

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE  
FRANCIS HOUSE – TAMPA  
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007  
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:55 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE**
- Members Present: Wanda Barker, Harriet Ellington, Mary F. Jones, Janet Kitchen, Marilyn Merida, Barbara Szelag, Tina Van Doren Ruppell, Rita Winstead, Mona Wright
- Members Absent: Cindy Brown, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Mabel Gonzalez, Lisa Sampson, Ann Sherman-White, Felix Spann, Linda Stephenson, Shanita West
- Guests Present: Lolita Emanuel-Brown, John Melartin, Wendy Pearson
- Grantee Staff Present: Valetta Rhinehart
- Health Council Staff Present: Nicole Brown, Tristan Tarantino
- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The April meeting minutes were approved as written.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT**
- The Care Council meeting was held in Brooksville in an effort to reach out to one of the rural communities in our service area. There was a motion to raise the mileage reimbursement rate for persons living with HIV (PLWH) to the Government Service Administration Standard. This motion was sent back to the Client Services Committee because Hillsborough County will not pay a higher rate than the current county rate. There was also discussion of including committee members that are PLWH in the travel reimbursement policy. Currently the policy only applies to Care Council members.
- The Care Council approved changes to the bylaws and the comprehensive goal four as requested by the WICY&F

Committee. There will also be elections for Chair and Vice Chair at the July Care Council meeting.

**WICY&F  
STANDARDS OF  
CARE**

A goal of the WICY&F Committee work plan is to make recommendations for women, infant, children and youth standards of care. A work group has been formed to look at these issues and plans to meet on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at the USF Center on Davis Islands. Marylin Merida shared some clinical measures and other information from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the work group to review. It was clarified that the WICY&F Committee can not make changes for everyone but could suggest additional measures for women. The committee asked staff to provide them with the current approved standards of care. Once a draft set of WICY&F standards are created the committee would like to forward them to the Health Services Advisory Committee and then to the Planning and Evaluation Committee. The work group plans to focus on the standards for primary care first and then case management.

**MOTHER OF THE  
YEAR COMMUNITY  
EVENT WRAP UP**

Members discussed the Mother of the Year Community Event. Everyone agreed that it was a very good event and was well attended. The committee gave special thanks to Ann Sherman-White, Carolyn Eke-Peart and the rest of the staff of the AIDS Services Association of Pinellas (ASAP) for coordinating the event. The committee also thanked Marylin for asking Jeannie White-Ginder to present. Members felt that she really touched all of the clients and guests that attended.

Members discussed doing another Hispanic town hall in November in the hope of getting more clients to attend. It was suggested that members work with the Minority Advocacy Committee (MAC) in promoting the event. Metro in Tampa was suggested as the location and the "My Voice" magazine published through Metro was shared as a way to publicize the event.

**PLANNING &  
EVALUATION  
COMMITTEE &  
RPARC UPDATE**

Marylin and John Melartin gave an update on the Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Committee and the Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendation Committee (RPARC) meetings. They shared some of the new core service definitions that were provided by HRSA. They also spoke about the new eligibility requirements and how the requirements are affecting case management services. Marylin suggested that Aubrey Arnold be invited to the next WICY&F meeting to discuss how Part D clients will be integrated into services and how their eligibility will be done.

**COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janet Kitchen announced that Metro will be holding a social for positive singles that are 21 and over.

Metro in Tampa is also offering free basic computer classes starting in July.

Janet also stated that there is a support group for positive women that meets at Francis House every Friday.

Lolita Emanuel-Brown stated that Spring Oaks would like to start a small pantry mostly of toiletries but also some non-perishable food. She asked that if anyone had contacts with pantries at local churches to please let her know.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.