

**RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE
THE HOSPICE OF THE FLORIDA SUNCOAST – ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2006
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Szelag, Chair at 1:37 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Harriet Ellington, Mary F. Jones, Marylin Merida, Lisa Sampson, Felix Spann, Barbara Szelag, Ann White, Mona Wright
- Members Absent: Wanda Barker, Cindy Brown, Carolyn Eke-Peart, Mabel Gonzalez, Dr. Jeanette Reid, Linda Stephenson, Shanita West
- Guests Present: Cindy Boyd, Crystal Brown, Tomasa Cavero, Tanisha Chevannes, Claretha Fields, Mary Flowers-Johnson, Veronica Jones, Wendell Martin, Wendy Pearson, Shekita Quarterman, Lafawn Richardson, Tamara Starling
- Grantee Staff Present:
- 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 September 26, 2006. 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 November 7th.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Barbara Szelag gave the Care Council report. She said that it was the annual members retreat and there was a short business meeting following. David Konnerth was named the new chair because of Mark Mischan's resignation and Wendell Martin was elected vice chair.

NOVEMBER TOWN HALL

Lisa Sampson shared what a town hall meeting is and that the next one will be held on November 17th from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the American Legion Park in Tampa. This town hall will be focused on Hispanic clients and there will be translators present so that everyone will be able to understand the guest speaker. Mary Frances Jones announced that she had solicited someone to provide a Hispanic themed lunch. Lisa also said that Mabel Gonzalez recruited a provider of desserts. The committee also collected items for door prizes including a VCR and awareness bracelets. Flyers for the event were shared.

MAI STUDY RESULTS

Marilyn Merida shared information about the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) study results. She feels that there is information in these study results that may help the group set goals for the committee's work plan. Marilyn will try to get the proper section of the MAI study from RNT & Associates before the next meeting.

PLANNING & EVALUATION UPDATE

Marilyn Merida gave an update on the Planning and Evaluation Committee. She said that the Resources Analysis, which is a listing of all HIV/AIDS providers by county and service, was reviewed but not approved because there was not a quorum present.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann White shared with guests how important it is to be involved in the Ryan White planning process. The Needs Assessment, the Care Council and focus groups were explained. It was emphasized that input from clients is essential and that women need to be an advocate for services.

Mary Frances Jones asked clients in attendance if they had been asked to fill out a housing survey. She said that she would help members of the committee get in contact with the housing study organizers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come to the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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