# WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**GOTO WEBINAR**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020**

**1:30 P.M. – 3:00P.M.**

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order at 1:38 PM by Kamaria Laffrey, Co-Chair. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Kamaria Laffrey, Shaquira Robinson, Christine Santos  Members Absent: Mike Alonso, Vincent Kaborycha, Antonio Miles  Guests Present: None  Recipient Staff Present: None  Lead Agency Staff Present: None  Health Councils Staff Present: Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda. |
| ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES | The Committee did not have quorum to vote on the minutes. |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | The Care Council met on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 through GoTo Webinar. There was one action item, which was the recommendation of a new member for voting membership.  Nolan Finn, Chair, announced that the Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) is in need of a new Patient Care Representative and Alternate. Nolan was nominated to continue to serve as Patient Care Representative and Paula Delgado was nominated to serve as alternate.  Part A Recipient, Aubrey Arnold, announced that the Part A program’s current project officer at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Michael Carrigan, has been promoted. We will be getting a new project officer soon. The Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2021-2022 was released in June and is due in October. Staff is currently working on a draft, which will be available for members to review before it is submitted to HRSA. Ending the HIV Epidemic funds have been allocated to Health Education and Risk Reduction with contracts starting in September. Aubrey also reminded everyone that the National Ryan White Conference would be held virtually the following week and encouraged everyone to attend.  Part B Lead Agency staff, Yashika Everhart, announced that the Pinellas Ending the HIV Epidemic planning group had another meeting in July focusing on community partners, including both large and small community organizations.  The Care Council took nominations for a new Vice Chair. Kim Molnar and Edward Myles were both nominated. The Care Council will have their Vice Chair Election at the September meeting.  The Planning and Evaluation Committee is continuing to revise the Minimum Standards of Care and will be presenting a final version at the September Care Council meeting.  The Resource Prioritization and Allocations Recommendations Committee will be reviewing financial reports at their next meeting.  The Women, Infants, Children, Youth, and Families Committee is hosting a virtual even on September 24th at 3:15 PM on Zoom. A flyer will be released soon.  The next Care Council meeting will be on September 2, 2020 through GoTo Webinar. |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Kamaria Laffrey, Co-Chair, noted that it was the first week back to school for students and said she was keeping teachers, students, and parents of school-age kids in her thoughts. Shaquira Robinson shared that she has been inspired by all of the small acts of kindness among her peers as we move through these difficult circumstances. |
| **CLIENT/ COMMUNITY INPUT** | Kamaria let members know that the Florida Department of Health (DOH) has finally officially endorsed the U=U campaign, signifying that undetectable means untransmissable. Kamaria is participating in a taskforce working with DOH to develop U=U messaging. Kamaria will bring further updates to the committee  Members discussed how metrics related to race and equity are tracked within the Ryan White program. The committee discussed reviewing the local epidemiology data when making updates to the committee’s work plan to get a better understanding of the demographics of our local epidemic. Members discussed putting more action items in the work plan to make sure the committee is reaching out to the community members reflected in these demographics. Members also discussed producing a short, one-page report that monitors metrics related to race and ethnicity. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Shaquira made announcements about several upcoming events. On September 26th, EPIC is hosting a drive through HIV testing event at their St. Pete campus. On September 30th, Metro Inclusive Health is hosting a virtual job fair. Zero Pinellas is planning a virtual panel of Black people who identify as LGBTQ+ in December. Shaquira stated that they are currently looking for panelists. More information will be available soon.  Christine Santos shared that Aunt Bertha is a resource website for community services. The website covers a range of services such as foodbanks, housing services, etc. and includes a number of services for people with HIV. |
| ADJOURNMENT | There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM. |