# WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**GOTO WEBINAR**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020**

**1:00 P.M. – 2:30P.M.**

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order at 1:11 PM by Kamaria Laffrey, Co-Chair. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Kamaria Laffrey, Shaquira Robinson  Members Absent: Mike Alonso, Antonio Miles, Vincent Kaborycha, Hope Sharon Proell, Christine Santos  Guests Present: E.S. Myles  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 minutes for September 24, 2020 were tabled as the committee did not have quorum. |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | The Care Council met on October 7, 2020 on GoTo Webinar. At this time, the Governor’s order allowing public meetings to be held virtually is set to expire on October 31st and is not expected to be renewed. The Care Council is expected to return to in-person meetings within the next few months. Committees that do not have business to vote on should still be able to meet virtually.  The Part A office is currently managing four different grants, including the regular Part A grant, a capacity building grant, Ending the HIV Epidemic funds, and relief funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.  The Care Council voted on the term renewals of two members. They also held an election for the new Vice Chair, electing E.S. Myles.  The next Care Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Shaquira Robinson, Member mentioned that the opening to the United States Conference on AIDS was really done and had a lot of emphasis on Black lives, which was good to see on such a large platform.  Kamaria Laffrey, Co-Chair reminded everyone that the election is less than two weeks away and we will soon know the outcome. She reminded everyone about the importance of self-care during that time. Positive Women’s Network has an organization called Vote Positive USA, which is mobilizing in several states to fight voter suppression ahead of the election.  Members ended the Moment of Inspiration by all acknowledging that they’re ready for 2020 to be over. |
| **COMMITTEE RECREUITMENT FLYER** | Staff gave an update on the status of meetings. The committee is expected to return to in-person meetings at some point in early 2021. There will continue to be an option going forward for people to participate virtually, but it is unclear whether we will be using a conference line or streaming through GoToWebinar. Staff will keep everyone updated when we have more information. Kamaria asked if the committee would be able to keep meeting virtually if there were no action items. Staff stated they are pretty sure that will be fine but will let everyone know when we know for sure. Members feel that continuing virtual meetings will increase engagement from people in underrepresented areas.  Members reviewed an old committee recruitment flyer. Though we cannot produce a new flyer until there are details of the hybrid meetings, the committee discussed ideas to update it. Members requested it be more colorful, engaging, and to the point. Kamaria offered to put together a draft for the committee. |
| **COMMITTEE WORK PLAN** | Members reviewed the work plan and talked about engaging community members. Kamaria noted that the term “community members” can be confusing. Some people think it means clients, patients, or people impacted by HIV and other people think it means the broader HIV community, including providers and people who work for community-based organizations. Kamaria added that it would be helpful to have more providers in the room to help link people with the right resources. This committee used to function that way but has not had consistent attendance from providers in the last few years. |
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| **CLIENT/ COMMUNITY INPUT** | There were no further client or community updates. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Kamaria announced that the International Conference on Stigma will be held virtually in November. Registration is free. Kamaria will send the information to staff to distribute.  Kamaria also announced that she will be on an upcoming panel on Black women’s perspectives on HIV criminalization in the age of COVID-19. The panel discussion will be on October 27th. She also announced another panel on October 28th from the Black United Leadership Institute on the war on Black bodies and divesting from racist healthcare.  Finally, Kamaria announced that United We Rise, a Black-led collective of leaders from around the nation, will be meeting virtually to strategize on the upcoming election and various projects. The meeting is invite-only. There is more information at EveryBlackBody.org. |
| ADJOURNMENT | There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM. |