Lisa Sampson to guests.

Marylin announced that the first proposed increase in six years to Part D funding is on the House of Representatives and Senate floor.

John Melartin announced that Representative Kathy Castor will be at Johnny Ruth Clark on August 17th to have one on one talks with her constituents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.