WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL

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

**EPIC - ST. PETE CAMPUS**

**THURSDAY, JULY 19, 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 10:49 AM. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Tonicia Freeman-Foster, Jeffrey Lluberes  Members Absent: Joel Carrier  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 May 20, 2021 and June 21, 2021. **The minutes from May 20, 2021 were approved (M: Freeman-Foster, S: Lluberes). The minutes from June 21, 2021 were approved (M: Lluberes, S: Freeman-Foster).** |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | There was no Care Council meeting in July. The next Care Council meeting will be on August 4, 2021 at Metro Inclusive Health in St. Pete. |
| MEMBERSHIP REPORT | Staff presented the membership report. There have been no changes since the committee last reviewed the report. There are 14 members currently and three pending applications, two of which have already been approved and recommended for membership and one which the committee will be voting on at this meeting. 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. |
| **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** | Members reviewed and scored the interview transcript for application 721-1. The application received passing scores.  **Application 721-1 was approved and recommended for voting membership (M: Freeman-Foster, S: Lluberes).** The application will be brought to the next Care Council meeting for final approval |
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| **CULTURAL HUMILITY TRAINING UPDATE** | Staff, Katie Scussel, reported that Naomi Arjomand-Kermani reached out to Marcus with Courageous Conversations. Marcus is unable to conduct the Courageous Conversations training but connected Naomi to another contact who may be able to conduct the training. Tonicia asked if Marcus is available to do a more general training, rather than the full Courageous Conversations curriculum. Katie said she was curious too, as Marcus seemed like a good fit, and would follow up with Naomi to ask.  Members discussed including an ice-breaker activity in the agenda for the next Care Council meeting, to get the ball rolling on conversations around equity. Tonicia has an activity she conducts for this purpose, which involves asking everyone to describe a word, such as “equity,” using their give senses. Staff will add the activity to the next Care Council agenda. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/**  **ANNOUNCEMENTS** | Members discussed the upcoming Standards, Issues, and Operations Committee meeting and the proposal to collapse the committees and conduct all Care Council business solely in the Care Council meetings. Members are uncertain how collapsing the committees will work but agree that some changes need to be made to shake things up and respond to the ways the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed the ways people meet. Members felt that though the Care Council has faced some challenges recently, there is no need to create panic as we are still functioning well.  After the confusion about the meeting time, and staff’s error in the meeting announcement email, members decided to move all future meetings to 10:00 AM, rather than 11:00 AM. The committee will meet at EPIC in St. Pete, unless there are no action items, in which case they will meet virtually. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM. |