



**WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
METRO WELLNESS & COMMUNITY CENTER – TAMPA
March 17, 2014
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Tonicia Freeman-Foster, Chair, at 11:11 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Brittany Frederick, Tonicia Freeman-Foster, Lomia Irby, Guttenberg Pierre
Members Absent: Mac McDougle
Guests Present: Cristian Chandler
Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
Lead Agency Staff Present:
Health Councils Staff Present: Ashley Richards, Lisa Nugent
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** Cristian Chandler was added as a voting member of the committee. No other changes were made to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes were approved with this change (**M:** Irby **S:** Frederick).
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Lomia Irby gave Care Council report for the meeting held on March 5, 2014 at the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. President Obama’s proposed budget for FY 2015 keeps Ryan White funding level and condenses Part C and Part D together. Part D takes care of children and youth and both Part C and Part D were surprised by the proposed change. All Part A contracts have gone to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and Part A has received a partial award from HRSA. The Comprehensive Plan due date was changed by HRSA to September 2016 and HRSA and CDC



are working together to better coordinate planning efforts.

Lisa Cohen is retiring at the end of March and Shelley will take over her position. Part B is performing contract monitoring and sent a spending plan to DOH for approval.

Lisa Nugent and Ashley reported that the Facebook page is doing well and encouraged members to like the page and like the posts in order to grow membership.

Care Council business included two new member approvals and committee updates from all committees.

Local ASO agencies are focusing on enrolling their clients in ACA plans. Many clients at Metro have been successfully enrolled although there have been some issues with making payments for the plans.

Marty Clemmons as a representative for Quality Management reported that transition to Careware is going smoothly although Careware and RWIS both track important information differently.

The attendance of Care Council and committee members was reviewed by the Chair and Staff. Charles Key and Jackson Youmas were both recommended to have some follow-up based on their attendance.

Aubrey Arnold reported that they RWCC will now be using the same application forms as the BOCC instead of their own unique application forms. Criminal background would be run through the county attorney's office and they would decide if there was an issue. This information would be self-reported by applicants. There were concerns surrounding the relevance of some of the questions on the BOCC forms. Some of these questions may need to be omitted so as to not deter future applicants.

The BOCC form may also need to include an additional space for applicants to check "Transgender" or "Other" to allow for more inclusive gender categories.

The membership retreat will be held May 7th after a brief Care Council Meeting. Mary Ellen Ferris, who is the county attorney, has agreed to

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come and do a talk on the Sunshine Laws and how technology could be utilized to recruit new members and involve more potential members from outlying counties.

Tonica and Brittany also agreed to prepare a presentation using the Community Leadership Handbook for the retreat in November.

Staff informed the committee that some Facebook has been utilized to advertise for the Care Council and its committee's more and has been successful in gaining a lot more followers on Facebook. This increases the reach of the Care Council and allows information to be distributed to a wider audience.

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Committee members will continue to explore local newspapers such as La Gaceta for more focused advertising options as well as looking into conducting a membership drive and offer incentives for current members to be involved in recruitment.

Members would also like to see more participation from committee and Care Council members at local events. Participation could also serve as a means to recruit members as well.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

No community concerns were presented at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Membership Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:39 pm.