



**WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL
PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE
SUNCOAST HOSPICE, CLEARWATER
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014
9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Planning and Evaluation Committee was called to order by Jim Roth, Chair at 9:32 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Ginny Boucher, Keith Boyd, Martin Clemmons, Jr., Barb Green, Kirsty Gutierrez, Marilyn Merida, Vicky Oliver, Jim Roth, Kristen Whitesell
- Members Absent: Joe Parramore
- Guests Present: Elizabeth Rugg, Joy Winheim
- Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold
- Lead Agency Staff Present: Demarcus Holden, Shelley Taylor-Donahue, Floyd Egner
- Health Councils Staff Present: Lisa Nugent
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** Marty Clemmons will give the Care Council report in Joe Parramore's absence.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for March 13, 2014 were approved (M: Clemmons, S: Oliver) with no changes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Marty Clemmons gave the report. The Care Council met on April 2, 2014 at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County. The Grantee discussed the grant year closeout and expects to have less than \$50,000 remaining, which would mean they have spent about 99% of the budget. The County has also had some personnel shifts and a new Department head has taken over. The Grantee continues the transition with CAREWare and billing.
- The Part B Lead Agency announced that they will be able to assist with the cost of marketplace plan costs and medications in the Insurance Services Program. Shelley asked for feedback from providers about how many people they expected would need this assistance. Shelley also announced

that Manatee County no longer has the Emerging Communities funding. This funding hasn't been fully expended for the past few years and its loss was expected.

Lisa Nugent and Ashely 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, waiver of the primary care notice in CAREWare requirement, expenditure reports, and committee updates from all committees.

Marty also announced that the Statewide Consumer Advisory Group (CAG) is recruiting new members from our area. More information on this will be sent via InfoShare. A representative from AHCA discussed the PAC Waiver.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT UPDATE

Members discussed recent happenings with the Affordable Care Act. Two clients at Metro Wellness had enrolled in the ACA and then found out their medications were going to be \$1000-\$2000. Their case managers were able to work with the client and call to get their plans changed to ones that were more affordable.

Locally, ten to fifteen clients have been enrolled in the state's model program for ACA enrollees. Most of the clients who were on the state's list no longer qualified (had employer coverage, etc.). The state is looking for another source of data for the next enrollment cycle to better identify clients who would qualify for the ACA. Other parts of the state had very similar results. The state is continuing to look at the ACA and ways to work with ADAP and Part A. Members discussed the need for consistency across Part A and Part B. At this time, Part B will be assisting with ACA plan premiums, co-pays, and deductibles and Part A is awaiting final word from HRSA but expects to be able to do the same. Case management agencies were asked to continue to note on the client's file if they qualify for ACA. The state's policy to assist clients on ACA is only in effect until December 31, 2014.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Staff gave the history of the Client Needs Assessment Survey which is conducted every three years and was last conducted in 2013. The last survey had a lower than expected response rate and while it met the HRSA requirements, the committee discussed if they wanted to attempt any other ways to get client input. Staff noted it would be difficult to get a large enough group together to get statistically significant results.

Members discussed the survey findings, which have not changed for many years and discussed tactics to get client input which have been tried over the years. Some noted that focus groups have been attempted with very poor attendance. Additional client input could be used in the grant application to enhance the information from the client survey. Grant

application work begins in August. Members discussed events such as Pride where many people would be gathered to get information from. The pros and cons of these were pointed out. Following the discussion, members agreed to add the development of a plan for focus groups onto the next meeting's agenda.

**REVIEW
MINIMUM
STANDARDS OF
CARE**

Members reviewed the Minimum Standards of Care and discussed changes that need to be made (ex: updates to language since Part A and Part B split). Due to time constraints, the Chair opted to table to rest of the discussion to next month.

**COMMUNITY
INPUT/
ANNOUNCE-
MENTS**

Announcements were made that will be shared via the Ryan White Information Share.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.