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

**GOTO WEBINAR**

**THURSDAY, JULY 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 10:04 AM. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Holly Beaver, Alex Cario, Paula Delgado, Mary Frances Jones, Michelle McKinney, Marylin Merida, Sheila Ruck, Barbara Szelag, Bernard Washington  Members Absent: Lisa Conder, Kamaria Laffrey, Amanda Miller  Guests Present: None  Recipient Staff Present: None  Lead Agency Staff Present: None  Health Council Staff Present: Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | Voting items were stricken from the agenda, as the committee meeting was held virtually. |
| **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** | The committee reviewed the minutes for June 24, 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, reported that the Care Council did not meet in July. The Standards, Issues, and Operations Committee (SIOC) will be meeting later in the month to discuss potentially suspending the Care Council bylaws and reorganizing the committee structure. Staff will keep the committee updated.  The next Care Council meeting will be August 4, 2021 at Metro Inclusive Health in St. Petersburg.   |  | | --- | |  | |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | There was no moment of inspiration. |
| **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR** | The committee was unable to vote on a new Co-Chair, as the meeting was virtual. Holly Beaver, Chair asked everyone to start thinking about who they might want to nominate and encouraged everyone to consider it, adding that it’s great experience. Staff added that anyone is eligible, though, when possible, it is preferred that either the Chair or the Co-Chair is a person living with HIV and that either one of them is a member of the Care Council. Staff also added that it can be intimidating to have to lead a meeting, particularly when it comes to voting items and Robert’s Rules of Order, but reminded the group that it’s easy once you get used to it and staff is always available for support.  Since the committee was unable to make in-person quorum to hold the election, Holly opened the discussion again about meeting in-person. The committee has almost a year’s worth of minutes to pass, as well as the election. Since the committee attempted in-person meetings two months in a row and was unsuccessful, staff suggested holding off for the month of August and trying again in September. Marylin Merida added that she agreed with that suggestion, given that COVID cases are rising again. Members agreed to meet virtually in August. |
| WOMEN/ YOUTH/ CONCERNS/ UPDATES | Members discussed the rise in COVID-19 cases with the Delta variant and stressed the importance of continuing to wear a mask and social distance. The vaccines are highly effective at preventing against severe disease; however, breakthrough cases are possible. Many of the worst breakthrough cases have been in people who have received solid organ transplants, likely due to the immunosuppressive therapies they are on.  Holly Beaver shared that the University of South Florida Pediatrics Infection Disease Department will be starting a trial of the Moderna vaccine in kids under twelve in August. Anyone who is interested can call 813-259-8800 for more information. Holly added that she knows a lot of parents may be hoping to get their kids vaccinated before the school year starts and that this could be an opportunity to do so if they are not old enough to be eligible already. |
| **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** | Paula Delgado announced that Metro Inclusive Health is nearing completion on their new Tampa facility and will be moving at the end of July. Their new location is on Nebraska Avenue and will officially open on August 1st. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. |