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

**GOTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY MAY 25, 2023**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

# MINUTES

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Deniz Curler at 10:02 am. |
| ATTENDANCE | Attendees Present: Paula Delgado, Ashley Hill, Mary Frances Jones, Tara Ochoa, Anica Colon, Deniz Curler, Bernard Washington, Sheryl Hoolsema, Indira Palomino  Recipient Staff Present: Maria Teresa Jaureguizar  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 March 23, 2023 and did not make any edits. |
| **CARE COUNCIL REPORT** | Care Council support staff, Katie Scussel, reported that the Care Council met on May 3, 2023 via GoToMeeting.  Katie reported that Donna Sabatino from The Aids Institute provided a legislative update on the most recent legislative session of the Florida Legislature.  The Part A Recipient reported that they had received the full award for the 2023. They did not spend down 95% of the 2022 award so a waiver was received to avoid penalty. The remaining money will be received in carryover funds this year.  Katie also reported that the Care Needs Assessment survey was closed on April 30th and the area received 540 responses. HOPWA announced that they were in the final stages of their RFA. Part A also gave an update on funded EHE services including Early Intervention Services and Housing.  There was also a discussion around issues with Medicaid transport for clients and changes in staffing at the state level.  The next Care Council meeting will be on June 7, 2023 at the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. |
| **MOMENT OF INSPIRATION** | Deniz Curler shared a story she had recently seen in celebration of Asian and Pacific Islander Awareness Day. The story detailed the work of the first openly HIV positive person on the island of Fiji. It detailed her work in advocacy for HIV positive clients on the island to access treatment and spread awareness.  Paula Delgado also highlighted the life of singer Tina Turner who passed away recently. Paula stated that Tina’s strength and empowerment was always an encouragement to her. She was an example of not letting other’s get you down and that you are never too old to get started. |
| SPRING EVENT | Members discussed the planning for the event around Thanksgiving.  Planning Council support staff, Abigail Machtel, stated that she was put in contact with a community liaison from Johnson and Johnson via Mary Jones to potentially sponsor food for the event. The liaison needed to know the theme for the event before she can submit it to be approved.  Paula Delgado proposed a theme of self care for the event. Members agreed this would be a good theme around Thanksgiving. They discussed what aspects of self-care should be included and how to include Thanksgiving into the event since it will be around that time. Bernard mentioned that they could include being grateful for self-care and the advancements in treatment.  Members decided on the theme “Treat Yourself to Something Nice.” Members encouraged each other to think of a client from each of their agencies that embodies the theme and ask them if they would be willing to speak at the event.  Members also discussed decorations and entertainment for the event. Per Deniz and Sheryl, round and rectangular tables will be available for the event. Paula agreed to be responsible for table cloths and décor items. Bernard agreed to follow up with the individuals or company that has previously provided centerpieces for former events. Member also discussed having an iPad and playlist to provide music for the event. |
| WOMEN/YOUTH CONCERNS/UPDATES | There were not Women/Youth Concerns. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | There were no announcements. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM. |