

**Florida Alliance for Diabetes Prevention and Care  
Leadership Council Quarterly Meeting  
January 09, 2007  
Tampa, Florida**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Rob Lombardo, Chair - via telephone (Big Bend Rural Health Network)  
Pauline Lowe, Chair-Elect (American Diabetes Association – Florida)  
Mike Hill, Secretary (Northwest Florida and Big Bend Health Councils, Inc.)  
Rosa Carranza, DAC Liaison (Little Havana/Hispanic Elderly Diabetes Initiative)  
Phyllis Bruno, Community Partnerships Chair (Cleveland Clinic – Florida)  
Ferdie Richards, Data/Information Committee Chair (FMQAI)  
Tammie Johnson, Ex-Officio (Department of Health)  
Barbara Jacobowitz (Treasure Coast Health Council)

**Guests**

Bruce Parsons, Palm Healthcare Foundation, Inc. – West Palm Beach  
Sophy Alvarez, Hardee County Health Department (CHD) – Wauchula  
Angela Hernandez, Hardee CHD – Wauchula  
Laura Macione, Eli Lilly & Co. – Bonita Springs  
Lisa Creswell, American Heart Assn. – St. Pete  
Raghavendra Olety, Pinellas CHD Evaluator – St. Pete  
Joanne Vaccaro-Kirsh, University of South Florida Diabetes Center – Tampa  
Kathy Mulcahy, Amylin – Bradenton  
Jean Bisio, Green Ribbon Health – Tampa  
Sue Russell, Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine – Lakeland

**Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP) Staff**

M.R. Street

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**I. Welcome and Announcements**

Mr. Lombardo called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Ms. Street asked those participants requesting travel reimbursement to complete their vouchers and turn them into her today. She also stated that the worksheets, along with a receipt, must be sent in within the next two weeks at the latest. If no receipts, signed worksheets can be turned in today.

**II. Minutes**

Ms. Phyllis Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the November 2006 meeting. Ms. Jacobowitz seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees**

A. Chair: Mr. Lombardo (None)

B. Chair-elect: Ms. Lowe (None)

C. Past chair: Dr. Deeb (Not Present)

D. Community Partnerships Committee: Phyllis Bruno, Chair: Ms. Bruno reported that current membership in the Alliance is approximately 200 and that 100 of those members were a direct result of the Leadership Councils participation in the ADA conference at Marco Island last year. A discussion regarding the activities to be sponsored by the Leadership Council at the ADA conference was held. No specific recommendations were made. However group consensus was to focus on developing programs at the local level

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and to post the programs and information regarding them on the internet. Ms. Bruno also reported that the Alliance membership form is currently available on the internet. It was reported that last year's membership recruitment efforts would be repeated at the August 2007 ADA meeting. It was announced that Community Partnership conference calls would be held on the 4th Thursday of every month.

- E. Data Committee: Dr. Richards, Chair: Dr. Richards reported that he and Tammy Johnson and Mike Hill had met as the data committee. As a result of the meeting it was determined that the Alliance had some current data available to work with and that it is time to strongly encourage action. It was stated that current data could identify pockets of need but that the alliance does not know where there are resources or where there is membership to support community solutions. The committee suggested that this be accomplished by approaching a minimum of one grassroots organization that has a viable local project and that the Leadership Council supports it with its energy and resources. It was also suggested that financial support be used to target problem areas. Financial support would range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The committee suggested that that if action is desired that a focus must be developed and maintained as a shotgun approach would not work since no individual or organization can address every issue.
- F. Education Committee: No Report; Ms. Waller not present.
- G. Diabetes Advisory Council: Rosa Carranza DAC Representative: Ms. Carranza reported that the DAC would meet on January 10. Ms. Carranza reported that Kim Bertron, Chair of the DAC, praised the proactive approach between manufactures and the American Diabetes Association. It was also reported that the DAC was working to should capitalize on the state's school health initiative and that a representative of the Department of Education had been invited to attend tomorrows DAC meeting. Ms. Carranza also reported that the DAC legislative committee was developing a possible constitution amendment for obesity and diabetes similar to an initiative undertaken in Texas that was able to reduce the costs of treatment. It was also reported that a group who had worked on the Texas initiative would be invited to meet with the DAC.

#### IV. Old business

- A. Nominating Committee Report: M.R. Street stated that the Bylaws require the election of officers be help prior to the May ADA conference. Ms. Street stated that the nominating committee should be composed of a minimum of three people. Two members of the nominating committee consist of the Chair and the Vice-Chair leaving one additional member to be appointed. Following a discussion the Chair appointed Phyllis Bruno to serve as the third member of the nominating committee. Ms. Street reported that nominations would be reviewed by the nominating committee and ballots would be available on April 1, 2007 with voting occurring through midnight May 1, 2007. Election results are announced at the May ADA conference. Officers are then elected from among the members of the Leadership Council and should be in place by July 1, 2007.
- B. Program Outline: A tentative program was presented for the Leadership Council Education Day program. After discussion the following outline was adopted subject to programmatic and scheduling changes:

Registration: ..... 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Welcome and Introductions:..... 9:00a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Keynote Speaker: (From CDC ????) ..... 9:30a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Break..... 10:30a.m. – 10:45a.m.  
Discussion: Community Health Workers (CHWs) ..... 10:45a.m. – 11:15a.m.

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Panel Discussion (CHWs & Physician) ..... 11:15a.m. – 11:45a.m.

Comments suggested a program based on System Dynamics Modeling supported by the CDC be included in the program since the CDC anticipated Florida taking a leadership role in this CDC-supported project. A conference call was scheduled for noon on February 16, 2007 to identify speakers and to begin the credentialing process.

**V. New business**

- A. Ms. Johnson announced a staff change. Alisha Bradley-Nelson has assumed the position of Communications Analyst at the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. Ms. Nelson has 27 years of public health experience and comes to the DOH from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Johnson stated that the next step would be the development of a system framework for gathering information for working with diverse groups and that she would be working with the CDC looking at action concepts as opposed to passive concepts. Plans include convening a statewide meeting with key players in the diverse communities to develop a comprehensive study to identify gaps. The next step would be to recruit a statewide partner to test the new framework.

**VI. Public comment**

None

**VII. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held at Champions Gate Resort, Orlando, Florida, on May 23, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 P.M. Eastern Time.