WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL

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

**GOTOWEBINAR**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

# 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: None  Lead Agency Staff Present: None  Health Council Staff Present: Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda. |
| ADOPTION OF MINUTES | Members reviewed the minutes from October 19, 2020 and did not make any changes. Due to the Sunshine Laws, members are currently unable to vote during virtual meetings. |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | Members skipped the Care Council report, as all members were in attendance. |
| 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 goal is approximately 25 members.  The Care Council is in need of more men, youth, people in the 60+ age range, as well as representatives from Hernando, and Manatee counties. Though we are currently satisfying the HRSA requirements for race and ethnicity in order to be representative of our area, the committee would still like to continue recruiting people who have been historically underrepresented and to continue working to make sure they feel valued and heard at the table.  The Care Council currently is made up of 53% people living with HIV but only 33% are unaffiliated with any Ryan White service provider, so there is a need to continue recruiting for unaffiliated members.  There are three HRSA mandated seats currently open, the local public health agency seat, the mental health/substance abuse provider seat, and State Medicaid. As has been the case for several years, the State Medicaid Agency seat is open, however, we have someone from the Agency for Healthcare Administration (ACHA) that attends meeting regularly. As well, we have someone from DACCO regularly attending meetings that would fill the mental health/substance abuse seat. Staff will reach out to the DACCO staff member, as well as someone at the local ADAP office, to see if they are interested in becoming members. |
| NMAC REPORT | Staff informed members that we still have not received the written report summarizing the focus groups that the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) conducted. Members and staff reviewed the PowerPoint that NMAC staff presented at the January Care Council meeting and discussed some of the recommendations. Some recommendations staff plan to work on implementing, others are things the Care Council is already doing, and some are, unfortunately, not possible due to either local or federal legislation. Members noted that due to low turnout, the recommendations were not based on a representative sample of the Care Council. There were only two people at the first focus group and five people at the second.  Tonicia Freeman-Foster expressed concern that if the ELEVATE curriculum did not come together by the spring, that there would need to be another plan for a leadership training for members. Members discussed options for another entity to provide such a training. Community Tampa Bay is one option that staff member, Naomi Ardjomand-Kermani, has recently mentioned.  Members continued to discuss the recommendations regarding the orientation process. Members and staff disagreed with the recommendation of a four-hour orientation, but discussed options for improvement. Staff mentioned creating an online platform so that orientation can be conducted virtually, which is an idea Tonicia brought up previously. Staff would also like to eventually have a library of materials available for members to access virtually so that they can view educational content on a variety of topics related to the Care Council and the Ryan White program. Tonicia mentioned the idea of having new members take a quiz to check knowledge after orientation and mentioned a free platform for creating quizzes. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/**  **ANNOUNCEMENTS** | There were no community concerns or announcements. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM. |