

Ms. Hernandez explained that there are several vacancies on the full Partnership and all committees and subcommittees. She announced that Martia West had resigned from the committee. There are four pending full Partnership applications. Members were asked to refer potential applicants to staff.

VI. Standing Business

▪ *Ryan White Program Update*

Theresa Fiaño

The County is still awaiting the full award notice. It has received the formula and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) award for Fiscal Year (FY) 20 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The notice of supplemental award is expected in April. The MAI award will be discussed later on in the meeting. The MAI FY will once again coincide with the Part A FY (March to February).

Ms. Fiaño thanked providers for submitting their data reports on time.

There is a Ryan White Grantee meeting in Washington, D.C. in August; Ms. Fiaño, Carla Valle-Schwenk, Beth Hayden and Partnership chair Frederick Downs will attend.

The Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) will go before the Board of County Commissioners on April 6th to request authorization for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Community Based Organizations. The categories in the proposal will be allocated by percent since the funding level is unknown.

▪ *Ryan White Part B*

Kevin Callo

SFAN and South Beach AIDS Project (SOBAP) contracts are complete. A question was raised about the services SOBAP would provide and Mr. Callo explained that the RFP was for assisting with finding clients lost to care. Meeting participants indicated some concern that the RFP for those services was not widely advertised; Mr. Callo indicated he would ask for clarification of the process and report back to the committee.

▪ *SFAN General Revenue (GR)*

Janice Bouyer

There are four months remaining in the GR contract year and subcontractors are being asked to spend down efficiently. All overdue reimbursement checks have been sent.

▪ *Medical Care Subcommittee Report*

Marlen Hernandez

The Medical Care Subcommittee:

Discussed the issue of refills and referrals and agreed that prescription referrals should be good for the life of the prescription. They also agreed that a notation should be added to the Formulary limiting refills.

Motion to add a notation to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary stating that prescriptions may be written for one initial (original) and no more than 5 monthly refills for all drugs as deemed necessary by the physician and as allowable by state law.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Seconded: Ozzie Heredia

Motion: Passed

Discussed that in recent pharmacy audits billing anomalies were noted on vaccines currently listed on the Formulary. The Subcommittee voted to remove the vaccines from the Formulary and leave them under the outpatient medical care service category.

Motion to remove vaccines from the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary and add a notation that they are allowable under the outpatient medical care service category.

Moved: Robert Sandrock

Seconded: John Dow

Motion: Passed

The County will send a letter to providers providing updates on the above changes.

Heard a presentation on the Client Satisfaction survey.

Received a request to add a medication but tabled further discussion pending clarification by a specialist.

Was notified that Azmacort has been taken off the market and will be removed from the Ryan White Program Prescription Drug Formulary.

Was informed by the Florida AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) that from now on, patients with “short term” prescriptions for ADAP drugs who are new patients not enrolled in ADAP but otherwise eligible for ADAP must seek funding sources other than ADAP for their short term prescriptions. The Florida ADAP defines short-term prescriptions as three months or less; this is not a HRSA decision, it is a Florida decision. Clients already enrolled in ADAP will be able to fill short-term prescriptions. The Subcommittee was informed that in this community other funding sources that could pay for new clients eligible for ADAP but not enrolled who have short term prescriptions included Ryan White Part A and SFAN General Revenue. The Subcommittee requested further clarification and will continue this discussion at its next meeting.

▪ *Oral Health Care Subcommittee*

Marlen Hernandez

The Oral Health Care Subcommittee:

Accepted Don Henderson of Empower “U” as a new member:

Re-elected Dr. Robert Johnson for a second term as chair and elected Dr. Michelle Soheil as chair elect.

Reviewed the five HAB HIV Performance Measures for Oral Health Care and adopted four out of the five measures to track. The four measures the subcommittee accepted are: percentage of HIV-infected oral health patients who had a dental and medical health history (initial or updated) at least one in the measurement year; percentage of HIV-infected oral health patients who had a dental treatment plan developed and/or updated at least once in the measurement year; percentage of HIV-infected oral health patients who received oral health education at least once in the measurement year and percent of HIV-infected oral health patients who had a periodontal screen or examination at least one in the measurement year. To track these measures, record reviews and an analysis of data sets will be used. Also, from the previous Oral Health Care Measures, the items regarding an increase in new clients will be included in provider contracts.

Motion to adopt the first four HAB HIV Performance Measures: Oral Health Services, as presented.

Moved: Barbara Kubilus

Seconded: Mychael Williams

Motion: Passed

The subcommittee reviewed their meeting dates and agreed that the next meetings would take place June 2nd, September 1st and December 1st. At the September meeting, Dr. Carol Stewart from the AETC will be invited to address the subcommittee on the findings of the 2010 Oral Health Care Record Reviews.

Rick Siclari reported that the Care Resource dental clinic is now open and operating with staffing from NOVA Southeastern. The clinic is open three days a week, accepting referrals and may expand its days of operation. He also reported that the medical clinic will be moving to the 2nd Floor which is where the

dental clinic is located.

- *Performance Improvement Advisory Team (PIAT)*

Ariela Eshel

Ms. Eshel provided an update on March PIAT activities, including medical case management activities and record reviews.

VII. New Business

- *Year 19 MAI Sweeps*

No sweeps will be held; but members reviewed a spreadsheet (copy on file) showing the most current distribution of the funds.

- *Year 20 MAI Award*

Ms. Fiaño announced that the YR 20 MAI allocation was \$2,310,335 a difference of \$225,000 less than last year. There was a national decrease for MAI awards. Because the Fiscal Year (FY) for MAI funds is being synched with the FY for Ryan White Part A funds, there will be a five month overlap between YR 19 and YR 20 MAI awards. Members reviewed a spreadsheet (copy on file) for YR 20 funding; they had previously allocated \$1,905,456 to the five MAI service categories. The committee discussed the best way to allocate the difference of \$470,934. Some suggestions for funding included prescription drug since a bulk purchase was not made this year; residential substance abuse since Part A residential substance abuse providers may be short on funding, and outreach since the HRSA mandate to identify new positives and connect them to care may necessitate stationing outreach workers at high yield testing clinics. Ryan White Part A supplemental funds should cover a substantial portion of the outpatient medical care and medical case management needs. The committee determined to place funding into prescription drugs, substance abuse residential and outreach as follows:

Motion to allocate \$300,000 to prescription drugs, \$120,000 to substance abuse residential and \$50,934 to outreach.

Moved: John Dow

Seconded: Barbara Kubilus

Motion: Passed

- *Town Hall Meeting: April 20, 2010*

Members were asked to review the invitation (copy on file) to the Town Hall Meeting on April 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Historical Museum to address the Ryan White Treatment Extension Act of 2009 mandate that the Part A program find those who are unaware of their HIV status, test them and connect them to care.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Hernandez asked members to review a support group flier, needs assessment flier, AIDS walk flier, and Department of Health (DOH) surveillance data (copies on file).

Mr. Sandroek reported that AICP still has a statewide delay in service waitlist; 25 of the 247 people on the waitlist are in Miami-Dade County and Part A is assisting these clients. On June 30th there will be a national high risk pool of uninsurable people who will be able to receive government funded healthcare but premiums have yet to be determined.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is May 6th, 2010 at the United Way Ansin Building.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Ed McGowan

Seconded: Barbara Kubilus

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.