

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA RYAN WHITE CARE COUNCIL

**RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION**

**RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE (RPARC)**

**EMPATH HEALTH, CLEARWATER**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**

**11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Nolan Finn, Chair, at 11:02 a.m. |
| ATTENDANCE | Members Present: Lillie Bruton (*virtual*), Nolan Finn, Angela Kellogg, Bernice McCoy (*virtual*), Marylin Merida (*virtual*), Kevin Williams, Joy Winheim  Members Absent: Nicole Kish  Guests Present: None  Recipient Staff Present: None  Lead Agency Staff Present: Joshua Cardwell, Nicole Houston (*virtual)*  Suncoast Health Council Staff Present: Abigail Dees, Katie Scussel |
| CHANGES TO AGENDA | There were no changes to the agenda. |
| ADOPTION OF MINUTES | **Members voted to approve the minutes from March 13, 2025 (M: Kellogg, S: Winheim).** |
| CARE COUNCIL REPORT | Nolan Finn reported that the Care Council met on April 2, 2025 at Lee Davis Community Center and had quorum. Business items included the approval of one new member and a change to the bylaws. Members also reviewed an RPARC expenditure report and went over Integrated Plan data. Aubrey Arnold reported that Part A is closing out its grant year and should be around 99% spent with only about $85,000 left on the table. The program has received a partial award to start the grant year and expects to receive the full award in May or June. Hillsborough County has also hired a new fiscal monitor and is actively recruiting for a new program monitor to replace M.T. For the Part B report, Nicole Houston reported that the Lead Agency is working to execute contracts as quickly as possible. Some have already been approved and some are pending. For the HOPWA report, Anne Cronyn announced an upcoming Request for Applications (RFA) for a community development block grant. Members also reviewed the quarterly HRSA performance measures and noted an increase in viral suppression.  The next Care Council meeting will be on May 7, 2025 at Lee Davis Community Center. |
| PART A RECIPIENT UPDATE | There was no update from Part A. |
| PART B LEAD AGENCY UPDATE | Lead Agency staff Joshua Cardwell updated members on the status of the Part B federal contracts. There are currently four that have been executed, one which is in the process of being executed, one that is routing through Tallahassee after some corrections were made, two that still must get the health exemption, and one that is still in procurement. Joshua said that he is confident all state-funded contracts will be up and running by the end of the contract year. He also said he should have final Part B numbers to share in May. The state of Florida secured a partial award from HRSA for the 2025-2026 funding year. |
| AAM METHODOLOGY | Barbara Martinez reviewed the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism methodology. Draft surveys for providers and Care Council members were sent out in the meeting packet the week before. The survey will be open the following week, on April 14th. Barbara asked members to look for an email from her sent through SurveyMonkey. Barbara emphasized to please utilize the comment section in the survey if anyone has seen any new issues arise this past year. She reminded members that the survey covers the 2024-2025 grant year. The draft report should be ready in October, and the final report will be ready in December or January. Nolan said that he would help remind members at the Care Council meeting to take the survey. |
| COMMUNITY INPUT/ ANNOUNCEMENTS | Joy Winheim announced that Dining Out for Life will be on April 24, 2025 in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. A portion of proceeds from participating restaurants will be donated to support HIV clients.  Angela Kellogg announced that Metro Inclusive Health has rolled out a new Hepatitis C program to help uninsured patients access treatment. The program is covered by 430b funding and Metro’s Copay It Forward program. The program covers the cost for the patient to be on health insurance. Nicole Houston asked if all Metro locations are providing this service. Angela answered yes that Metro was already providing Hepatitis C care for Ryan White clients and that this program opens a pathway for the mono diagnosed to get care. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. |