

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE
SPRING OAKS – TAMPA
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2006
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Lisa Sampson, at 1:45 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Harriet Ellington, Mabel Gonzalez, Cynthia Moore, Lisa Sampson
Members Absent: Cindy Brown, Arlene DeMull, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Mary F. Jones, Charlene Larry, Marilyn Merida, Dr. Jeanette Reid, Pattye Sawyer, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson, Daniel Swain, Barbara Szelag, Tena Thomas, Ann White
Guests Present: Lolita Emanuel-Brown, Belinda Maxwell, Debra Thrower
Grantee Staff Present: Valetta Rhinehart
Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** There was no quorum present to approve the minutes from June 22nd. The members present approved the minutes and an e-mail will be sent out to remaining members to request approval. E-mail approval was achieved August 18th.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** In a brief Care Council report it was stated that a draft medication formulary and a medication contract alignment were approved. In addition the Council approved a \$100,000 reallocation to the Ryan White Information System (RWIS) and will re-bid a portion of the MAI funding. Two bylaw revisions and a new member slate of four returning and ten new members were also approved. Dave Konnerth was elected as the new Care Council Vice-Chair.
- JULY TOWN HALL** Lisa Sampson started the discussion on why the July town hall was cancelled. She feels that putting on the Mother of the Year event took resources away from planning the town hall. She stated that the committee should focus on what they have committed to do in their work plan. Lisa also suggested that

the committee return to meeting every month.

MAI STUDY RESULTS

Members present reviewed the MAI study. They decided to table a discussion until Marylin Merida is present because she was the member that requested the committee review the data.

PLANNING & EVALUATION UPDATE

Valetta Rhinehart attended the Planning & Evaluation committee meeting and shared a discussion on case management. Some providers voiced concerns about having open staff positions that were affecting their ability to deliver services. She said that an idea of lowering the eligibility requirements for becoming a case manager was discussed.

RPARC UPDATE

No committee member present attended the RPARC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – NOVEMBER TOWN HALL

The committee decided to start planning for the November town hall. They discussed holding the town hall on Friday, November 10th from 11:00am to 1:00pm in honor of Hispanic Heritage Week. They would like the presentation to be bilingual and welcoming to Hispanic clients. Mabel Gonzalez offered to invite her pastor, Julio Travieso to be the speaker. Aubrey Arnold, Mark Mischan and Gilda Roman-Nay-Torres will also be invited to be the panelists. Mabel will send a letter asking for donated food to Valencia Gardens and La Tenesita Restaurant. She will also put together a bilingual flyer with English on one side and Spanish on the other. Valetta Rhinehart will check into using the University Community Center and Mabel will look into the availability of her church, First Hispanic Presbyterian Church.

The committee will ask Ailsa Rodriguez, Andrew Maldonado and Gustavo Bardelli to help translate and Barbara Szelag to write the minutes and newsletter. They will also ask Felix Spann to do registrations and Vivian Candelaria to give an update on HOPWA. They also hope that Mercy House will be able to provide transportation for some clients and that YES will help with childcare.

During the planning discussion Lisa Sampson suggested that the committee get away from giving door prizes. She said they are a nice touch but it is often hard to get items.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Sampson and Harriet Ellington announced that they are starting a new support group on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 10:00am to noon. The group will be made up

of women 25 or older and the discussion will be about life beyond HIV.

Committee members voiced concerns that there is not a lot of client involvement with the general committee meetings. It was shared that clients don't want to attend when the meetings are not interesting for them. One idea to make clients feel more welcome was to list common acronyms on a flip chart.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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