



**Care and Treatment Committee Meeting
 United Way Ansin Building
 3250 SW 3rd Avenue, Ryder Conference Room
 May 7th, 2009**

Approved June 17, 2009

#	Committee Members	Present	Absent
1	Alonso, Delmiro (Eddie)	X	
2	Dow, John		X
3	Fernandez, Frances		X
4	Heredia, Ozzie	X	
5	Kubilus, Barbara	X	
6	Lanatta, Ceci	X	
7	Lugo, Mildred del S.	X	
8	McGowan, Ed	X	
9	McGuirk, John		X
10	Mills, Vanessa	X	
11	Ramos, Lori	X	
12	Robinson, Louis	X	
13	Rodriguez, Blanche	X	
14	Sandrock, Robert	X	
15	Siclari, Rick	X	
16	Smith, Rev. Leroy, Jr.		X
17	Wall, Daniel T.	X	
18	West, Martia	X	
19	Williams, Michael		X
Quorum = 7			

Guests	
Ayush Amar	
Janice Bouyer	
Sheridan Castellanos	
Oliver Colmenares	
Jeanne Edma	
Theresa Fiaño	
Dolores Garcia-Rojas	
Clarrissa Hazel	
Jasmin O'Neale-Lewis	
Damarys Parada	
Anneliese Savinovich	
Staff	
Ariela Eshel Bernstein	Kimberly Tardalo
Christina Bontempo	
Beth Hayden	
Marlen Hernandez	
Robert Ladner	
Susy Martinez	

I. Call to Order/Introductions

The chair elect, Louis Robinson, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.; he welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Mr. Robinson indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda; Dan Wall and Martia West were added to announcements. Rick Siclari asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Ann Carter, a strong advocate in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Miami-Dade County.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of April 2nd, 2009.

Motion to accept the minutes of April 2nd, 2009 as presented.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Ozzie Heredia

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

Louis Robinson

There are five vacancies on the committee and one application pending.

VI. Standing Business

▪ *Ryan White Program*

Theresa Fiaño

The Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) has received the full grant award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of \$23,640,348 which is approximately a \$1.2 million (5.3%) increase from last year's award. This is the first increase in the award in over two years. Miami-Dade County received a score of 100% on the application with several strengths mentioned and no weaknesses.

The Office of Performance Review is conducting a review of the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) grant goals, objectives and outcomes. There will be several teleconferences beginning this month in preparation for a site visit on June 29th and 30th.

The MAI grant ends on July 31st. The County expects the award to be spent down up to 1% so no sweeps are planned.

Mr. Siclari reported that there was a Communities Advocating for Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition conference call on April 27th. The conversation reflected that the high priority for the new administration is healthcare reform and hence there may be a setback on the extension of the Ryan White Program. Beth Hayden reported that at the Ryan White Program Meeting in Orlando it seemed like a three-year renewal with minor tweaks was underway. More information will be forthcoming in July when the CAEAR Coalition meets again.

▪ *Ryan White Part B*

Beth Hayden reported that at the Orlando meeting it was reported that Part B is now eligible to apply for supplemental funding starting in May.

Mr. Siclari reported that there was a Department of Health (DOH) think tank meeting on May 4th and 5th to discuss a major testing initiative, modeled after the successful one in Oakland, Ca., to begin on June 25th. Members were concerned since the launch of a testing initiative could have significant repercussions for providers of medical and support services. The committee discussed drafting a letter to communicate to the Department of Health the need for committee and full Partnership members to be advised of and included in the testing and linkage initiate planning process.

Motion to request that the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership and Care and Treatment Committee be involved in the planning process for the new Department of Health testing and linkage initiative scheduled to be launched in June 2009

Moved: Rick Siclari

Seconded: Barbara Kubilus

Motion: Passed

▪ *SFAN General Revenue (GR)*

Ceci Lanatta

Ms. Lanatta introduced the new business manager for SFAN and gave a brief update on SFAN General Revenue. Next month Ms. Lanatta hopes to provide expenditure figures. Ms. Bouyer is responsible for overseeing case management operations and two other individuals will be responsible for billing, recording and contracting.

The PET Center is undergoing the addition of an exam room and a dental room.
Juanita Mann is hiring a new case manager.

North Dade was having problems with scheduling at the dental clinic but changes have been made to make oral health care more accessible for clients

The rapid testing contracts have been re-approved.

▪ *Oral Health Care Subcommittee Report*

Marlen Hernandez

The Oral Health Care Subcommittee accepted two new members: Dr. Michelle Soheil and Carla Valle-Schwenk.

The subcommittee received an update on the Oral Health Care reimbursement rates. The Medicaid office has not updated its fees to date. Rather than continue to delay billing, the subcommittee recommended using last year's rates since there are few changes year to year.

Motion to accept the 2008 Medicaid rates, with the approved medical provider multiplier, for Oral Health Care services for FY 19

Moved: Barbara Kubilus

Seconded: Ceci Lanatta

Motion: Passed

The subcommittee also reviewed the Oral Health Care Outcome measures. HRSA has finalized one performance measure for Oral Health Care: Percent of clients with HIV infection who received an oral exam by a dentist at least once during the measurement year. The subcommittee recommended adopting the performance measure.

Motion to adopt the HAB HIV Core Clinical Performance Measures Adult/Adolescent Clients Group 2: Oral Exam.

Moved: Barbara Kubilus

Seconded: Rick Siclari

Motion: Passed

Part of the discussion related to outcome measures included clarifications on tobacco and nutritional counseling. The Partnership previously approved code D1320, tobacco cessation, to the Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary but it did not add code D1310, nutritional counseling. The subcommittee recommended the addition of the nutritional counseling code with restrictions. Code D1320 was also restricted to a maximum of twice per year.

Motion to add code D1310, nutritional counseling, to the Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary with the restriction that it can only be billed twice per year.

Moved: Lori Ramos

Seconded: Robert Sandrock

Motion: Passed

Motion to limit billing for code D1320, tobacco cessation, to twice per year.

Motion: Lori Ramos

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

The two new codes do not have Medicaid rates; therefore, the subcommittee opted to recommend a flat fee for the codes based on the American Dental Associations Survey of Fees. The proposed fees were flat rates of \$71 for code D1310 and \$85 for code D1320. Part of the requirement for nutritional and tobacco cessation counseling will include following the Nutrition, Tobacco & Dental Health Protocol previously reviewed in 2003. The subcommittee recommended accepting the 2003 protocol document as a guideline for provision of tobacco and nutritional counseling.

Members discussed the document and fees but decided that it is not a proper protocol. More clarification is needed as to who will provide the service and a what the codes entail. The motions on the rates and protocol were sent back to the subcommittee for more details.

The subcommittee also reviewed the aggregate Oral Health Care Record Reviews. They discussed the results and performance thresholds to meet. The subcommittee adopted 80% as threshold for all sections other eligibility, which is 100% for the Oral Health Care Record Reviews.

Motion to adopt a compliance threshold of 100% on the eligibility section, and 80% on all other sections of the Oral Health Care Record Review.

Moved: Barbara Kubilus

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

VII. New Business

- *Fiscal Year (FY) 19 Ryan White Part A Sweeps #1*

Unmet needs requests from providers were due to the County on Monday at 5:00 p.m. The requests are \$719,503 over the \$1,396,271 current unobligated funds. The committee opted to use unobligated dollars to return the categories of Outpatient Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Oral Health Care, Mental Health Therapy, Substance Abuse Residential and Transportation Vouchers to the levels submitted with the grant application.

Motion to make all categories whole with the figures read (\$569,757 to Outpatient Medical Care, \$420,185 to Medical Case Management, \$116,876 to Oral Health Care, \$7,040 to Mental Health Therapy, \$41,485 to Substance Abuse Residential and \$10,074 to Transportation Vouchers).

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Vanessa Mills

Motion: Passed

After the allocations a balance of \$230,854 in unobligated funds remained. After some discussion members decided that the greatest unmet need was in outpatient medical care, oral health care and medical case management. The remaining funds were divided \$80,000 to Outpatient Medical Care, \$80,000 to Oral Health Care and \$70,854 to Medical Case Management.

Motion to allocate \$80,000 to outpatient medical care, \$80,000 to oral health care and \$70,854 to medical case management.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Ceci Lanatta

Motion: Passed

Opposed: Eddie Alonso, Lori Ramos, Louis Robinson and Vanessa Mills

Staff read into the record the final allocation figures as follows:

RANKING ORDER	SERVICE CATEGORIES	TOTAL
1	Outpatient Medical Care	\$9,354,881
2	Prescription Drugs	\$2,615,785
3	Medical Case Management	\$3,314,183
4	Oral Health Care	\$1,481,622
5	Mental Health Therapy	\$239,084
6	Substance Abuse Outpatient	\$165,271
7	Insurance Services	\$325,000
8	Home Health Care	\$0
9	Substance Abuse Residential	\$1,971,235
10	Psychosocial Services	\$194,699
11	Outreach	\$422,879
12	Food Bank	\$307,516
13	Transportation Vouchers	\$102,074
14	Home Delivered Meals	\$108,085
15	Legal Assistance	\$249,000
16	Transportation Services (Vans)	\$6,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$20,857,314
17	Quality Management	\$419,000
18	Administration	\$2,364,034
	GRAND TOTAL	\$23,640,348

Motion to accept the allocation as presented.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Ceci Lanatta

Motion: Passed

- *Performance Improvement Advisory Committee*

Ariela Eshel Bernstein

Ariela Eshel Bernstein reported on PIAT, an advisory committee to the Ryan White Quality Management Program and the Office of Grants Coordination. PIAT serves outside of the official umbrella of the Partnership.

The PIAT is comprised of providers and consumers, including QA/QM staff, medical case management supervisors, medical case managers, substance abuse treatment providers, ACMS staff, and others. It is open to all. All are invited to participate.

The PIAT provides input and guidance on a variety of topics.

- In 2008, topics covered in PIAT included: Preparation for substance abuse treatment provider record reviews and development of thresholds; recommendations for substance abuse service description revisions; outreach service description revision; follow-up outpatient medical provider record reviews; review of various review and survey tools; review of preliminary and final results of research projects; monthly updates on medical case manager technical assistance visits and trainings; recommendations for Medical Case Management Proficiency Exam thresholds; revisions to the financial assessment in the Service Delivery Information System; review of data pertaining to medical case manager case loads; development of Activity Code Pilot Study in response to medical case manager case loads discussion; and revisions to HIV/AIDS Bureau Performance Measures.
- The 2009-2010 Quality Management Work Plan has been developed and reviewed by the PIAT and

includes: dissemination of agency-specific oral healthcare record review results as well as an aggregate report (to be presented at the Oral Healthcare Subcommittee meeting in May); follow-up substance abuse record reviews and dissemination of reports; creation of a prescription drug provider review tool in preparation for an upcoming pharmacy review in conjunction with AIDS Education and Training Centers; outreach provider record review and fact finding research project and the creation of a review tool ; oral health care record review follow-up; analysis and dissemination of the Medical Case Management Proficiency Exam results; technical assistance visits to medical case management agencies; Automated Case Management Systems (ACMS), Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) and BSR coordination meetings; medical case manager trainings and supervisors trainings; creation of an updated Medical Case Management Handbook; revisions to the quality management component of the www.aidsnet.org website; dissemination of results from the Activity Code Pilot Study ; and needs assessment activities.

▪ *Ryan White Orlando Meeting report*

Beth Hayden

All of the reports and presentations from the meeting will be available on the Florida Department of Health website http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Disease_ctrl/aids.

Tom Liberti presented on the Florida Counseling and Testing Program; the aim is to conduct 400,000 HIV tests in 2009.

There were discussion on the following issues at the meeting: current economic situation, Ryan White Program extension, ongoing epidemic among gay men and men who have sex with men, Obama health care reform, racial and ethnic health disparities, co-morbidities of mental illness, educating clients on the prevention of resistant strains of the virus, routine HIV testing, diversification of funding, HRSA contract expectations and the changing of leadership at all levels.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. West announced the passing of Ann D. Carter, who directed the CAP program and made a significant impact in the HIV/AIDS community over the years. Ms. West also announced that donations are being accepted at the CAP program in Ms. Carter's memory. She will forward the information to staff to disseminate. Christina Bontempo announced that BSR will be contributing a donation to the Dade Community Foundation's Community AIDS Partnership in Ann's name; members are welcome to add to the donation.

Dan Wall announced that the Board of County Commissioners has approved the Community Based Organizations Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The RFP should be released in June.

Staff announced that the first needs assessment meeting is on June 17th and will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.. Members are strongly encouraged to RSVP and arrive on time since many items must be covered.

Lori Ramos announced that CHI is selling raffle tickets at two dollars per ticket to raise funds for the mental health services in observance of National Mental Health Awareness month.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is June 17th, 2009 at the United Way Ansin Building.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Vanessa Mills

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.