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

**GOTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Bernard Washington at 10:02 am. |
| ATTENDANCE | Attendees Present: Holly Beaver, Paula Delgado, Bernard Washington, Anica Colon, Kristin Ziegler, Deniz Curler, Ciera Brumdage  Recipient Staff Present: Maria Teresa Jaureguizar  Lead Agency Staff Present: None  Health Council Staff Present: Katie Scussel, Abigail Machtel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | Bernard Washington added an icebreaker section to the Moment of Inspiration for the meeting. |
| **REVIEW OF MINUTES** | The group reviewed the minutes for January 26, 2023 and did not make any edits. |
| **CARE COUNCIL REPORT** | Care Council support staff, Abigail Machtel, reported that the Care Council met on February 1, 2023 at Metro Inclusive Health. Members of the Care Council voted to adopt new Bylaws for the Council. The major change in these Bylaws was the change to the Council’s committee structure. The new Bylaws merge the Membership and Community Advisory Committees to become the Membership and Community Outreach Committee. The committees will begin meeting in March and will discuss their work plans and meeting frequency at their first meetings.  Abigail reported that for the Part A Recipient report, Aubrey Arnold reported that the Recipient received a partial award at the end of January. The full award should be received around the 1st of May. They also reported that they expect status quo funding for the new fiscal year. There may be a small increase because the federal budget has increased. Aubrey also reported at the meeting that they have seen about $500,000 in roll over funding from the Outpatient and Ambulatory Health Services category. They stated that this is unusual and they are looking into why the amount is so high.  Abigail stated that Darius Lightsey with the Part B Lead Agency reported the Lead Agency has hired a new Grants Manager. They also reported that they are interviewing for other key positions within the agency. They shared that they had a successful EHE Council meeting at the end of January.  The next Care Council meeting will be on March 1 at the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County.  Planning Council support staff, Katie Scussel reported that Darius Lightsey, the Pinellas County HAPC, has announced he is leaving the position. His last day will be on February 24th. |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Bernard Washington asked everyone to go around and share what inspires them to come into work every day. |
| MEETING FREQUENCY | Members discussed if the work group should continue meeting monthly or if another schedule would work best. Bernard Washington stated that he believed meeting monthly was too frequent and that he believed meeting quarterly or bi-monthly would be best. Paula Delgado agreed that every other month would be best for the members. Deniz Curler also agreed with every other month. Bernard then asked if any members were opposed to meeting bi-monthly. Nobody spoke up in opposition. |
| SPRING EVENTWOMEN/ YOUTH/ CONCERNS/ UPDATES | Members discussed the planning of the spring event. Holly Beaver stated that Mother’s Day is on May 24th this year and historically the event has taken place around then. Bernard mentioned that in the past there have been many different types of events including dinners, panels and inspirational events, and lunches. Paula Delgado brought up the idea of planning a Mother’s Day brunch. Bernard agreed that this sounded like a good idea. Members agreed that a brunch would work well for Mother’s Day. Bernard then mentioned that the biggest area of need would be finding a funding source and location. He mentioned that he knows of a restaurant in Tampa that recently did an event with Midway Specialty Care Clinic that might be able to host or cater the event. He also mentioned that we might be able to look at pharmaceutical companies for sponsorship. Bernard then asked if the members would be OK with only meeting in April to plan the event since it had been decided to meet bimonthly. Members agreed that it would be too close to the proposed event to only meet in April. Bernard then proposed that the work group meet in March to continue planning the spring event and have no meeting in April. Paula agreed this would be good. All members agreed to meeting in March.  Bernard opened up the floor to any Women and Youth related updates or concerns. Holly Beaver spoke to remind everyone that if they have any clients that are pregnant to please send them her way. They want to make sure that they are getting every infant that might have exposure to HIV. Bernard then mentioned that there were many successful National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day events throughout the TSA. He also mentioned that there are a few other awareness days coming up including National Women’s and Girl’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on March 10th and National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on April 10th. Denis Curler stated that they have seen an increase in women being referred for case management in recent weeks. Bernard concurred that he has also seen an increase in youth being referred for case management. Both Deniz and Bernard posed that it may be stemming from a lack of education regarding prevention, specifically PrEP, geared towards women. Deniz also mentioned that a lot of their referrals seem to be coming from Pasco County. She posed that there may be a gap in prevention education there as well. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Bernard stated that they are seeing a lot of clients that are over the age of 21 and still on Medicaid. He said that these patients will most likely lose coverage soon because the grace period from Covid seems to be ending. He said that these clients will probably be moving to receiving care through the Ryan White program. He mentioned that their office has been working to make sure that all their clients in this circumstance are eligible for Ryan White services so that when they lose Medicaid coverage they will not have a gap in care. There were no other announcements. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM. |