



## V. Membership

Marlen Hernandez announced that there are vacancies on the full Partnership, all committees and subcommittees; members were asked to review the vacancy report (copy on file) in the meeting materials.

Ms. Hernandez reported that John Dow and Michael Williams had received letters regarding their non-compliance with attendance policies prior to the August meeting; both were present at the August meeting and today's meeting and have therefore expressed continued interest in membership.

The chair, Rev. Leroy Smith, Jr., was sent a letter regarding his non-compliance with attendance policies and was requested to attend today's meeting. Rev. Smith has communicated the reasons for his absences to staff and would like to continue his membership. The committee voted to retain his membership.

**Motion to retain Rev. Leroy Smith, Jr. as a member of the Care and Treatment Committee.**

**Moved: John Dow**

**Seconded: John McGuirk**

**Motion: Passed**

## VI. Standing Business

- *Ryan White Program Update*

*Dan Wall*

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has not released Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Ryan White Part A grant guidance yet.

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) contracts are currently being executed.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> a three year extension to the Ryan White Program legislation will be discussed in the House of Representatives. President Obama is in support of some form of extension. Theresa Fiaño and Rick Siclari will be attending the Communities Advocating for Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition meeting in Washington, D.C. from September 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> and will report to the committee next month.

Mr. Wall announced that the County is facing serious budget cuts which impact hundreds of agencies and programs; budget hearings concerning cuts are being held today, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:01 p.m. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Those interested in speaking to the Board of County Commissioners can sign up to speak at the budget meeting.

The Human Services Coalition has launched the Penny Wise Pounds Foolish Campaign to save social service organizations from budget cuts; a rally is being held prior to today's budget meeting.

- *Ryan White Part B*

*John Eaton*

Monitoring of the three Part B contracts with SFAN has taken place and the results were positive.

The Ryan White Part B program has applied for \$118,000 in supplemental funds.

The Department of Health (DOH) and ADAP Pharmacy are collaborating with South Beach AIDS Project (SOBAP) to locate ADAP clients lost to care.

A Take Control event was held on August 13<sup>th</sup> in Homestead; 190 HIV tests and 90 Hepatitis B vaccines were administered. Mr. Eaton will provide staff a calendar of Take Control events to distribute; those planning to participate should call the number on the calendar to verify event details.

- *SFAN General Revenue*

No report.

- *Medical Care Subcommittee Report*

*John McGuirk*

The Medical Care Subcommittee:

Reviewed the Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards for Chart Review as revised in collaboration with AETC, made minor edits and voted to adopt the revised standards.

**Motion to adopt the revised Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards for Chart Review.**

**Moved: John McGuirk**

**Seconded: Ed McGowan**

**Motion:**

**Passed**

Reviewed data on Seroquel usage. Seroquel is an atypical antipsychotic which can be used to treat bipolar disorder. The drug is the only non-ARV drug which appears in the top ten drugs by cost in the expenditure data for YR 18. After protracted discussion, the committee agreed to create a Letter of Medical Necessity that will require the initial prescription for Seroquel be written by a licensed psychiatrist

**Motion to require the initial prescription for Seroquel be written by a licensed psychiatrist and create a letter of medical necessity to that effect.**

**Moved: John McGuirk**

**Seconded: John Dow**

**Motion:**

**Passed**

- *Oral Health Care Subcommittee Report*

*Marlen Hernandez*

The subcommittee reviewed the Ryan White Program Oral Health Care Outcomes in the Implementation Plan submitted to the Health and Resources Services Administration.

The subcommittee had a lengthy discussion regarding the nutritional and tobacco protocols, sample materials and the Oral Health Care Record Review results. The subcommittee will develop standardized definition for oral hygiene instruction and patient education to be used by providers.

The subcommittee received an update on the follow-up Oral Health Care Record reviews which will take place early in 2010.

- *Performance Improvement Advisory Team (PIAT) Report*

*Ariela Eshel Bernstein*

Ms. Bernstein provided an update on what was covered during the August PIAT meeting, including medical case management and record review updates.

## **VII. New Business**

- *Florida Comprehensive Plan Network (FCPN) Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG)*

*Marlen Hernandez*

The Care and Treatment Committee is required to have two representatives on the FCPN PCPG. Currently, John McGuirk and Rick Siclari are the assigned representatives. Mr. Siclari is terming off the Partnership in September and will no longer be eligible. Members were asked to review the PCPG Roles and Responsibilities and the Membership Application (copies on file) in today's meeting materials. Mr. McGuirk explained that the PCPG meetings provide an opportunity to network and see how other EMAs work with the State. He also stated that the meetings are usually held quarterly for two days in Tampa or

Orlando. Those interested in becoming a representative must complete the packet of information and submit a copy of their resume to Ms. Hernandez. At the October meeting, the committee will select a nominee.

- *Evaluation and Management Billing Codes Utilization Year 19*

*Marlen Hernandez*

Members reviewed data (copy on file) comparing usage of the medical evaluation and management billing codes from March 2008 to May 2009. This data had been presented to the Medical Care Subcommittee earlier. Members asked for a brief explanation of each code and a comparison of usage in the first quarter of 2008 and 2009. Ms. Hernandez will provide this information for the October meeting.

- *AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Code Utilization: Preliminary Data* *Ariela Eshel Bernstein*

Ms. Eshel Bernstein briefly summarized the usage of the ADAP code over a three month period. Beth Hayden stated that Ryan White Program medical case managers will no longer be conducting ADAP enrollments and therefore usage should drop. Vanessa Mills noted that although medical case managers will not directly be conducting ADAP enrollments, they will still gather documentation for clients. Ms. Hayden stated that it is important that ADAP and the Part A program collaborate in a more effective manner in the future.

### **VIII. Announcements**

- Mr. Sandrock announced that there is still a waitlist for the AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP). However, more funding is being sought to continue serving current clients. Mr. Sandrock asked that medical case managers continue to make referrals to demonstrate a need for the service. In the meantime, Mercy will be serving those on the AICP waitlist.
- Ms. Hernandez announced that:
  - A New Member Orientation will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at BSR from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Dr. Steven Kurtz will give a special presentation at the September Partnership meeting.
- Ms. Hernandez asked members to review the following fliers (copies on file) in today's meeting materials:
  - HRSA H1N1 guidance
    - Mr. McGuirk announced that Walgreens will be offering flu vaccines at most of their pharmacy locations starting in mid-September.
    - Ed McGowan announced that [www.aids.gov](http://www.aids.gov) has updated instructions on how to deal with H1N1.
  - Letter from the County regarding the revised Ryan White Program Prescription Drug Formulary.
  - Revised Letter of Medical Necessity for the Trofile Assay.
  - Dear Doctor letter from Tibotec regarding a severe drug reaction caused by Intelence.
  - Monthly surveillance report.

### **IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the United Way in the Center for Excellence in Early Education, next door to the Ansin Building, signs will be posted to direct members.

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: John McGuirk**

**Seconded: Vanessa Mills**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.