

Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council  
CARE Council Committee Meeting  
*Monday, June 29, 2015*  
Minutes

**Members Present**

Mary Jane Reynolds  
Cecil Smith  
Don Hilliard  
Glenn Krabec  
Denise St. Joy  
Vicki Tucci  
Quinton Dames  
Kim Enright  
Thomas McKissack  
Jeanette Tomici  
Lilia Perez

**Guests**

Nicole Frederick  
Paula Witherspoon  
Jaffe  
PBC Housing  
Elya Franciscus  
Michelle Hendricks

**Member Absent**

Shirley Samples

**Support Staff**

Sam Freels

**Grantee Staff**

Geoffrey Downie  
Nadia Najarro  
Frank Frank  
Helene Hvizd  
Thomas Eaton

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- I. The CARE Council Meeting was called to order at 2:30p.m. by Vice Chair, Glenn Krabec, at the Mayme Frederick 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. There were no excused absences.

IV. **Motion** by Kim Enright, **second** by Vicki Tucci Krusel to accept the June 29th, 2015 CARE Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

V. **Motion** by Vicki Tucci Krusel, **second** by Don Hilliard to accept the May 18, 2015 CARE Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

VI. **Comments by the Chair:** Glenn Krabec shared with the CARE Council the memorial service that was held for Larry. There were two representatives from Palm Tran there as well as the Lighthouse for the blind. Larry's brother was also provided with a certificate on behalf of his brother. Thomas Eaton indicated there were a lot of people in attendance at the memorial service.

**VII. Public Comments:**

Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches will be having a health fair, flyers are available on the back table.

Linda Warren presented Soul Fest will be occurring July 3, 2015 at noon, for more information call 561-547-6852.

**VIII. Educational Moment:** There was none.

**IX. Standing Reports & Updates**

A. **Health Care Reform:** Nadia Najarro referred to Vicki Tucci.

B. **Legislature Updates:** Vicki Tucci Krusel informed the council that both State and federal exchanges can allow the use of subsidies. She mentioned this still leaves a gap for those who are below 100%FPL, and because there is no expansion of Medicaid. Vicki Tucci also reminded the council that on June 26<sup>th</sup>, gay marriages were legalized. She informed members that there is a marital glitch; those who qualified for Ryan White & ADAP may no longer qualify because of joint household income.

C. **CPP Updates:** No updates provided.

D. **Part B Report; Patient Care & 4BNWK Report:** Mitchell Durant provided a handout on the HIV testing bill (HIV testing will be part of routine testing). Mitchell also discussed the condom distribution maps which will gather information on how & where condoms are used. A report will be coming out soon. Moreover, the integrated plan guidance has been released with a deadline slated for 2016. The Part B supplemental grant is due June 29. HRSA will complete a site visit in the fall of this year.

E. **Surveillance Report:** Psyche Doe explained the report, if you have any questions; please feel free to contact her.

F. **Medicaid Report:** Kelly Martes has resigned. There is no representation from Medicaid at this time. Several people have reached out to known contacts, with no response.

G. **PBC Housing Authority—Update on HOPWA:** Kenyon Link will be the new representative.

- H. **Florida Statewide Consumer Advisory Group (CAG):** Denise St. Joy mentioned the group is currently looking at the topic of “Criminalization of HIV.”
  - I. **Part A Report:** Geoffrey Downie shared there will be two changes to the Local Pharmacy Services RFP; (1) Reviewing & Scoring Process, and (2) Grievance Procedure. Moreover Geoffrey Downie mentioned an offer has been made to an individual for the secretary position, currently the candidate’s references are being verified. In addition, the new data management system is in place, it will take a couple of months to get everything fine tuned.
  - J. **Expenditure Report:** Frank Frank gave updates and he explained the expenditure report to the committee members.
  - K. **Membership:** Kim Enright discussed the pending membership of Chris Dowden to the Care Council.
  - L. **LPAP:** Chris Dowden was not in attendance to offer an update, however a reference was made to the recommendations from the Committee.
- X. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:** There were none.
- XI. **New Business**
- A. **Vote: Approval of Committee Recommendations**
    - Membership Committee**

Glen Krabec made a motion to approve the individuals under the recommendation of the Membership Committee, Vicky Tucci Krusel second.
    - LPAP Ad Hoc Committee**

Glen Krabec made a motion to approve the recommendations from the LPAP Ad Hoc Committee, Vicky Tucci Krusel second.
    - P&A Committee**

Glen Krabec introduced the recommendations from the P&A Committee. Don Hilliard, made the motion to approve the recommendations, Thomas McKissack second.  
Lilia Perez and Quinton Dames abstained due to conflict of interest, current providers of Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) service category at their agency.
  - B. **Elect Treasurer**

Glen Krabec motioned to the CARE council to accept Don Hilliard (sole nomination) for Treasurer. The Members of the CARE Council were all in favor.
  - C. **Vote: LPAP Ad Hoc Committee to Standing Committee**

Vicky Tucci Krusel made the motion to change the LPAP Ad Hoc committee to a standing committee pending the membership approval of Chris Dowden, Don Hilliard second.
- XII. **Other Business:**
- A. Recommend Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG) Nominations for Representative and Alternate

Dr. Mitchell Durant shared with the CARE Council that it is time for odd number areas to nominate a representative and alternate as representatives for PCPG.

Vicki nominated Nadia as the patient care rep & Cecil as the alternate, Don Second. Mitchell will provide individuals with applications.

**XIII. Announcements:**

- a. Quinton Dames announced the “Real Talk Study” for ages 18-49, black, MSM within the past 90 days. Participants will receive \$50 for first visit, \$75 for second visit. Anyone interested can be referred to Quinton or Marie Presmy.
- b. Vicki Tucci- Coverage to Care Legal Initiative Card on the back table
- c. Geoff Downie announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Forum to be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Children’s Services Hospital.

VIII. **Adjournment:** With no further business, the CARE Council Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. at the Mayme Frederick Building, 1440 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Riviera Beach, FL

Approved 10/26/2015 sw.