

# Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council (RHAC)

Minutes from December 6, 2006, Regular Meeting of RHAC

Riverside Community Center, Fort Myers, Florida

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## Attendance List attached

- I. Attendees introduced themselves. It was determined a quorum was present (10 of 15 present).
- II. The minutes were reviewed. Art Gallagher made the motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Harter seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the 9/27/06 minutes as presented.
- III. Local Advisory Group Reports
  - a. Jim McCloud reported for Sarasota and provided a handout. Silence is Death has impacted the LAG and it is the focus of the planning efforts and initiatives. Joan Surso stated there will be a town hall meeting 1/13/07 to solicit information on un/under-served and disparities, dual eligibility, Medicare D, and Medicaid model. **James McCloud will send Susan Mitchell a press release to disburse.**
  - b. Dr. Hartner reported for Lee County. They are working on Silence is Death initiatives focusing on neighborhood outreach.
  - c. Susan Craig reported for Collier County. They are doing one-on-one contacts with faith community. Through the contacts and World's AIDS Day peace tiles, they have developed some partnerships and are looking to do training and disburse materials.
  - d. Art Gallagher reported for Hendry and Glades. He stated in January Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) will begin networking with businesses to get them more involved.
  - e. Steven Mitnick reported for Charlotte. They are providing education to online resources.
  - f. Ruth Pinkerton reported for DeSoto County. They are working with Rafael Loza (SCHD) to do outreach.
  - g. Bill Little asked if all counties had a LAG? Ruth Pinkerton reported DeSoto County has a few interested clients but nothing formal due to the rural issues: transportation and confidentiality. Several meeting participants suggested strategies to help overcome these issues – video conferencing, partnering with Charlotte, Sarasota, Hendry/Glades. Pat Dobbins stated that Hendry/Glades CAB is only so strong and productive because of Art and his hard work and constant dedication to keeping it a working group. **Ruth will discuss partnering / mentoring options with other areas including Charlotte, Sarasota, and H/G.**
- IV. Kim Hustad introduced Richard Faris from Lee County. He gave a presentation and information on homeless services and mechanisms in Lee County. There are approximately 2,000 homeless in Lee County. HUD is emphasizing permanent housing as opposed to shelters or transitional housing and support services. Dr. Hartner stated HOPWA is under-spent and suggested it is not the program rules, but now the lack of affordable housing stock that is the biggest barrier for clients. She asked how RHAC can advocate for affordable housing for clients? Richard Faris suggested options such as in Lee where the county commission developed task force in Lee County. The Florida Housing Corporation has a website that provides information on SHIP but could be a resource for listing affordable housing stock. Kim Hustad stated right now with the real estate market the way it is, there has been more success in negotiating with landlords. She also stated that in the long term to increase affordable housing stock is going to take investment. HOPWA is the only program specifically targeting a population. While it is not a subsidy, HOPWA is actually used by some clients as such in that they use it year to year.

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Carolyn Moore stated she is interested in options to provide housing to her clients. She asked about funding. Richard Faris suggested agencies could look to the Partnering For Results. Bill Little stated that agencies should look into getting into the planning cycles for local HUD and other housing funding through their local coalitions.

## V. Lead Agency Reports

### a. Financial Reports – Mike Waite.

- i. Ryan White II is slightly under-spent in all lines items and overall by about 10%.
- ii. Susan Mitchell reviewed the Budget Revision 1 and asked for RHAC to consider three recommendations for policy changes. After discussion the first two were accepted as presented and the third as amended. Pat Dobbins made the first motion, Jim McCloud seconded and the recommendations approved are as follows:
  1. Increase the spending limit on Health Insurance line item
  2. Open up Dental for expensive services now instead of at the end of the year.
  3. Add non-formulary prescriptions to the formulary as they are approved by clinical review.
- iii. Something that will impact the pharmacy line item is that Medicare D did pick up people but that clients are going to have to reapply annually for assistance and the tiers and benefits will be changing. **Susan Mitchell will email the case managers to FYI them to get clients to reapply for low income assistance under Medicare D and to review changes to their plan carefully.**
- iv. HOPWA is 42% under-spent. Bill Little asked each area to come up with two cases to forward to the state to show how the rules of the HOPWA program are hurting our clients and push to redefine some of the parameters. Jim McCloud stated HOPWA is the biggest issue in Area 8. It was noted that when Sarasota went to HUD, the total Area 8 contract amount was not reduced.

b. Susan Barrows reported the medical chart audits were completed. All providers were given their own report and asked for areas reporting at or below 75% compliance, to provide a plan of action to address those concerns. Ruth Pinkerton said in her area Advanced Directives was an area DCHD was dinged on. She has gotten Five Wishes from an organization in Tallahassee and is working to get them all completed in the client medical charts. **Ruth Pinkerton will send Susan Mitchell contact information for Five Wishes.**

### c. Planning

- i. Susan Mitchell stated the Planning Committee will be recreated and presented a draft timeline. A new Planning Committee will be contacted this month.
- ii. Jeff Trout gave an overview of the statewide planning group meeting in November Florida Community Planning Network. He stated Susan Mitchell gave a very well received presentation on RHAC and the new model. There was a lot of interest from and around the state and stated Area 8 is ahead of the game. The group discussed the standard eligibility movement but noted that it will now not apply to HOPWA because of the differences in program rules (300% vs. 80%MHI). Also, the issue of how often people can apply was another issue. There was discussion of the RWCARE Act reauthorization, Medicare D, and

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medically needy. **Susan Mitchell will send out the Area 8 new model presentation given in November.**

- VI. Committee reports
  - a. Case Management – Ruth Pinkerton report on the CMC. There was no meeting in December. November was about super-bills and HOPWA. January will be AICP training.
  - b. Clinical Committee – Sharon Murphy reported the Clinical Committee is working on getting a face to face meeting with the committee to discuss a standard updated QA medical review tool.
  - c. Prevention – Peter Bright presented a handout and stated he is looking to do meetings via video conferencing. **If anyone has video conferencing technology, please email Susan Mitchell and she will forward to Peter Bright.**
- VII. HAPC/RMAC Report
  - a. Amy Zamot reported she is working on Silence is Death initiatives.
- VIII. Public Comment
  - a. Carolyn Moore brought the magazine and articles as the action item from last meeting.
  - b. Steven Mitnick stated the Charlotte County Health Department facility will have its grand reopening January 30<sup>th</sup>. RHAC meetings after than date are invited to come back to Punta Gorda.

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<b>RHAC County Health Department Members</b>							
Steven Mitnick, Administrator	Charlotte CHD	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Joan Colfer, MD, Director	Collier CHD		✗				
Mary Kay Burns, Administrator	DeSoto CHD		✗				
Pat Dobbins	Glades CHD	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Neftali Fernandez, MD, Director <sup>1</sup>	Hendry CHD	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Judith Hartner, MD, Director	Lee CHD	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Bill Little, Administrator	Sarasota CHD	✓	✗	✓	✓		
<b>RHAC Community Representative Members</b>							
Lisa Crytser	Charlotte County	✓	✗				
Ellen Cordoba	Collier County		✗	✓	✓		
Vacant	DeSoto County		✗				
Art Gallagher	Glades County		✗	✓	✓		
Vacant	Hendry County		✗				
Jeff Trout	Lee County	✓	✗		✓		
Jim McCloud	Sarasota County	✓	✗	✓	✓		
<b>RHAC At-Large Members</b>							
Dillard Larson	Patient Care Planning	✓	✗				
Peter Bright	Prevention Planning	✓	✗	✓	✓		
<b>Area 8 DOH Representatives</b>							
Gail Counts	Area 8 HAPC	✓	✗	✓			
Clarke Kirby	Area 8 Contract Manager	✓	✗	✓	✓		
<b>Lead Agency Staff</b>							
Ed Houck	HPCSWF	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Susan Mitchell	HPCSWF	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Susan Barrows	HPCSWF	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Kim White	HPCSWF	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Spencer Edwards <sup>2</sup>	HPCSWF	✓	✗		✓		
Amanda Harm	HPCSWF		✗	✓	✓		
Mike Waite	HPCSWF	✓	✗	✓	✓		
<b>RHAC Guests</b>							
Al Perez	DeSoto CHD	✓	✗	✓			
Amy Zamot	DOH	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Beth Taylor	Sarasota CHD	✓	✗	✓			
Bill McBurnie	Charlotte CHD	✓	✗				

<sup>1</sup> Glenn Price was the Hendry CHD representative until his retirement 10/1/06.

<sup>2</sup> Colleen Rose had the position prior to Spencer Edwards.

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Carolyn Moore	ICAN		X		✓		
Christine Griffith	Sarasota CHD	✓	X	✓			
Cynthia Bartillo	Lee CHS		X	✓			
Glenn Price	Hendry CHD	X	X	✓			
Jamie Blackmon	ARC		X	✓			
Joan Surso	Sarasota CHD		X	✓	✓		
John Runde	DOH, Prevention	✓	X	✓			
Kim Hustad	Lee CHS		X	✓	✓		
Lyzza Archipov	McGregor Clinic	✓	X				
Marty Kennedy	Lee CHD/ CMS		X	✓			
Nanci Richardson	Charlotte CHD		X				
Penny Kurtz	DeSoto CHD		X				
Robbi LaBlanc	Lee CHS	✓	X	✓			
Robert Bobo	Hendry CHD		X	✓	✓		
Ruth Pinkerton	DeSoto CHD		X	✓	✓		
Scott Tims	Collier CHD	✓	X	✓			
Sharon Murphy	McGregor Clinic	✓	X	✓	✓		
Stanley Dratler, MD	Medical Consultant		X				
Susan Craig	Collier CHD		X	✓	✓		
Susan Terry	CAN/CCC		X	✓			
Natasha Speck	SCHD		X		✓		
Rafael Loza	SCHD		X		✓		
Amy Pinter	Positive Health Care		X		✓		
Nora	HCHD		X		✓		
Richard Faris	Lee County		X		✓		
Ron Weston	Positive Health Care		X		✓		
Tara Landers	Positive Health Care		X		✓		
			X				
			X				
			X				