



**Care and Treatment Committee Meeting
 United Way Ansin Building
 3250 SW 3rd Avenue, Ryder Conference Room
 May 6th, 2010**

Approved June 3, 2010

#	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	McGowan, Ed	X	
8	Mills, Vanessa	X	
9	Nichols, Janet	X	
10	Pietrogallo, Tom	X	
11	Robinson, Louis	X	
12	Rodriguez, Blanche		X
13	Sandrock, Robert		X
14	Smith, Rev. Leroy, Jr.		X
15	Wall, Daniel T.	X	
16	Williams, Mychael	X	
Quorum =7			

Guests	
Ayush Amar	
Sheridan Castellanos	
Frederick Downs	
Theresa Fiaño	
Charles Garcia	
Sergio Lindarte	
Maria Lopez	
Barbara Messick	
Jasmin O’Neale-Lewis	
Patricia Roberts	
Javier Romero	
Carol Sanders	
Rick Siclari	
Yuri Velasquez	
Staff	
Christina Bontempo	Marlen Hernandez
Ariela Eshel	Kimberly Tardalo
Beth Hayden	

I. Call to Order/Introductions

The chair elect, Louis Robinson, called the meeting to order at 10:08 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; staff and Ozzie Heredia were added to announcements.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of April 1st, 2010.

Motion to accept the minutes of April 1st, 2010, as presented.

Moved: Ed McGowan

Seconded: Eddie Alonso

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

Ceci Lanatta has missed three consecutive meetings and received a letter regarding her non-compliance with the Bylaws; Ms. Lanatta was asked to attend today's meeting to indicate continued interest or to communicate her continued interest to staff. Ms. Lanatta was not present and has not contacted staff.

Motion to remove Ceci Lanatta from the Care and Treatment Committee.

Moved: Ed McGowan

Seconded: Tom Pietrogallo

Motion: Passed

VI. Standing Business

▪ *Ryan White Program Update*

Theresa Fiaño/Dan Wall

The full Fiscal Year (FY) 20 Ryan White formula, supplemental and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) awards have been received for a total of \$25,699,349 which is approximately \$500,000 less than FY 19. The grant application received a score of 99 with no weaknesses noted. The reduction is due to Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMA) and Transitional Grant Areas (TGA) having hold harmless clauses. Ms. Fiaño reported that the requested carry over funds, if approved, should make up the funding difference.

▪ *Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant*

Dan Wall

Mr. Wall announced that Miami-Dade County has received \$12.5 million in Energy Efficient Community Block Grant (EECBG) stimulus funding, one million of which will go towards a program called Grants to Green. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be well advertised and a pre-proposal conference will be held. Eligibility criteria requires agencies to be located in Miami-Dade County, have a 501(c)3 status, and either own their property or have at least 10 years remaining on the current lease.

▪ *Community Based Organizations (CBO) General Funds RFP*

Dan Wall

The Board of County Commissioners authorized the RFP for CBOs. Funding is dependent on the County budget which is finalized in late September; there may not be any available funding at all for chosen applicants. Currently there are about \$22 million dollars in contracts which will be extended through March 31st. New contracts pending funding would start on April 1st, 2011. The Human Services Coalition is beginning to advocate for CBOs; more information can be found on their website at www.hscdade.org.

▪ *Ryan White Part B*

John Eaton

Part B received level funding for this fiscal year, in the amount of \$983,806. Mr. Eaton will bring information regarding unobligated funds to the June Care and Treatment Committee meeting for input.

The 2010 Statewide Needs Assessment is available to fill out online or at agencies through August. Mr. Eaton will share data received by July during the Part A needs assessment.

General Revenue (GR) appropriations have been reduced, resulting in a reduction of SFAN's contract from \$8.3 million to \$8.2 million; Jackson Health Systems is currently revising SFAN's subcontracts accordingly with a July 1st execution date.

▪ *SFAN General Revenue (GR)*

Sergio Lindarte

Mr. Lindarte provided demographic information on the clients served by the program. Eight hundred fifty-seven clients have been served, the majority of them are from 45 to 49 years old and non-Hispanic. Six hundred seventy are under 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Most are uninsured and have AIDS.

On April 29th, program administrators met with subcontractors including Children's Home Society, Community Health of South Florida, Miami Beach Community Health Center, Helen B. Bentley, UM Hospital services and the Salvation Army, and sweeps were done in various categories.

▪ *Medical Care Subcommittee Report*

Marlen Hernandez

The Medical Care Subcommittee:

- Approved three new members, Tabitha Hunter, Dr. Gonzalo Quesada and Duff Masterson.
- Received clarification that the Florida ADAP program defines short-term assistance as a prescription for three months or less.
- Discussed a formulary request for the addition of basal and rapid acting prandial insulins. These newer insulins are standards of care since they are less likely to cause hypoglycemia. The subcommittee elected to add two basal insulins, Lantus and Levemir and two rapid acting prandial insulins, Humalog and Novolog (excluding any mixes) to the formulary. Upon review of medication costs, the subcommittee restricted dispensing to the vial form only because the cost of pen injectors was prohibitive.

Motion to add Lantus and Levemir to the Ryan White Prescription Drug formulary as a life saving measure.

Moved: Frances Fernandez

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

Motion to add Humalog and Novolog, excluding mixes, to the Ryan White Prescription Drug formulary as a life saving measure.

Moved: Frances Fernandez

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

Motion to restrict Lantus, Levemir, Humalog and Novolog to dispensing in vial form only.

Moved: Frances Fernandez

Seconded: Ozzie Heredia

Motion: Passed

- Discussed the formulary request of atomoxetine an attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication. Most substance abusing clients with ADHD are not allowed to enter substance abuse programs with narcotic ADHD medications. Atomoxetine is a non-narcotic ADHD medication which would allow ADHD diagnosed substance abusing clients to enter residential treatment. After much discussion, the subcommittee decided to restrict the prescribing of the medication to a psychiatrist for patients who have a diagnosis of ADHD and a history of substance abuse.

Motion to add atomoxetine (Strattera) to the Ryan White Prescription Drug formulary restricted to prescribing by a psychiatrist for patients with a diagnosis of ADHD and a history of substance abuse.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Janet Nichols

Motion: Passed

- Heard a brief presentation from Lisa Lugo-Manns, Department of Corrections Pre-release Coordinator, on the challenges of treating recently released clients, particularly in obtaining prescriptions for medications before clients run out of the 30-day supply they receive upon release. The barrier appears to be the intake protocols at various agencies that treat the newly released as new clients to HIV care, rather than transfer clients with complete medical records and a history of treatment. Ms. Lugo-Manns presented the documentation ex-offenders are released with when they leave prison. The physicians on the Subcommittee stated they have walk in appointments and with the documentation sample presented they did not see a barrier to writing a prescription. The Ryan White Quality Management program will be reviewing appointment protocols to facilitate getting these clients into care.

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

- *Aggregate Pharmaceutical Record Review*

Ariela Eshel

Ms. Eshel provided an update on the recently conducted pharmacy record review. Two pharmacists from the AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) conducted the six agency reviews using an AETC tool. Ms. Eshel reviewed some of the noted strengths, weaknesses and recommendations; the draft report will be shared at the next meeting. Since this was the first pharmacy review, a threshold has not been set; the Subcommittee may wish to discuss thresholds at their next meeting following review of the final report. It was noted that for other services, a threshold of 100% has been set for eligibility documentation. For all other sections, a threshold of 80% is set; all agencies exceeded that in the pharmacy review. Ms. Eshel explained that a targeted review will be conducted later this year.

VII. New Business

- *Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG)*

Frances Fernandez

On March 25th and 26th a PCPG meeting was held to discuss comprehensive planning. Ms. Fernandez explained that it was a very productive meeting and that Tom Liberti, Bureau of HIV/AIDS (HAB) Chief, presented on ADAP issues and the AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP). AICP is at level funding and still has a waitlist.

- *Ryan White YR 20 Allocation*

Members reviewed the YR 20 Formula and Supplemental Grant Funding Allocation totaling \$23,389,014 (copy on file). This year's \$23.3 million award is a slight reduction from the Year 19 award. The Committee had drafted a flat funding budget during last year's needs assessment totaling \$23,640,348. Provisional awards were made based on the original RFP resolution totaling \$22,732,896. The difference between the provisional contract awards and available funding was \$835,703 which remains unobligated. The Committee decided to allocate this funding to the oral health care service category since two providers will no longer be providing services and the remaining providers will need the funding. Also, in consideration of the current waitlist for AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP) services and in anticipation of funding in that category being expended by June, the Committee allocated additional funding to the insurance services category.

Motion to allocate \$500,000 to the oral health care service category and the remaining \$335,703 to the insurance services service category.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

The Committee then reviewed the remaining provisional awards. The prescription drug service category was reduced by \$1,200,000; there have been substantial savings because of 340 B pricing and funds are needed elsewhere. The funds were reallocated to other categories to bring them closer to the flat funding totals, as follows: \$700,000 to medical case management, \$200,000 to residential substance abuse, \$175,000 to food bank services, \$75,000 to outreach services and \$50,000 to transportation vouchers.

Motion to reduce the prescription drug service category provisional award funding by \$1,200,000 and to allocate \$700,000 to medical case management, \$200,000 to residential substance abuse, \$175,000 to food bank, \$75,000 to outreach and \$50,000 to transportation vouchers.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Vanessa Mills

Motion: Passed

Ms. Fiaño noted that the County is planning to release an RFP for Ryan White services before the end of the current RFP cycle.

- *SMARTEST Women's Project*

Maria R. Lopez, Ph. D.

Members heard a presentation by Maria R. Lopez, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Miami School of Medicine, on the SMARTEST Women's Project, a behavioral strategies intervention for HIV positive women, for which Borinquen Health Care Center was one of the pilot locations.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Hernandez asked members to review all announcements at the end of the meeting materials packets (copies on file).

Ed McGowan thanked OGC and BSR for writing an excellent grant application.

Ozzie Heredia announced that Better Way of Miami has become accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is June 3rd, 2010 at the United Way Ansin Building.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.