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

**GOTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 2023**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Mary Frances Jones at 10:05 am. |
| ATTENDANCE | Attendees Present: Holly Beaver, Mary Jones, Tara Ochoa, Bernard Washington, Barbara Szelag, Anica Colon  Recipient Staff Present: None  Lead Agency Staff Present: None  Health Council Staff Present: Katie Scussel, Abigail Machtel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda. |
| **REVIEW OF MINUTES** | The group reviewed the minutes for October 27, 2022 and did not make any edits. |
| **CARE COUNCIL REPORT** | Care Council support staff, Abigail Machtel, reported that the Care Council met on January 4, 2023 via GoToMeeting. There were no action items as the meeting was held virtually. Members discussed the presented bylaw revisions and committee structure. Based on the discussions, the WICY&F Work Group will continue with no changes to structure. The meeting was abbreviated to include a presentation from Bernice McCoy about the Hillsborough County IDEA Syringe Exchange Program.  Abigail reported that for the Part A Recipient report, Dorinda Seth reported that the Recipient expected to receive a partial award in February.  Abigail stated that Darius Lightsey with the Part B Lead Agency reported the Lead Agency is working on becoming fully staffed and they expect level funding for this year.  The next Care Council meeting will be on February 1st at Metro Inclusive Health in St. Pete.  Abigail also reported that the Florida HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment survey has received about 260 responses so far. The survey closes on March 31st, 2023.  Planning Council support staff, Katie Scussel spoke to honor the memory of Yashika Everhart. Yashika was the HIV/AIDS Grant Manager with the Pinellas County Department of Health. She passed away in December of 2022. Katie said that she will be missed and wanted to honor her memory. |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Mary Jones lifted up the memory of Tina Fisher. Tina was a member of the Sisters in Spirit group and she passed away this month. Mary stated that her funeral would take place Saturday January 28th. Mary asked that everyone lift up both Yashika and Tina for the moment of inspiration. |
| FALL EVENT RESCHEDULING | Members discussed if the fall event should be rescheduled for some time in the beginning of this year or if the group should focus on planning their spring event. Katie Scussel reminded the group that at the last meeting members had discussed moving the fall event to the New Year. She also mentioned historically a spring event would take place around Mother’s Day. Mary Jones presented that the group should focus on planning the spring event. Bernard Washington stated that he would be able to attend events that were put on but he cannot commit to being involved with the planning. Barbara Szelag agreed with Mary stating that two events in a short amount of time would be too much for the group to plan.  Members agreed to not reschedule the fall event and start planning the spring event at the next meeting in February. |
| WOMEN/ YOUTH/ CONCERNS/ UPDATES | There were no women/youth concerns shared. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Bernard announced that in honor of Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day USF Youth Education Services, the Ybor Youth Clinic, and Midway Specialty Clinic would be hosting an event in Tampa on February 7th 2023. Promotional materials will be coming soon. Bernard also mentioned that they might be hosting an event in St. Pete as well. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM. |