**WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL  
WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE**

**GOTO WEBINAR**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Holly Beaver, Chair, at 10:05 AM. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Holly Beaver, Alex Cario, Michelle McKinney, Marylin Merida, Sheila Ruck, Barbara Szelag, Bernard Washington  Members Absent: Lisa Conder, Paula Delgado, Mary Frances Jones, Kamaria Laffrey  Guests Present: Amanda Miller  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.  As an icebreaker, members shared what television shows they have been watching lately. |
| **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** | The committee reviewed the minutes for February 25, 2021 and did not make any changes. The minutes were tabled as the committee is unable to vote virtually at this time. |
| **CARE COUNCIL REPORT** | |  | | --- | | The Care Council met on April 7, 2021 at Metro Inclusive Health in St. Petersburg. It was the first in-person Care Council meeting in over a year. Staff reported that in-person attendance was good and the Council did have quorum. Members who attended virtually said that the hybrid meeting set up went very smoothly. Action items included the 2020-2021 Epidemiology Report and the 2020 HIV Care Continuum Report, which were both approved and which this committee will be reviewing during the meeting.  The Part A Recipient, Aubrey Arnold, reported that Part A received an award of $10,353,255 for the 2021-2022 funding year. Part A also reported high scores for the grant application for the current funding year. The Recipient's office is in the process of closing the FY 2020 grant and has spent out over 98% of the total grant award. Aubrey also shared that the full grant award for Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative (EHE) FY 2021-2022 was received for a total $1,667,000, an increase of $667,000 from the previous year. A procurement opportunity will be announced within the coming month.  Lead Agency staff, Darius Lightsey, reported that the Pinellas Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) has an event coming up at the Deuces in St. Pete. The Part B program is in the process of finalizing budgets for the Department of Health (DOH), settling on the upcoming Part B budget as well as EHE’s budget. The next quarterly EHE Advisory Council meeting will be held virtually on April 29, 2021 – registration information will be shared soon. | |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Staff, Katie Scussel, shared that the U.S. recently reached 200 million COVID vaccine doses given, which was a milestone the Biden Administration was working to reach by the end of April. More than 50% of all adults in the U.S. have received at least one dose.  Chair, Holly Beaver, noted that she was grateful for the conviction of the police officer who killed George Floyd and that she hopes it will be a step towards further change. |
| **IN-PERSON MEETINGS** | Members discussed when they will next meet in-person. Staff explained that as long as there is a quorum physically present in the room, members can also call in and have their attendance counted. Quorum for this committee is currently six people. Several members volunteered that they are fully vaccinated and willing to attend, while others were more hesitant. The committee decided to meet virtually again in May and plan to probably meet in-person in June, so that by then everyone will have had the chance to get both doses of the vaccine and be past the two-week waiting period. |
| **EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT AND CARE CONTINUUM** | Members reviewed the 2020-2021 Epidemiology Report and the 2020 HIV Care Continuum and discussed data relevant to WICY&F populations, highlighting current racial and ethnic disparities in HIV with Black people being particularly disproportionately affected. It was notable that for the first time, the state provided data for transgender people living with HIV, as authentic gender had not been previously reflected in the state’s data. Data on the transgender population is likely still underreported as many transgender individuals are reluctant to disclose due to stigma and discrimination.  Staff, Katie Scussel, briefly reviewed the Care Continuum report, highlighting the Ryan White System-Wide HIV Performance Measures from December 2019, June 2020, and December 2020. With this time period starting right before the pandemic, through the peak of the pandemic, and into the end of the year, these measures capture the effect of the pandemic on Ryan White Care. There was a significant decrease in viral load suppression and retention in care in June 2020 when many people may have been putting off doctor’s visits or facing other disruptions in medical care as a result of COVID. |
| WOMEN/ YOUTH/ CONCERNS/ UPDATES | Member Michelle McKinney shared that the Ybor Youth Clinic (YYC) just held an event for National Youth HIV Awareness Day, which was not very well attended. Michelle asked the group if they had any suggestions on where kids are hanging out. Due to school policies, YYC staff are not able to give at condoms in schools. Holly said that the teens she is around are going to the beach. Michelle said she also had the idea of going to the fair. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** | Michelle asked if anyone had any resources for translating Ukrainian medical records, to please get in touch with her.  Amanda Miller, a pharmacist with Walgreens, let the committee know that most Walgreens locations throughout the Tampa Bay Area are taking walk-ins for vaccinations. Her store, as well as most others, currently have a lot of extra doses available at the end of the day, as they are not filling appointments. Amanda asked committee members for any ideas for connecting the extra doses to underserved people in the community. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 AM. |