



WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (WICY&F) COMMITTEE
Metro Wellness and Community Centers – Tampa
THURSDAY, July 24, 2014
9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mary Jones, Committee member at 9:37 am
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Brandice Corriveau, Mabel Gonzalez, Mary Frances Jones, Janet Kitchen, Lourdes Llorens, Marilyn Merida, Wendy Pearson, Barbara Szlag, Ayakao Watkins, JaDawn Wright, Mona Wright
Members Absent:, Stephanie Lugo
Guests Present: Ryan Brenn, Guttenberg Pierre Jr., Alicia Silva, Lisa Washington
Grantee Staff Present:
Lead Agency Staff Present:
Health Council Staff Present: Ashley Richards
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** A section to discuss the Mother’s Day event focus group data as well as a section to review the HIV Care Continuum were both added after the P&E and RPARC reports.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for April 24, 2014 were unanimously approved (**M:** Merida, **S:** Corriveau)
One correction to the June WICY&F Committee will be made. There will be an addition to the committee work plan overview regarding the request of the HIV Treatment cascade and other data from the Grantee’s office.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Barbara Szlag gave a report of the Care Council meeting held on June 4, 2014 at the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. Aubrey Arnold announced that the Grantee’s office is working on procurement for the motion to be heard from RPARC. The Grantee will need scoring team members to



review funding applications in August.

Aubrey commented that they are working on the conditions of grant award including a carryover request of \$130,341.38.

The grantee's office moved to the 16th floor of the county center building located at 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. Tampa, FL.

The Part A grant application is expected and a conference call has been set by HRSA in August. Comments were received on the application from last year and the area scored a 92.

Part A, Part B and the Florida Department of Health-Hillsborough County Pharmacy held a workgroup about insurance, the AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on June 27, 2014 at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County (CBHC). Another meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2014 at CBHC.

Demarcus Holden announced that the Lead Agency filled their contract manager position and welcomed Rachel Jansen on board.

Demarcus discussed National Testing Day events and announced that all contracts and budgets have been prepared for the new year.

Marlene LaLota was announced as the new head of the HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Bureau at the Florida Department of Health. Megan Daily will now be the area 5,6,14 rep. The funds that remain after spending the emerging community's monies are being looked at by the Lead Agency to determine how they will be spent.

Lisa Nugent announced that the Health Councils has closed their annual contract year and that all members receiving mileage reimbursement were notified to submit their requests by July 1. Members are reminded to submit their requests ASAP after the end of the month. Late requests cannot always be accommodated.

Staff has been working on the Part A Annual Update for HRSA



and expects to be very busy once the new Part A grant is released later this summer. Staff has reviewed the recent Care Council support satisfaction report draft from the Quality Management consultant and noted that it will be shared once it is finalized.

Lisa and Ashley reminded the committee that they can be reached with questions or concerns.

The membership committee presented a motion to delay the use of AV technology during Care Council and committee meetings.

Aubrey read an email from Mary Ellen Farris regarding the legalities of this motion and rare circumstances when exceptions are made. Members discussed the motion and its merits including associated costs, meeting transparency, and allowing members who are ill to participate when they cannot physically attend a meeting. It was agreed that the Grantee would continue to work with the county attorney to research ways that other areas are using call-in technology. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

P&E/RPARC Report

P&E and RPARC Did not meet during the month of July.

MOTHER'S DAY EVENT DATA REVIEW

Barbara Szlag gave an overview of the data collected during the round table discussions during the WICY&F Mother's Day event held on May 9, 2014.

Most of the clients reported that they knew that Ryan White was a program that paid for their medical care.

Barriers to attending the meetings included transportation, child care, and knowing about the meeting times and locations.

When asked about what were their reasons to join WICY&F the overall consensus was so that their voices would be heard.

Clients reported that they would like to learn more and that they would like to be more involved.

They don't know the specifics about the process involved with Care Council but would like to learn more in general.



Committee members felt that it might help to encourage more clients to come by promoting a friendlier environment; this would include creating an environment at meetings where clients can learn more about living with HIV. This could include having presentations during the meetings about helping clients live well (information on housing access, food, transportation, Rx assistance etc).

There was a suggestion to encourage more family participation and in addition to having an annual Mother's Day event to also have a Father's Day Event as well as an event that is youth focused. In order to collect information from both sides of the bay, it was suggested that WICY&F hold the round table discussions again during the next event in St. Petersburg.

Committee members would also like for the information learned during the round table discussion to be presented during the Care Council meetings so that Care Council members are aware of the needs discovered by the WICY&F committee.

A guest/consumer at the meeting advised that it should be explain to clients that funding allocations count on their participation and they would be more likely to attend and participate.

On upcoming committee agendas a youth specific agenda item will be added to communicate to youth that their input is valuable and that their opinions are always wanted and needed. This will be an ongoing agenda item.

Preliminary discussions on the upcoming November WICY&F event followed. Suggestions included making the November event a two day youth focused event. Event would take place at two venues in both St. Pete and Tampa to encourage equal participation in both Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.



HIV Care Continuum

Marilyn Merida presented the HIV Care Continuum to the committee and discussed current trends and differences between Florida versus the United States. The Part D Treatment cascade will be presented at a later meeting.

COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

There were no concerns regarding the committee work plan at this time.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's AIDS Foundation will be having a fall fundraiser called ARTober. They are currently collecting art to be auctioned off. Proceeds will support the educational fund at CAF.

Positive Women's network Summit will be held in Ft. Walton Beach. For scholarship information, please contact Janet Kitchen.

August 17th is Stand Up to Stigma Day.

Pinellas Planning Partnership is hosting World Hepatitis Day Health Fair. There will be screening and testing.

Updates on Part C & Part D consolidation at the Federal level: At this time there will be no consolidation of the Part C and D programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.