

Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council
CARE Council Meeting
Monday, December 3, 2012
Minutes

Members Present

Rafael Abadia
Cindy Barnes
Marsharee Chronicle
Rosalyn Collins
Kim Enright
Elaine Esplin
Julie Graham
Don Hilliard
Mary Kannel
Glenn Krabec
Melissa McGee
Thomas McKissack
Shantreirra Monroe
Larry Osband
Mary Jane Reynolds
Juny Tetevi
Vicki Tucci

Members Absent

Bobbie Cleveland
*Lorenzo Lowe
Shirley Samples
Cecil Smith

Grantee Staff

Sonja Holbrook
Anna Balla
Thomas Eaton
Sheron Hoo-Hing
Shoshana Ringer
Bob Guarascio
Pamela Eidelberg

CARE Council Staff

Pat Adams

Lead Agency Staff

Kim Bradley
Latoya Osborne

Guests

Metris Batts
Courtney Draine
Chris English
Justin Ferrill
Marlinda Jefferson
Beatrice Manning
Berthline Isma
Marie Presmy
Adrialina Zapata

*Denotes an excused absence

- I. The CARE Council Meeting was called to order at 2:33pm by Chair, Rafael Abadia, at the Mayme Fredrick Building. Roll was taken; **a quorum was present.** Guests were introduced.
- II. A Moment of Reflection:

Moment of Silence
A moment of silence is observed in respect to the memory of those individuals who have succumbed to AIDS and those who are living with the disease. Let us remember why we are here today. Let us have the strength to make the decisions that will improve the care of those we serve. Let us be thankful for what we have accomplished to date.
- III. **Motion** by Larry Osband, **second** by Don Hilliard to accept excused absences. **Motion carried.**
- IV. **Motion** by Larry Osband, **second** by Don Hilliard to accept the December 3, 2012 CARE Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**
- V. **Motion** by Larry Osband, **second** by Don Hilliard to accept the September 24, 2012 CARE Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Kim Bradley announced that staff was approached about a leave of absence from a member.

Juny Tetevi requested a three –month leave of absence due to hardship. After a brief discussion, **motion** by Kim Enright **second** by Mary Kannel to accept Juny Tetevi request as presented. **Motion carried.** Juny Tetevi will return from her hardship leave of absence in March 1, 2013.

- VI. Comments by the Chair:** The Chair stated that he attended a Ryan White Office meeting; he learned a lot. The Chair stated that the committee as a whole needs to start focusing on the Affordable Care Act. There are so many things happening quickly. The Chair asked the Planning Committee to meet on a monthly basis and for other committees to be informed as well about the Affordable Care Act.

The Chair stated that the members should get as much information as possible concerning the Affordable Care Act and the changes that would occur with the clients in terms of those who have access to Medicaid or other insurances and what changes would that be with Ryan White. We really need consumers, providers and committee members' participation. The Chair urged all members to attend the Planning Committee meeting.

The Chair thanked Kim Bradley for her outstanding services working with Part B. Mary Kannel thanked Kim as well; she added that Kim Bradley made the transition of Part B Administration from HCSEF to Health Department trouble-free. Kim Bradley was presented an award for her excellent services.

- VII. Public Comments:** There was none.

- VIII. Educational Moment:** Adrialina Zapata gave an informative presentation on the MAI-ARTAS Program, it was noted that other services available to help the clients with are: Bus pass-31 day pass or daily, gas cards, phone cards, Winn Dixie cards and other incentives.

IX. Standing Reports & Updates:

- A. **Legislative Update:** Vicki Tucci gave a brief report on the fiscal clip issue; Vicki noted that if there is no resolution and if Congress does not act, and the Bush era tax cuts expires, the HIV/AIDS funds possibly would be cut by 8.2% starting January 2, 2013, there are some negotiations that are pending. Vicki added that she would look for more cuts Nationwide.
- B. **Health Care Reform:** Sonja Holbrook gave an update on the Health Care Reform. She asked the members how they could remain connected with the state. The group came up with ideas. As soon as more information is available, the committee would be informed.
- C. **CPP Updates:** Marlinda Jefferson informed the committee about CPP updates.
- D. **ADAP Update:** There was no report.
- E. **Patient Care & 4BNWK Report:** Chris English reviewed and explained the expenditure reports to the committee.
- F. **MAC Report:** Metris Batts gave an update on a range of trainings sponsored by the Health Department and Community Awareness Committee.
- G. **Patient Care Update including ADAP:** There was no report.
- H. **Medicaid Report:** Cindy Barnes reported that the long-term care Medicaid portion is moving in the right direction.
- I. **Part A Report:** Sonja Holbrook introduced and welcomed Thomas Eaton as the new Financial Analyst III assisting Ryan White Part A. Sonja provided the committee a packet and explained various HRSA reports to the committee.
- J. **Part B Report:** There was no report.

K. **Membership Update:** Kim Enright gave an update on the members who were removed from the CARE Council due to lack of attendance or resignation. Kim Enright encourages everyone to take a recruitment packet to their community to help find members. The committee is targeting minorities; The CARE Council is lacking African American Males (AAM) in the age range of 20-44 years of age.

X. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:** There was none.

XI. **New Business:**

Vote: Approval of Committee Recommendations:

1. **Motion carried** to approve the Joint Medical & Support Services Committee's recommendation to approve the Eligibility Criteria for Palm Beach County HIV/AIDS Services Provided by Ryan White Part A as presented.
2. **Motion carried** to approve the Priorities and Allocations recommendations to approve the GY13 Level Funding with the extra amount of \$225,505 with the following changes.
 - a) To reduce \$120,000 from 1b—Laboratory Diagnostic Testing and to reduce 1.3 % across the board for all services.
3. **Motion carried** to approve the Priorities and Allocations recommendations to approve the Level Funding—Decrease Scenario as presented.
 - a) Decrease the amount in Column E from GY 13 Level Funding by 2% across all service categories.
4. **Motion carried** to approve the Priorities and Allocations recommendations to approve the Level Funding—Increase Scenario as presented.
 - a) Increase the amount in Column E from GY 13 Level Funding budget across all service categories.
5. **Motion carried** to approve the Priorities and Allocations recommendations to approve if the grant award is up to 5% increase or 5% decrease the Grantee shall apply the percentage change across the board for all services.
6. **Motion carried** to approve the Priorities and Allocations recommendations to approve the Ryan White GY 12 Allocations with the balance of \$100,000 to be reallocated (swept) in the following services as presented.
 - a) The Priorities and Allocations recommend sweeping \$50,000 into Legal Services as amended.
 - b) The Priorities and Allocations recommend the remaining balance including the carryover and previous allocations that have not been contracted—to authorize the Grantee to be able to do any sweeps from now until the rest of the year.

XII. **Other Business:**

- A. Discussion on the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council Grant Viewing Meeting: Sonja Holbrook gave a brief overview on the document, it was noted that some of the members were in attendance.
- B. AIDS Ride: Glenn Krabec reported that The Smart Ride was held a weekend ago. It was on a Friday & Saturday. The ride started from Miami and ended up in Key West. The event raised \$869,000 and there were 498 in attendances and about 200 volunteers supporting the event.
- C. Marsharee Chronicle gave an update on the quilt that was closed on Saturday.

XIII. Adjournment: With no further business, the CARE Council Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm at the Mayme Fredrick Building, 1440 Martin Luther Blvd., Riviera Beach, FL.