



Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

February 18, 2014
1:00 PM—3:00 PM
Webster Hall

Action Packet

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

Start Date and Time: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 01:00 pm
End Date and Time: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 03:00 pm
Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)
Duration: 2.00 hrs

Presentation of the Community Action Teams (CAT Teams) Pilot Program report by the Department of Children and Families

Agency for Persons with Disabilities Waiver/Lawsuit Update

Update by the Department of Children & Families on the expansion of Substance Abuse Services for Pregnant Women and their Affected Families Pilot Program

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COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

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Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)

Summary: No Bills Considered

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Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X		
Jason Brodeur	X		
Neil Combee	X		
Janet Cruz	X		
Jose Diaz	X		
Matt Gaetz	X		
Walter Hill	X		
MaryLynn Magar			X
Jared Moskowitz	X		
Amanda Murphy	X		
David Richardson	X		
Elaine Schwartz	X		
John Wood	X		
Totals:	12	0	1

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please consider the following information when contemplating the APD budget:

1. One of the services that is provided to developmentally disabled clients in Florida is called LSD-1, more commonly known as Companion Service. The amount paid to agencies for this services is \$2.16 (\$8.64 hr.) per quarter hour. That amount is suppose to cover the hourly rate paid to our caregivers, our administrative costs and a reasonable profit that enables us to maintain our agency. After paying our caregivers \$8.50 per hour, that leaves us with operating capitol of \$0.14 per hour. You might say we should consider paying the caregivers less, but this service (which dictates taking the client out into the community) costs caregivers the most to deliver considering gas and automobile expenses. This is a valuable service, one that enables our clients to have mainstream interaction in the community instead of being home-bound for the majority of the week. Also, please note that we feel we could provide a better quality of care by attracting people more qualified to be caregivers if we were able to pay a higher amount.

Please consider raising this service rate to at least \$3.25 per quarter hour or more if possible. The other option is dropping LSD-1 and include Companion services in the other services category of Personal Supports that is budgeted at \$3.46 per quarter hour.

2. We have been told that APD is considering using managed care (insurance providers) to take over the program of providing services for our clients. **THIS WOULD BE A HUGE MISTAKE!** Please consider that managed care by large insurance companies takes away the personal aspect of providing services to our clients who most often require a direct approach by caregivers and State APD employees. Daily decisions for our clients are almost never simple and straight forward (a cookie-cutter approach often used by insurance companies) . We deal with many different disabilities such as Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and several others that are not as main stream as the ones I just mentioned. You can't just say that what applies to one applies to all!

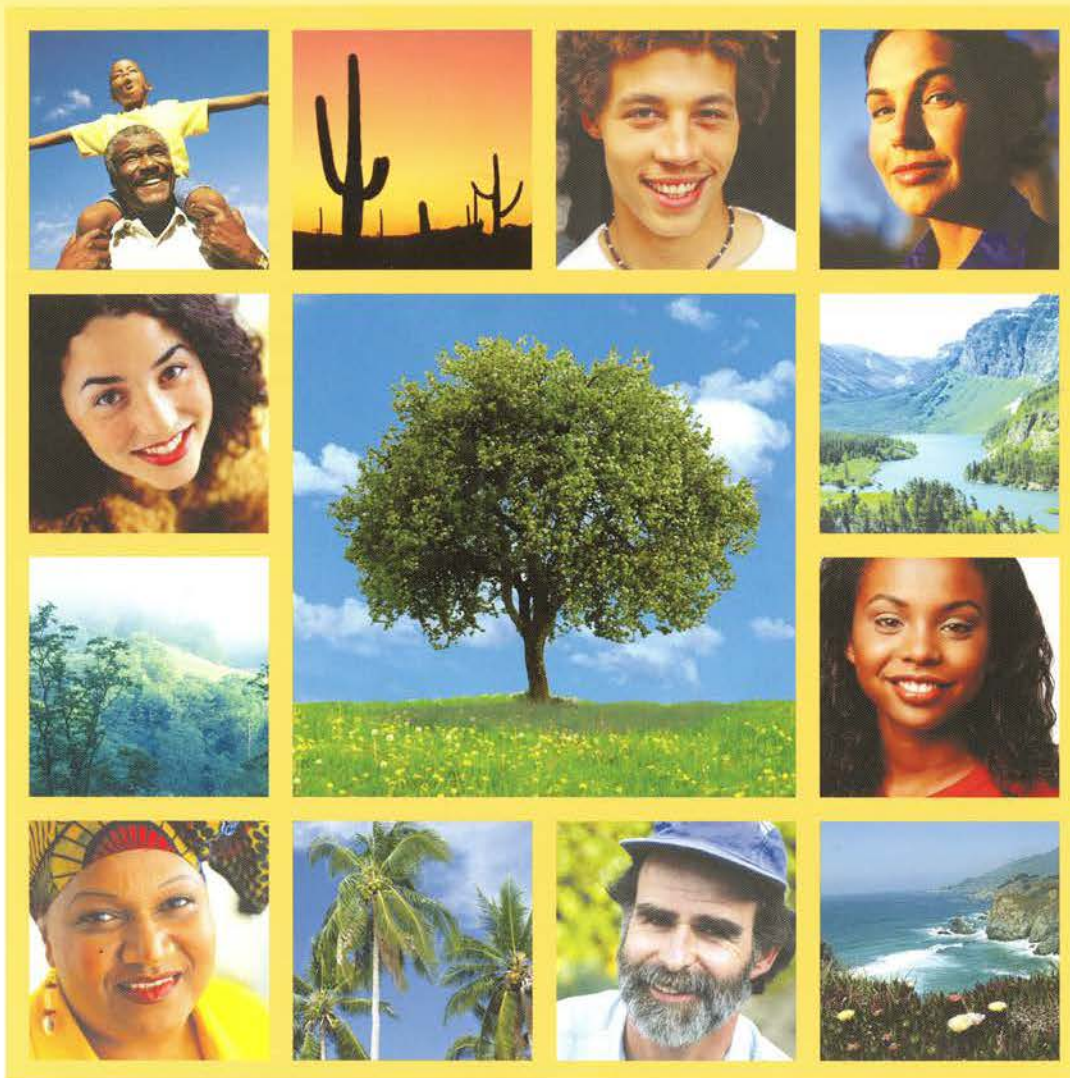
I can only assume that the State and APD are considering this measure as a cost-savings tool. Please consider the diminished quality of care for those less fortunate and the impact of an impersonal approach that occurs when insurance companies take over their (managed) care. **THIS IS A HUGE DECISION, ONE THAT REQUIRES YOUR FULL ATTENTION.**

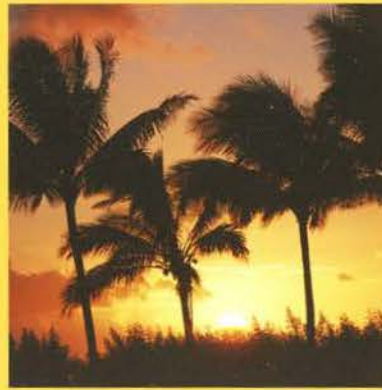
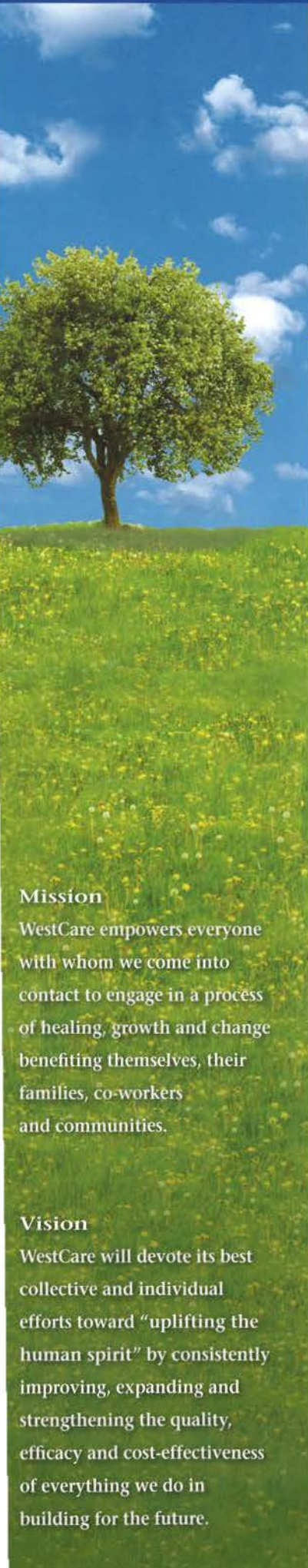
Thank You,

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Healing. Growth. Change.





Uplifting the human spirit is a lofty statement for any organization to promote as their objective, especially given the challenging world we live in today. Quality health and human services for individuals, families and communities in need are a priceless resource. With thirty-five years of experience, WestCare Foundation has the expertise necessary to be that resource to the communities we serve.

WestCare, a tax-exempt nonprofit, provides a wide spectrum of health services in both residential and outpatient environments. Our services include substance abuse and addiction treatment, HIV/AIDS prevention and education, services for the incarcerated and criminal justice populations and homeless and runaway shelters.

A Philosophy of Community Partnership and Support

Dedicated to working in collaboration with the communities and agencies we serve, WestCare's philosophy is to devote our best collective and individual efforts to better the human condition. We consistently improve, expand and strengthen the quality, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of everything we do.

A History of Filling the Gaps

Founded in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1973, WestCare began as Fitzsimmons House and was established to fill a need for community-based, substance abuse treatment programs for indigent or low-income people. Now, WestCare has expanded to numerous states and provides a comprehensive array of services such as:

- Substance Abuse and Addiction Treatment, Prevention and Education
- Behavioral and Mental Health Services
- Homeless and Runaway Youth Centers
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Family Counseling and Reunification
- Workforce Development Services
- Senior Care
- Victim Advocacy
- Medically Supported Detoxification and Crisis Stabilization
- In-Jail Treatment and Offender Re-entry Programs
- Case Management
- HIV/AIDS and Other STD Counseling, Testing and Prevention
- Therapeutic Communities (or Residential Treatment Programs)
- Veterans Services

Whenever there are insufficient services to meet the needs of growing communities, we strive to fill the gaps.

Mission

WestCare empowers everyone with whom we come into contact to engage in a process of healing, growth and change benefiting themselves, their families, co-workers and communities.

Vision

WestCare will devote its best collective and individual efforts toward "uplifting the human spirit" by consistently improving, expanding and strengthening the quality, efficacy and cost-effectiveness of everything we do in building for the future.



Our Team – Understanding the Common Human Connection

As a multicultural team of experienced, credentialed and dedicated professionals, WestCare renders high-quality, cost-effective health and human services. We insist on an atmosphere of mutual respect that acknowledges the uniqueness and value of both the people we serve and our staff. We believe in the efficacy of collaboration efforts, with each person bringing his or her own expertise and viewpoints to the solution of problems. Our core professional capabilities include excellence, resilience, flexibility and persistence in the face of obstacles. Most importantly, we recognize the common human connection between our co-workers, the people we serve and our staff.

What to Expect from WestCare

WestCare recognizes the challenges inherent in our activities. Nevertheless, it is our intent to provide meaningful opportunities for change and healing. WestCare's focus is helping individuals and families reclaim their lives. Our programs are intended to reduce costs to taxpayers by helping each person we serve become productive members of the community. Through our continuous focus on improvement, we will provide treatment and prevention services that adapt the most successful and the most comprehensive approaches to service delivery. Finally, through our partnerships with and commitment to our communities, we will accomplish the loftiest goal of all – *uplifting the human spirit.*



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WestCare Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides administrative support to the nationwide network of WestCare operations.

*WestCare operates an array of services in more than 80 program locations throughout the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
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UPLIFTING THE HUMAN SPIRIT

THE VILLAGE SOUTH, INC.

Westcare/Village South Families in Transition Program

The Families in Transition Program offers a full complement of residential substance abuse services to both parents and their children. The Village currently provides services for adults and their children while the family resides on our residential treatment campus, and is one of only a few agencies nationwide that allows the mother to have as many children reside with her as she requests. Each family is housed in a comfortable apartment located on our treatment campus consisting of a family area, kitchenette, bathroom, and at least 2 bedrooms (larger apartments are available for mothers having more than 2 children). The campus is conveniently located near downtown Miami.

While the families reside with us they receive numerous services designed to help them with their recovery. These services include individual and group therapy, individual case management, parenting, psychiatry, seeking safety, access to primary care, as well as vocational and educational support. The Children are offered developmental assessment, counseling, tutoring as well as therapeutic daycare in our Gold Seal accredited Children's center. We also provide additional developmental services through University of Miami Linda Ray Center, primary care through a local pediatrician and dental services through a partnership with Miami Children's Hospital. We strive to offer family focused treatment in order to support the whole family in the recovery process.

This year we expanded this program with additional funding from the Legislature and were able to add 11 extra residential beds for adults and accommodate up to 22 additional children. This additional funding has really helped us to focus on pregnant and post-partum women and their children. We have formed an extensive partnership with Healthy Start to ensure that the families are receiving wrap around services. We were also able to add 45 outpatient slots that developed into a new continuing care program called the REACH program.

REACH Program

The REACH Program, which stands for Recovery and Extended Addiction Care in-Home, is an in-home aftercare/outpatient treatment program that consists of a one hour weekly

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clinical session that focuses on the patient and their family. All sessions are conducted in the client's home who removes the need for transportation or babysitting making it easier for the client to attend therapy and for the therapists to assess the children's continued safety and living environment.

Three masters-level therapists and one case manager serve the continued care needs of adults and their families who recently graduation from the FIT Program. Sessions may consist of an individual or family session as the family is involved and is crucial for the client to remain clean for the duration of treatment. More sessions per week could be deemed appropriate based on the therapist's assessment on the situation taking place with the client and if there are clinical or case management needs. Case management is provided to each client and focuses from vocational to family needs. There is weekly drug testing taking place to ensure that the patient is remaining clean.



UPLIFTING THE HUMAN SPIRIT

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WESTCARE/VILLAGE SOUTH

The Village South is a 501(c) (3) private, not-for-profit agency approved as a Medicaid provider and fully licensed by the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families (DCF), for the provision of residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment, prevention, intervention, and education services. Founded in 1973, and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), The Village's mission continues to be the improvement of the health and well-being of individuals, families, and their communities impacted by substance abuse, mental health disorder, and other related social problems.

The Village South is part of the national WestCare Foundation, Inc., a network of nonprofit organizations that are focused on providing state-of-the-art behavioral health and human services to more than 60,000 youth, adults and families annually in 16 U.S. states and two U.S. Territories. WestCare/Florida, Inc. is comprised of three (3) Florida subsidiaries operating in Miami-Dade (Circuit 11), Monroe (Circuit 16) and Pinellas (Circuit 6) Counties. WestCare/Florida devotes its best collective and individual efforts towards "uplifting the human spirit" by consistently improving, expanding and strengthening the quality, efficacy and cost-effectiveness of its programs and services. WestCare/ Florida maintains accreditations with the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF International) and The Joint Commission as well as licenses with the Department of Children and Families.

From a five-acre campus north of downtown Miami, The Village operates more than 30 programs including; prevention, intervention, and therapeutic services in both residential and outpatient settings. Behavioral, mental, and physical health counseling is reinforced by vocational and educational assessment and applied services. The Village also has sites in North Miami, South Beach and central Miami for the purpose of serving a primarily indigent population in the neighborhoods in which they live. Referral and linkage to appropriate health and independent living support agencies are integrated into each client's individual plan. Substance abuse and HIV prevention, education, and outreach are ongoing.

The Village South is highly regarded as a premier agency in South Florida. The primary reason is the ability to plan for and initiate innovative programs that are continually evaluated and modified to enhance client services. Programs have been featured in national publications such as Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Weekly Newsletter, as well as on network television.

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The list below highlights the types of diverse and comprehensive services The Village Florida provides (in varying locations in Florida) to adults youth and families daily:

- Specialized Education, Prevention and Treatment Programs for Youth
- Programs Aimed at Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact
- After-School Diversion and Alternatives Program
- Outreach for Adults and Families
- Programs with a Focus on Restorative Justice
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Education and Prevention
- Adolescent Co-Occurring Diagnosis Treatment
- Criminal Justice and Diversion Services
- Family Strengthening and Support
- In Home Visitation Programs
- Healthy Start
- Comprehensive Case Management
- Drug Court Programs
- Work Release Center Treatment Services
- HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention
- Specialized Treatment Programs for Individuals with HIV/AIDS (including Ryan White)
- Medical and Psychiatric
- Transitional and Supportive Housing
- Community Triage Programs
- Dedicated Programs for Veterans and Military Families
- Life Skills Training
- Employment and Education Programs
- Community-Based Linkages and Referrals
- Recovery Support Services (Aftercare and Relapse Prevention)

About Gracepoint

Mental Health Care began doing business as Gracepoint in 2012. Originally founded in 1949 by doctors and the Junior League of Tampa, Gracepoint is on the cusp of a new merger that will improve care for thousands.

While 1 in 4 people will deal with a behavioral health illness at some time in their lives, many self-medicate using alcohol or drugs. The merger with Agency for Community Treatment Services and Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services answers that need for experts in co-occurring illness.

Community Action Team



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Intensive treatment in the home or community for families with teens and young adults

Remember how tough it was being 11? How about 16 and wanting to make your own decisions? How about 21 with a couple of big mistakes on your mind?

Sometimes youth and their families need a mediator with new ideas and behavioral modification skills.

The Gracepoint Community Action Team offers clinical behavioral health services to families living with youth aged 11 to 21 in Hillsborough County. Eligible youth risk institutional placement because of mental health issues, substance abuse or co-occurring disorders. CAT helps youth for whom traditional services have not been adequate. The team provides intensive treatment in homes, schools, workplaces or in the community. The site isn't important, the solution is.

CAT team clinicians work with young people and their families to build an individualized plan that plays to the strengths of each youth and meets the needs of each family.

Goals

- *Strengthen the family so youth and young adults live successfully at home and in the community*
- *Improve school attendance, grades, graduation rates and other outcomes*
- *Decrease residential or out-of-home placement*
- *Improve youth and family functioning*
- *Decrease substance use and abuse*
- *Decrease psychiatric hospitalizations*
- *Ease transition into age appropriate services*
- *Improve health and wellness*

Services may include:

- *Psychiatric evaluation and medication management*
- *Therapy (individual, group and family)*
- *Case management*
- *Mentoring*
- *Crisis intervention and 24/7 on-call support*
- *In-school advocacy, coordination and tutoring*
- *Legal system advocacy and coordination*
- *Parenting support, skills and behavior modification for the entire family*
- *Family support network development*
- *Employment and vocational services*
- *Life skills development*
- *Respite services*

Referrals from case managers and families are welcome..."

