# WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**GOTO WEBINAR**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Vincent Kaborycha, Chair. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Vincent Kaborycha, Kamaria Laffrey, Hope Sharon Proell, Christine SantosMembers Absent: Mike Alonso, Antonio Miles, Shaquira RobinsonGuests Present: NoneRecipient Staff Present: NoneLead Agency Staff Present: NoneHealth Councils Staff Present: Naomi Ardjomand-Kermani, Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda.  |
| ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES | **The minutes for June 25, 2020 and August 27, 2020 were approved (M: Kaborycha, S: Laffrey.)** |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | Staff reported that the Care Council met on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, on GoToWebinar. The Care Council plans to continue meeting virtually through the month of September. The governor’s order suspending public meeting requirements is set to expire on October 1st. It is uncertain whether or not it will be renewed.The Part A Recipient, Aubrey Arnold, reported that we are now under a new project officer, Lt. Commander Lawrence Momodu. Recipient, Aubrey went on to announce that the area will be receiving between $180,000 - $220,000 in additional COVID-19 funds and has already surveyed existing providers to determine the distribution of funds. Arnold informed Care Council members that the writing process for the FY 21-22 Part A grant application is underway and draft will be available for any Care Council members to review. Lead Agency staff, Yashika Everhart, began the report with an announcement that digital monitoring will begin soon for Part B providers. Darius Lightsey reported that the final Pinellas EtHE planning meeting will be on September 17, 2020 on Zoom.The Planning and Evaluation Committee presented the revised Minimum Standards of Care (MSOC). These standards describe the minimum requirements that all funded service providers must meet for each service category. The committee spent most of the past year reviewing these standards and updating them based on provider feedback and HRSA guidance. The Care Council had its Vice Chair election with Kim Molnar and E.S. Myles as candidates. The vote resulted in a tie. There will be a new election at the October meeting.The Women, Infant, Children, Youth and Families Committee (WICY&F) is hosting an event the same day as the CAC meeting. The event will be held over Zoom and will feature a speaker on mental health.The next Care Council meeting will be on October 7, 2020 at 1:30 PM. |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Kamaria Laffrey, Co-Chair, commented on current legislative issues around voter suppression and highlighted some of her work with the Sero Project on assisting and educating voters to vote in the 2020 election. Kamaria also acknowledged the ongoing racial justice issues concerning police brutality. Members talked about the importance of community and allyship and leveraging privilege to assist in the fight for justice. Member Christine Santos shared a success story of one of her recently diagnosed Stars becoming empowered and working hard to live beyond her diagnosis. She was able to advance in her career and get into a new apartment. |
| **MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION** | Committee members discussed the meeting time, date, and location. As previously discussed during the Care Council report, meetings will continue virtually until we hear otherwise. Members suggested moving the meeting time to 1:00 PM, instead of 1:30 PM, so that when meetings resume in-person at Francis House, it will be easier to bring in clients who are there having lunch.**The committee voted to keep the meeting date and location the same and to move the meeting up to 1:00 PM (M: Laffrey, S: Kaborycha).** |
| **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR** | **Vincent Kaborycha was nominated to continue as Chair and Kamaria Laffrey was nominated to continue as Vice Chair. The motion passed with acclamation (M: Laffrey, S: Proell).** |
| **2020-2021 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN** | Committee members reviewed the 2019-2020 committee work plan and discussed changes for the 2020-2021 year. Members want to make more substantive changes to the work plan, but want to spend more time on it. The committee discussed adding it as a recurring item on future agendas so that it can be revisited on an ongoing basis.**The committee voted to accept the work plan with no changes but to add it to the agenda as a recurring item (M: Kaborycha, S: Laffrey).** |
| **CLIENT/ COMMUNITY INPUT** | Members discussed recruitment to the committee. Kamaria suggested reaching out to anyone who had attended the Membership Committee’s Open House Meeting. Most who attended were staff of various agencies and people who were already attending committee meetings. Membership is planning to conduct more of these Open House Meetings in the future if the CAC committee would like to collaborate.Christine asked about a flyer for the committee to help with recruitment. Members will review a draft flyer at the next meeting. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Kamaria will be speaking in multiple sessions at the virtual United States Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA) in October, including a presentation on Black women in leadership in HIV planning councils and planning bodies, including meaningful involvement of people living with HIV and preventing tokenism.Registration to USCHA is free for any people living with HIV or people working for non-profits.October 15th is Latinx HIV Awareness Day. Positively U will be hosting an event in the parking lot of their Winter Haven office. |
| ADJOURNMENT | There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM. |