WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL

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

**GOTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2021**

# 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Tonicia Freeman-Foster, Chair, at 10:02 AM. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Joel Carrier, Tonicia Freeman-Foster, Jeffrey Lluberes  Members Absent: None  Guests Present: None  Recipient Staff Present: None  Lead Agency Staff Present: Yashika Everhart  Health Council Staff Present: Lisa Nugent, Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda. |
| ADOPTION OF MINUTES | Members reviewed the minutes from May 20, 2021 and did not make any changes. The committee was unable to vote to approve them due to the meeting being virtual. |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | Members skipped the Care Council report, as everyone present at the meeting attended the last Care Council meeting. |
| MEMBERSHIP REPORT | Staff presented the membership report. There has been one change in membership since the committee last reviewed the report, with one member terming out. There are 14 members currently and three pending applications, two of which have already been interviewed and approved. The Care Council currently is made up of 57% people living with HIV and 36% are unaffiliated with any Ryan White service provider.  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.  There are three HRSA mandated seats currently open, the local public health agency seat, the mental health/substance abuse provider seat, and State Medicaid. Once the pending applications are approved, the local public health agency seat will be filled. 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 meetings regularly.  In order to get more young people involved in the Care Council, Tonicia Freeman-Foster suggested offering membership as an internship or a way to get volunteer hours, as young people are often looking for these opportunities. She stated that it would be helpful to give them a job to do, such as graphic design or helping with a WICY&F event, so that they feel engaged. She also suggested networking with local colleges to reach youth.  Jeffrey Lluberes asked if there are any printed materials that can be shared at clinics for recruitment. Staff said that we will be updating all materials soon but that she can bring some of what we currently have to the next in-person meeting. |
| BYLAW REVIEW | The committee was unable to vote on any bylaw changes at this meeting but staff explained that it was kept as an agenda item in case anyone wanted to suggest any changes. Members discussed the possible upcoming changes proposed in the last Standards, Issues, and Operations Committee meeting, including potentially suspending the bylaws for one year, and decided not to make any changes until there was more certainty. |
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| **CULTURAL HUMILITY TRAINING UPDATE** | At this time, there were no new updates. Naomi Arjomand-Kermani reached out to Marcus with Courageous Conversations but as of the meeting had not heard anything back. The July Care Council meeting is canceled. Staff stated that they are hoping something can be planned by the August Care Council meeting. There will be one more Membership meeting in July before the August meeting.  Staff also discussed the recent Planning CHATT webinar, “Positive Intentions: Effective Communication and Relationship-Building Strategies for Planning Councils” and agreed to send out the materials to the committee members after the meeting.  Tonicia mentioned the idea from the last meeting of having a short ice breaker or teachable moment on the Care Council agenda and members agreed to bring ideas to the next meeting to hopefully be able to implement something in August. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/**  **ANNOUNCEMENTS** | St. Pete Pride is coming up the following weekend. There were no other community concerns or announcements. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM. |