

Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council
CARE Council Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2012
Minutes

Members Present

Rafael Abadia
Cindy Barnes
Bobbie Cleveland
Don Hilliard
Marlinda Jefferson
Mary Kannel
Glenn Krabec
Thomas McKissack
Shantreirra Monroe
Larry Osband
Mary Jane Reynolds
Lorenzo Robertson
Shirley Samples
Kenny Talbot
Juny Tetevi
Vicki Tucci

Members Absent

*Rosalyn Collins
*Kim Enright
Nicole Leidesdorf
*Melissa McGee
Cecil Smith

Grantee Staff

Anna Balla
Tammy Fields
Bob Guarascio
Sonja Holbrook
Shoshana Ringer
Nadia Najarro

CARE Council Staff

Pat Adams
Latoya Osborne

Lead Agency Staff

Kim Bradley
Julie Graham

Patient CARE/Network

*Mitchell Durant

Guests

Yollette Bonnet
Lorenzo Lowe
Beatrice Manning
Marie Presmy
Randall Rich
Rob Scott

*Denotes an excused absence

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- I. The CARE Council Meeting was called to order at 2:30pm 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 Shirley Samples to accept excused absences. **Motion carried.**
- IV. **Motion** by, Don Hilliard **second** Larry Osband by to accept the June 25, 2012 CARE Council Meeting Agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**
- V. **Motion** by Larry Osband, **second** by Don Hilliard to accept the April 30, 2012 CARE Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

- VI. Comments by the Chair:** Rafael Abadia announced that this was his first meeting. He is looking over his goals. Rafael stated there is a lot of potential change from the Health Care Reform. The Chair stated as a committee, we need to stay on top of our legislation. The Chair stated that we cannot tell people who to vote for, but recommended that everyone register to vote.
- VII. Public Comments:** There was none.
- VIII. Educational Moment:** There was none.
- IX. Standing Reports & Updates:**
- A. **Legislative Update:** Vicki Tucci informed the committee that there is a wait for the Health Care Reform decision. Vicki stated that West Palm Beach Housing Authority would be accepting applications online at www.wpbha.org from July 9 -20, 2012. It was noted the priority applicants would be those who have been working for 12 months, those who are 62 and older, and those with special needs. Vicki stated the immigrants are welcome, but must have documentation that they are in a legal status (or pending). Please share this information with everyone who is struggling with housing issues or service provider. This only happens every few years.
- B. **Health Care Reform:** Nadia Najarro gave the committee an update on the Health Care Reform.
- C. **CPP Updates:** Marlinda Jefferson gave an overview on the CPP updates, it was noted the campaign, “Test Palm Beach County” would be on billboards, buses and other method of advertising.
- D. **ADAP Update:** Mary Kannel reported that currently there are 1023 enrolled in ADAP program in Palm Beach County and the waitlist is expected to be closed out soon.
- E. **Patient Care & 4BNWK Report:** Mary Kannel gave an update on both the Patient Care Network (4BNWK) and the Palm Beach County Health Department Patient Care Expenditures (4B000) reports to the committee, it was noted that the spending is on target.
Patient Care Update including ADAP: Mary Kannel reviewed and discussed the Palm Beach County Health Department Patient Care Report.
- F. **Medicaid Report:** Cindy Barnes reported for long-term care population, it was noted that they are in the process of sending out invitations to negotiate all recipients to enroll in the program.
- G. **Part A Report:** Sonja Holbrook discussed and gave an overview of the following topics.
- informed the committee that Walgreens bought out Bioscript. Ryan White had over 100 clients who could no longer be served, as Walgreens is not part of the Health Care District pharmacy system. Case Managements have been notified of their clients who it may be impacted.
 - stated that AICP has instituted a policy limiting co-pays and deductibles. Sonja noted that this is not anticipated to affect our system of care. Sonja stated that of the 267 clients impacted statewide, nine are Palm Beach County residents. Sonja added that the new clients with Medicaid, Medicare A, B or D, or Medicare Supplemental coverage do not qualify for AICP. Current clients with Medicare Supplemental coverage will continue to have their premiums paid by the program. Clients who become eligible for Medicare and/or Medicaid after July 1, 2012 would be unregistered from AICP within 60 days. Locally, case managements are working with

their clients impacted by this change.

- stated that HRSA's HIV/AIDS HAB is restructuring. Each Project Officer would have fewer grantees in their portfolio, in order to spend more time with each grantee.
- unit cost document was distributed for information purposes.
- informed the committee that the program monitoring for the last FY has been completed. Issues around serving ineligible clients were identified in some instances. SOC reviews have been completed; a report to the CARE Council would be forthcoming. Sonja stated that fiscal monitoring was completed for some agencies for FY-11. The remaining agencies would be monitored over the summer. Sonja noted that overall the agencies are delivering high quality services and are meeting the Grantee's requirements.
- Sonja reported that the Eligibility Program is up and running, there are two eligibility workers at the two Coastal Health Department clinics. In July, there would be an extensive training held for the eligibility workers and a separate training for case managers on case notes.

H. **Part B Report:** Kim Bradley gave an overview on the Part B Report, it was noted that Part B is working with providers during this transition. Mary Kannel thanked Kim Bradley for her services at HCSF.

I. **Membership Update:** Thomas McKissack-There was no report.

X. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:** The Chair called for a 15-minute recess. Sonja Holbrook presented a cake and gave a special thank you to Mary Kannel for being the Chair, and chairing other committees for the last three years. Sonja thanked each Committee Chair for their outstanding work too.

XI. **New Business:**

1. **Motion carried** to approve the Priorities and Allocations Committee's recommendation to approve the FY 2013-2014 Service Priorities as presented.
2. **Motion carried** to approve the Membership Committee's recommendation that Lorenzo Lowe, Elaine Esplin and Julie Graham to be forward for CARE Council for membership.
3. **Motion carried** to approve the Membership Committee's recommendation to approve Policy 10 as presented.
4. **Motion carried** to approve the Membership Committee's recommendation to approve Policy 25 as presented.

XII. **Other Business:**

- A. **SOS Conference Updates:** Shantreirra Monroe informed the committee that the SOS Conferences in both Belle Glade and West Palm Beach was a success. The conference featured speakers on various topics and had live entertainment.
- B. **Test Palm Beach County Update:** Rob Scott discussed and gave the committee an update on Test Palm Beach County. Rob pass out advertising items, such as pens, plastic drinking cups,

refrigerator magnets and coasters to the committee for promoting Test Palm Beach County. Rob informed the committee of the three campaign goals.

1. Promote routine HIV testing
2. Encourage individuals to know their HIV status and see treatment if needed.
3. Reduce community viral load.

C. DCF Training: Mary Kannel announced that DCF Training would be held on Friday, June 29, 2012 @9:00a.m. at 12noon at the Clayton Hutcheson Center, 559 N Military Trail, Exhibit Hall A, West Palm Beach, Fl 33415. Mary encouraged each member to attend.

XIII. Adjournment: With no further business, the CARE Council Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm at the Mayme Fredrick Building, 1440 Martin Luther Blvd., Riviera Beach, FL.