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

**GOTO WEBINAR**

**THURSDAY, MAY 27, 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 10:12 AM. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Holly Beaver, Alex Cario, Lisa Conder, Paula Delgado, Mary Frances Jones, Michelle McKinney, Marylin Merida, Amanda Miller, Sheila Ruck, Barbara Szelag, Bernard Washington  Members Absent: Kamaria Laffrey  Guests Present: Geneva Galloway  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** | The committee reviewed the minutes for April 22, 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 May 5, 2021 at Metro Inclusive Health in St. Petersburg. There was one voting item on the agenda, which were Part A Reallocation, and they were approved. Staff explained that funding was reallocated from Emergency Financial Assistance to Oral Health, as clients are expected to be catching up on dental care after  The Chair, Nolan Finn, announced that the spring Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) meeting was rescheduled to June 9-10, 2021. The meeting will be held over Zoom. Anyone who is interested in attending can get in touch with Kim Molnar at The AIDS Institute for the registration information.  The Part A Recipient, Aubrey Arnold, reported that the Part A program is still overseeing four grants, including the regular Part A award, some CARES Act funding, Ending the HIV (EHE) for Hillsborough County, and a technical assistance grant which will be ending on June 2, 2021. The technical assistance grant was awarded to expand the e2-Hillsborough database to add some additional data capturing features for quality management, in addition to moving to full electronic records keeping.  Lead Agency staff, Yashika Everhart, reported that their new funding year started on April 1, 2021 and all Part B contracts have been procured.  Kayon Henderson with the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program reported that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has launched a competitive grant opportunity for $40 million that’s open to all non-profit organizations. The information was shared in a recent InfoShare.  The Membership Committee presented a final report from the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) on their recommendations from the listening sessions they conducted last fall.  The next Care Council meeting will be on June 2, 2021 at Metro Inclusive Health in St. Pete. Staff also noted that the Standards, Issues, and Operations Committee (SIOC) met the previous day and is discussing changing the committee structure so that more work happens within the Care Council, rather than in the committees. The WICY&F Committee would likely stay the same, so that they can continue sharing information about the special populations they serve and continue hosting their events.  Finally, Staff noted that the subscription to GoTo Webinar was ending and that virtual meetings will now be held on GoTo Meeting, which is more user-friendly. | |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Holly Beaver, Chair, acknowledged the one-year anniversary of George Floyd’s murder, as well as Memorial Day coming up. |
| **IN-PERSON MEETINGS** | Members discussed when they will next meet in-person. Staff explained that the committee size is now twelve people, so there will need to be seven people that attend in-person to make quorum and anyone else may call in on a conference line. Some members volunteered that they were willing to come to an in-person meeting, while others were not ready. Staff stated that she will ask for RSVPs before the meeting and if not enough people will be present, the meeting will be changed to virtual.  Staff will check with the Children’s Board to see if there is availability for the next meeting. |
| WOMEN/ YOUTH/ CONCERNS/ UPDATES | Marylin Merida asked if there has been a recent increase in HIV cases in youth. Holly said yes, that there has been an increase, especially in MSM youth.  Members discussed challenges with newly diagnosed youth being hesitant to get into care. Linkage coordinators noted that they are seeing a trend of youth prioritizing work and taking care of their financial needs over their physical health. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** | St. Pete Pride is coming up in June. Amanda Miller explained that there will be events throughout June.  Michelle McKinney announced that Ybor Youth Clinic had a table at Tampa Pride and distributed lots of giveaways.  Geneva Galloway announced that Positively U is starting a Community Advisory Board and is looking for community members to join. The information will be shared in an upcoming InfoShare.  Lisa Conder announced that Help Us Help U had a Community Event recently in South St. Pete and had Metro and EPIC do testing. Lisa also mentioned that she recently picked up a Pinellas County Homeless Resource Guide, which lists resources for housing, food, and other services. They are free and available for anyone working with the homeless or unstably housed. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM. |