

Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9th 2022, 12:00pm

Members Present

Ashnika Ali
Chris Dowden
Hector Bernardino
Lysette Perez
Kenny Talbot-Chair
Kristen Harrington
Ashaki Sypher
Miguel Vasquez
Angelie Diya
Nancy McConnell
Denise Brown

Members absent

Dale Smith
Damion Baker
Eileen Perry
Felisha Douglas-Bowman
Lilia Perez
Thomas McKissack
Richardo Jackson- Vice Chair
Tyrina Pinkney
Toney Carney- Treasurer
Alejandro Velez
Rosalyn Jocurin- Secretary
Kristina Rowe
Lisa Kemp

Guests

Brittany McClure
Stephanie Thomson- Monarch

CARE Council Staff

Neeta Mahani
James Green
Fate Metellus

Recipient Staff Present

Laura Perdomo
Helen Hvizd
Dr. Daisy Wiebe
Sean Conklin
Dr. Casey Messer
Gecica Tibert
Jenevive
Jasmine

Recipient Staff Absent

Juanita Riviera
Marlinda
Shoshana Ringer
Anna Balla

- I. The Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council Meeting was called to order at 12:12pm by Neeta Mahani. Roll call was taken and guests were introduced. **There was a Quorum.**

- II. **A Moment of Reflection:** According to Lysette, it has been 35 years since the Names project Quilt began. There is no place on earth that the entire quilt can be displayed in one location. Compass holds the largest accumulative display in one place. We have come really far with the HIV epidemic; to the point where seeing a future in which all are virally suppressed is just on the horizon. It is also possible to induct a piece into the quilt.

Dense Brown also wanted to take the moment to remember Laurie and Shirley who were hardworking people.

A 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 HIV. 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. **Acceptance of Excused Absences:** Lisa Kemp. Motion to accept excused absence. First Motion: Lysette Perez. Second Motion: Chris Dowden. Motion carried
- IV. **Acceptance of the December 9th 2022, Care Council Meeting Agenda:** Motion to accept the December 9th Meeting agenda with no changes. First Motion: Lysette Perez. Second Motion: Denise Brown. Motion Carries.
- V. **Acceptance of November 14th, 2022 Care Council Meeting Minutes:**
- Chris was wondering about those who abstained from the vote.
 - Lysette brought up the fact that Ashnika abstained so therefore she could not vote.
- Motion to accept the November 14th 2022 Care Council Meeting minutes with the changes. First Motion: Chris Dowden. Second Motion: Denise Brown.
- VI. **Comments by the Chair:** Kenny Talbot wants to thank everyone for all their hard work that they've done throughout the year. It has been a long and difficult, but also prosperous. HERSA has recognized all the work that everyone has done.
- VII. **Public Comments:** Denise Brown also wants to thank everyone for their hard work. It has not gone unnoticed and many changes are being brought about. Everyone is committed and focused
- VIII. **Educational Moments: Ending the HIV epidemic video feedback- Sean Conklin**
- The Video will be aired on Channel 20
 - Lysette had only good things to say
 - The target audience was being reached, it was diverse and informational
 - Denise Brown brought up the fact that the video should be translated into different languages so that communities could be reached.
- IX. **Unfinished Business and General Orders: None**
- X. **Other Business:** The deadline extension for January 9th was extended according to Dr. Casey Messer but everything is still going as planned. Information is still being compiled and we will need a quorum for The next Care Council Meeting to be able to finalize the Plan
- XI. **Old Business: None**
- XII. **New Business:**
- A. **Integrated Plan Presentation- Dr. Casey Messer and Marlinda**
- There needs to be an annual meeting within the first half of the calendar year
 - The Integrated Plan, Although it has Legal Speak, will be also be catered to the Public so that they may also understand it, especially when it comes to the goals and objectives
 - The next CARE Council meeting will be on January 5th at 2pm
- B. **PBC HIV CC Calendar Advice 2023**
- There has been a lot confusion with this year's calendar

- A lot of meetings have had to be cancelled or changed due to unforeseen circumstances amongst other reasons
- It has been decided to maintain putting out the meetings every three months
- If you are going to miss it would be good to give a two weeks' notice. Circumstances happen but having a couple days' notice would be good

C. PBC HIV CC Officers Election 2023- Kenny Talbot and Helene Hvizd

- The floor opens for Election in January
- February should be for the elections
- The annual meeting needs to be in the first half of the calendar year
- Needs to all be decided by March or the first Quarter of the year

Motion to hold election for new council heads in February- First Motion: Chris Dowden. Second Motion: Lysette Perez. Motion Carried

D. Program Letter: Ryan White HIV/AIDs Program part A Guidance for Planning Councils and Planning bodies on supporting people with lived experience- Dr. Casey Messer

- Lysette brought up the fact that the meetings should start being after work so that more people can show up and be in attendance
- To get more participation, the hours of the meetings need to be considered along with transportation and where we will be holding said meeting.
- Satellite meetings were brought up but they would not be considered to be part of the quorum
- We need to stop assuming that people have the same access to things as we do such as computers and laptops, phones, computer access and even transportation to get to the Library's
- There are some of those who once had the phone due to having Medicare, Food Stamps, etc. who cannot get a new one even if their phone is broken
- The budget needs to be considered
- The January

XIII. Announcement: The Names Quilt Project is now at 5 locations. The biggest one being at Compass. Compass will be closed from December 24th until early January

XIV. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:32pm

**Conflict of Interest*

A CARE Council member who has an identified conflict of interest must abstain from voting on issues related to that conflict. A member who does not abstain from voting on issues where a conflict is identified by the County's Commission on Ethics designated legal counsel may be removed from the CARE Council.