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

**GOTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY JUNE 23, 2022**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Mary Jones at 10:03 am. |
| ATTENDANCE | Attendees Present: Holly Beaver, Paula Delgado, Mary Frances Jones, Paola Mancera, Michelle McKinney, Marylin Merida, Amanda Miller, Christine Montero, Bernard Washington, Kristin Ziegler  Recipient Staff Present: None  Lead Agency Staff Present: None  Health Council Staff Present: Lisa Nugent, Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda. |
| **REVIEW OF MINUTES** | The group reviewed the minutes for May 26, 2022, with no comments or edits made. |
| **CARE COUNCIL REPORT** | Care Council staff, Katie Scussel, reported that the Care Council met on June 1, 2022 at Metro Inclusive Health in Tampa. Action items included the Care Continuum report, a membership application, and two member removals, however, the Care Council did not have quorum and were unable to vote.  For the Recipient’s Report, Dorinda Seth reported that the Part A program received its full notice of award in the amount of $10,674,255, which is around a 3% increase from the previous year. The program is still working with the Florida Department of Health on a standardized self-attestation for client eligibility, as well as a new Notice of Eligibility form, updating the eligibility recertification from every six months to yearly. The change is still expected later this year.  The Part B Lead Agency reported that all case managers should now have access to the new Ryan White Eligibility Portal. This portal will not be taking place of CAREWare; it will be specifically for eligibility purposes, as a one stop shop. Anyone who still does not have access can get in touch with Yashika Everhart, and she will put them in touch with the proper contact in Tallahassee.  Staff shared Section II of the Integrated Plan was shared with the Council as an informational items and encouraged any comments or questions.  The next Care Council meeting will be on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 and it will be virtual. |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Attendees skipped the moment of inspiration. |
| FALL EVENT PLANNING | Attendees discussed planning for the fall event. Mary Jones started the conversation by saying we had discussed the theme of mental health at the last meeting. The group discussed possible dates. Marylin Merida suggested sticking with the tradition of holding the event around Thanksgiving, potentially the week before Thanksgiving. November 17th was selected as the first choice, for the date, with potential to move it to another time that week. Michelle McKinney asked if the event is for the public or for patients and their families and the group answered that it has usually been for patients and families.  The group discussed locations. The event will be in Pinellas, as the last in-person event was held in Hillsborough. Bernard Washington said he can reach out to EPIC about their space, or there may be potential for an outdoor location on the University of South Florida campus. Staff agreed to start an email thread to follow up on what locations members have reached out about. |
| WOMEN/ YOUTH/ CONCERNS/ UPDATES | Paola Mancera with Suncoast Health Council gave a presentation on the vaccine hesitancy project. Paola presented on the importance of vaccination for COVID-19 and common myths surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine. Suncoast Health Council’s project awards $50 gift cards as incentives for getting vaccinated, for those who have not yet been vaccinated. Individuals are eligible for a gift card with each dose of the primary series and any applicable boosters. Members asked for more information about the program, saying it would be helpful to share this information with their clients. Paola agreed to send the information to Katie to share with the group. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Bernard announced that the Ybor Youth Clinic had an upcoming event for National Testing Day. Mary announced that Positively U is having a summer cook out on Friday, June 24th at their Tampa office. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM. |