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

**GOTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY JULY 28, 2022**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Marylin Merida at 10:04 am. |
| ATTENDANCE | Attendees Present: Lisa Conder, Paula Delgado, Mary Jones, Marylin Merida, Christine Montero, Bernard Washington  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. |
| **REVIEW OF MINUTES** | The group reviewed the minutes for June 23, 2022, with no comments or edits made. |
| **CARE COUNCIL REPORT** | Care Council staff, Katie Scussel, reported that the Care Council met on July 6, 2022. The meeting was virtual, so there were no action items. The Part A Recipient, Aubrey Arnold, gave an update on the upcoming changes to eligibility, informing members that the process of recertifying clients every six months would be updated to yearly starting on October 1st. Part B reported that there would be an Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) in Pinellas meeting on July 28th at the Sanderlin Center, with a virtual option through Zoom.  Members reviewed two sections of the Integrated Plan, Section III: Contributing Data Sets and Assessments and Section V Goals and Objectives. The Goals and Objectives Section will be brought to the Care Council a second time, as the they were unable to finish going over it in one meeting. Staff also presented the 2021-2022 Epidemiology Report.  The next Care Council meeting will be on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at Metro Inclusive Health in Tampa.  Marylin asked staff whether the change that was made to suspend the Care Council bylaws and dissolve the committees would be a permanent change or whether we would be returning to the former structure. Katie answered that it was intended to be for a trial period of one year, and that that year would be ending in September. Care Council Chair, Nolan Finn, requested a voting item for the next meeting to extend the Rules of Engagement for three more months, so that the Care Council has more time to plan for whether we will return to the old bylaws or adopt a new structure. Marylin asked whether the experiment had been successful and Katie answered that we have been successful in passing important business over the last year, but meetings can feel rushed and there isn’t as much time for discussion. Marylin agreed and said that there used to be more opportunity for community input through the committee structure. Lisa Conder agreed that the meetings felt rushed and it felt like there was less community input. |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Marylin led the group through an ice-breaker exercise, asking members to share what they like to eat as comfort food. |
| FALL EVENT PLANNING | Attendees discussed planning for the fall event. The group discussed locations. The event will be in Pinellas, as the last in-person event was held in Hillsborough. Bernard Washington said he had contacted a couple potential venues and would be following up with them. |
| WOMEN/ YOUTH/ CONCERNS/ UPDATES | Marylin asked the group whether they were seeing any impacts from Roe v. Wade being overturned, as this is an issue that will likely impact clients. Attendees have not seen any impacts so far. Abortion is currently legal in Florida. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Paula Delgado announced that Metro Inclusive Health will now be offering pediatric care in their clinics. Attendees asked what the age range is for care, and whether these services will be available in both Hillsborough and Pinellas. Paula answered that she would report back with that information.  Lisa Conder mentioned the EHE meeting happening later that day and said the Pinellas County Health Department would be giving an update on Monkeypox. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. |