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

**GOTO WEBINAR**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 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 10:03 AM. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Holly Beaver, Alex Cario, Lisa Conder, Paula Delgado, Mary Frances Jones, Michelle McKinney, Marylin Merida, Sheila Ruck, Barbara Szelag, Bernard Washington  Members Absent: Kamaria Laffrey, Amanda Miller, Sheila Ruck  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 May 27, 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** | |  | | --- | | Staff Katie Scussel gave the Care Council report. The Care Council met on June 2, 2021 at Metro Inclusive Health in St. Pete. Action items included the approval of two new member applications, however, the Care Council did not have quorum so could not vote. Members also reviewed a Part A expenditure report as an informational item.  Hillsborough County Attorney, Katherine Benson, gave a presentation on the Sunshine Law and how it applies to the Care Council and its committees. Staff stated she had received notes from the presentation if anyone wanted to view them.  Part A Recipient, Aubrey Arnold, shared that we are now in the second quarter of the Part A grant year, as well as the Ending the HIV Epidemic grant year. All reporting conditions for the grant award have been completed. Recipient staff and Planning Council staff recently completed a submitted the progress report for the Part A grant.  Part B reported that there are 26 clients that ADAP has identified that may qualify for Marketplace health plans. Now that the enrollment period for the Marketplace has been extended until August, ADAP counselors will be getting in touch with them to help enroll them in plans. Part B also made an announcement that University of South Florida Pediatrics will be using funding that the Biden Administration is allocating to barbershops to reach underserved populations. Staff asked if anyone from USF on the call had any other information about the initiative.  Anne Cronyn from the City of Tampa HOPWA announced that the City of Tampa has a block grant that will be released soon for $500,000 through Zoom Grants. There will be an upcoming technical assistance webinar.  The Care Council will not be meeting in July so the next meeting will be August 4th. | |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Member Lisa Conder shared that she recently read an article about the first NFL player who came out as gay. She stated that she loved that he said, “I hope in the future, this one even be an issue of needing to come out.” Lisa also mentioned an interview with Dr. Fauci discussing all the progress that has been made with HIV over the last 40 years, despite there not yet being a cure. |
| WOMEN/ YOUTH/ CONCERNS/ UPDATES | Member Mary Frances Jones asked if anyone knew anything about HIV cases rising in Florida. Bernard said there was some news in the media recently about it, but he wasn’t sure how up to date the numbers were. Bernard said that the Ybor Youth Clinic has seen a rise, particularly in teenagers. Holly reminded everyone that with decreased testing due to the pandemic in 2020, we may see a greater increase for 2021 numbers, now that testing is ramping back up.  Paula Delgado shared that she has recently been very sick and was hospitalized with Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), which usually affects infants and children and is usually prevalent in the fall and winter months. Paula said she learned that because of social distancing during the pandemic, the virus was not very active during the fall and winter of last year and is now circulating again now that people are no longer social distancing. Paula said that RSV is highly contagious and that she had to quarantine at home for five days. She reminded everyone that even though she is vaccinated for COVID, that there are other reasons to wear a mask sometimes.  Bernard announced that USF Pediatrics is launching their Project Shop Talk, an Ending the HIV Epidemic program in Pinellas targeting Black-owned barbershops, hair salons, and beauty supply stores in the St. Pete area for HIV education, prevention, testing, and other sexual health education. Bernard said they are in the process of hiring a coordinator for this new program and that he hopes to bring her to an upcoming WICY&F meeting.  Bernard also reminded everyone as we are seeing a rise in young people diagnosed with HIV, if they have any new positives in youth under 24, that USF Peds is available for assistance. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** | Bernard shared with everyone that if anyone is having a hard time getting clients appointments with ADAP locally, that he has had success going through the state ADAP office in Tallahassee for virtual appointments. Hillsborough in particular has had long wait times for ADAP appointments.  Members discussed attempting to meet in-person again in July and agreed to have the meeting in Tampa. Katie will get RSVPs before the meeting to make sure we have enough people attending to make quorum. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM. |