WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL

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

**GOTOWEBINAR**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 11:03 AM. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Tonicia Freeman-Foster, Jeffrey Lluberes  Members Absent: None  Guests Present: None  Recipient Staff Present: M.T. Jaureguizar  Lead Agency Staff Present: None  Health Council Staff Present: Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda. |
| ADOPTION OF MINUTES | **The minutes from September 21, 2020 were approved (M: Freeman-Foster, S: Lluberes).** |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | Committee Chair, Tonicia Freeman-Foster, reported that the Care Council met on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, on GoToWebinar. The Membership Committee notified Care Council members of the upcoming partnership with the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and the possibility of participating in the Elevate curriculum.  The Part A Recipient, Aubrey Arnold, reported that the 2021 Part A grant application was successfully submitted. The Part A program will be submitting a full grant application in 2021 and then will be moving to a three-year grant cycle, with smaller grant updates during the off years.  The 2019 epidemiology data has been released for the state of Florida. In 2019, the Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) reported 6,591 residents living with HIV and 7,306 residents living with AIDS. Men represented 77% and 75% of all HIV and AIDS diagnoses, respectively, and the most common mode of transmission was male-to-male sexual contact (MMSC). Black people make up 37% of all HIV/AIDS diagnoses in the EMA, despite representing just 12% of the population overall.  The Part B Lead Agency reported that they are currently conducting virtual monitoring for their providers. The ADAP open enrollment period  The Care Council held a second Vice Chair election after the first election had resulted in a tie. E.S. Myles was voted Vice Chair.  The Governor’s order suspending public meeting requirements is set to expire on October 31, 2020 and is not expected to be extended. October will likely be the last month of virtual meetings, as an in-person quorum will be required for voting. Staff will be in touch with members when we know more about November meetings. There will be some form of virtual or call-in option for people who want to participate from home. |
| MEMBERSHIP REPORT | Staff presented the membership report. There are 15 members currently, as a number of members have either resigned or had their term expire recently. Membership, in general, is low at the moment. The usual goal is around 25 members.  The Care Council is in need of more men, youth, people who identify as Hispanic or Latinx, people in the 60+ age range, as well as representatives from Pinellas, Hernando, and Manatee counties.  There are two HRSA mandated seats currently open, and a third that will be vacated soon. The Local Public Health Agency seat is open, and the mental health/substance abuse provider seat will be open soon. As has been the case for several years, the State Medicaid Agency seat is also open, however, we have someone from the Agency for Healthcare Administration (ACHA) that attends meeting regularly.  Care Council Chair, Nolan Finn, has requested a SIOC meeting to discuss Care Council membership. We are hoping to have the meeting before the end of October, so that it can be virtual. Staff will be in touch shortly with proposed dates for the meeting. |
| NMAC TRAINING | Members discussed the planning meeting that they had with NMAC staff, Terrell Parker. Members reported that the meeting went well and they are interested to see what information Terrell gathered from the focus group. Chair, Tonicia Freeman-Foster, stated that there is a problem with people with diverse identities not feeling safe when they come to Care Council meetings and she is hoping to get more insight from these focus groups on that. Members are also hoping we can learn how to make meetings more approachable, so that people feel more comfortable when they come in and don’t understand all of the terminology and procedure right off the bat.  Members discussed having Terrell at the next Care Council meeting to introduce himself to members. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/**  **ANNOUNCEMENTS** | 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. |