WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL

**MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE**

**GOTOWEBINAR**

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020**

# 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Tonicia Freeman-Foster, Chair, at 11:09 AM. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Tonicia Freeman-Foster, Jeffrey Lluberes  Members Absent: None  Guests Present: Joel Carrier  Recipient Staff Present: None  Lead Agency Staff Present: None  Health Council Staff Present: Naomi Ardjomand-Kermani, Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda. |
| ADOPTION OF MINUTES | **The minutes from February 17, 2020 were approved (M: Freeman-Foster, S: Lluberes).** |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | The Care Council met on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 through GoTo Webinar and had quorum. Action items included the approval of the new Care Council Mission and Vision statements, the 2019 Care Continuum Report, and the 2019-2020 Epidemiology Report. The Resource Prioritization and Allocations Recommendations Committee also presented the Part A Expenditure Report as an informational item.  As part of the emergency declarations for the state of Florida related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Desantis has lifted the requirements for public meetings to have an in person quorum. All Care Council and committee meetings will be through GoTo Webinar until further notice. The next Care Council meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 through GoTo Webinar. |
| **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** | Staff presented on the current number and demographics of Care Council members. There are 18 members and 44% are PLWHA. The number of unaligned consumers is 28%. Recruitment should focus on attracting unaligned consumers as well as more men, individuals in the 20-29 and 60+ age ranges, and representatives from Manatee, Pinellas, and Hernando counties. There is one open HRSA mandated seat, which is State Medicaid Agency.  Members discussed new opportunities for recruitment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though it may be harder to reach people without being able to interact in person, having virtual meetings may allow more people to attend who otherwise may not have access. With so many people now working from home, many may be able to join who otherwise may not have been able to. Virtual meetings also make it easier for people from the outlying counties to attend.  Tonicia Freeman-Foster asked how long we expect meetings to be virtual. We don’t want to recruit people for virtual meetings only to have meetings go back to being in person within a few months. Staff stated that with so much unknown right now, we cannot be sure when we will start in person meetings again but it is not expected to be before August 1st. Smaller committee meetings may be phased back in sooner than Care Council meetings, in order to continue following social distancing guidelines of not gathering in groups larger than ten people. Even when in person meetings start up again, the program is looking to continue providing options for people to join in virtually. Staff will be having conversations with the Part A Recipient and the county attorney going forward to see what opportunities there may be in the future.  Tonicia brought up hosting an “open house” virtual meeting to get new people interested in the Care Council. The committee has discussed hosting an open house meeting before but the new virtual format gives new opportunities for people to join in. Tonicia stated that she will work on creating some messaging for the committee to promote an open house meeting. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUCEMENTS** | There were no further community concerns or announcements. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM. |