



**Community Coalition Committee Meeting  
Behavioral Science Research, 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 230  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Minutes**

*Approved July 27, 2009*

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Brown, Dedra	X	
2	Burton, Richard S., Jr.	X	
3	Dawson, Dashia	X	
4	Hallmon, Rolando		X
5	Jauregui, Jocelyn		X
6	Jones, Sandra	X	
7	McGowan, Ed		X
8	Osorio, Blanche		X
9	Rivera, Hilda	X	
10	Robinson, Louis	X	
11	Sheffield, Lisa		X
12	Sheldon, Andrea	X	
13	Spann, Annette	X	
14	Tamayo, George	X	
15	Taylor, Diamond		X
16	Torres, Edwin		X
17	Waterman, Cheryl	X	
<b>Quorum = 7</b>			

Guests	
Fernando Casanova	Gloria Pollard
Martha Castaneda	Carine Robert
Patricia Edwards	Zuleika Rodriguez
Terry Gordon	Judith Sarmiento
Robert Hyde	Stephanie Symonette
Charlie LeClair	
Carlos Alberto Marin	
Margarita Pando	
Mary Phillips	
Staff	
Christina Bontempo	
Kimberly Tardalo	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Cheryl Waterman, called the meeting of the Community Coalition Committee to order at 6:10 p.m. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Identify Resource Persons**

Ms. Waterman indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

**III. Review Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda; staff was added to announcements.

**IV. Review/Approve Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Motion to accept the minutes of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, as presented.**

**Moved: Sandra Jones**

**Seconded: Richard S. Burton, Jr.**

**Motion: Passed**

**V. Membership**

▪ **Report**

*Richard S. Burton, Jr.*

Lisa Sheffield and Richard S. Burton, Jr. are terming off the committee in May 2009.

Andrea Sheldon is resigning from the Partnership and committee, effective May 11, following the Partnership meeting. The committee thanked her for her service.

Ms. Sheldon brought Miriam Nichols, an applicant interested in filling the Mental Health Provider Representative seat on the Partnership. Ms. Nichols introduced herself and members filled out score sheets and voted to recommend her to the Partnership.

**Motion to recommend Miriam Nichols for the Mental Health Provider Representative seat on the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.**

**Moved: George Tamayo**

**Seconded: Louis Robinson**

**Motion: Passed**

A complete list of vacancies is in today's meeting materials. All committees and the full Partnership have vacancies. Recruitment efforts are needed to fill these vacancies. Staff should be advised of suggested candidates for membership.

▪ **Letter Requesting Partnership Representation**

The Partnership General Revenue (GR), Department of Health (DOH), and Hepatitis C and HIV Co-infection seats remain vacant. Staff recommended that letters be sent to Jackson, which is the sole contractor of GR funding, the Miami-Dade County DOH and Hep-C Alert in an attempt to fill these specific seats.

**Motion to send a letter from the Partnership chair and chair elect to Jackson Health Systems, the Miami-Dade County Health Department and Hep-C Alert to fill the GR, DOH, and Hepatitis C and HIV Co-infection representative seats, respectively.**

**Moved: Louis Robinson**

**Seconded: Andrea Sheldon**

**Motion: Passed**

Members expressed concern that filling these three seats is not enough. Sandra Jones suggested sending a letter to all service providers asking for their assistance filling seats on the Partnership, specifically Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) representative seats.

**Motion to send a letter from the Partnership chair to all Ryan White Program service provider agencies requesting assistance in filling PLWHA seats.**

**Moved: Sandra Jones**

**Seconded: Louis Robinson**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Standing Business**

▪ **Community Events Update**

- ***AIDS Walk Miami***

Ms. Jones reported that there was an excellent turnout at the AIDS Walk and that it was a good atmosphere for socializing and networking. Others agreed and added that it was a very exciting event.

- ***Community Awareness Health Fair***

Louis Robinson reported that there was a great turnout, a variety of free health screening and free food. Dedra Brown reported that it would have been helpful if a Creole speaker was at the table because a large portion of the attendees were Haitian.

- ***Coalition for Community Mobilization (CCM)***

Mr. Robinson reported that the CCM met last Thursday and discussed several options for participation in National Testing Day events. The CCM has budgeted funds for an event targeted to girls and women.

Currently, there is an event going on at schools and testing sites which offers free tickets to the Show You Know Concert on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to those who get tested. PLWHAs can get tickets from their case managers.

The CCM is looking for sponsorship for World AIDS Day events.

Meetings are held every other Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at The Village South, 3050 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 900.

- ***Other Events***

Mr. Robinson announced that he was advised of an upcoming health fair to be held Saturday, May 9. The committee approved the Partnership hosting a table at the event, pending further information.

**Motion to host a table at the upcoming health fair, details pending.**

**Moved: Louis Robinson**

**Seconded: Dedra Brown**

**Motion: Passed**

Robert Hyde reported that there was a Gay and Lesbian Literary Association at the Broward County Library the past weekend where writers from all genres made presentations.

Mr. Robinson reported that the National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project (NATAP) held a conference last Friday. The conference included excellent presentations, especially regarding mental health and HIV.

Mary Phillips reported that on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, SFAN held an awards ceremony for volunteers. She and Mr. Burton attended and they emphasized the lack of HIV positive volunteers.

Mr. Burton reported that there was an NBC Community Health Fair over the weekend at which there were no HIV/AIDS specific tables.

Ms. Brown announced that there will be a SISTA Part II and a SISTA Intervention; she will forward information to staff for distribution.

Mr. Robinson announced a + Friends game night on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Knights of Columbus and JC Hall, 12100 West Dixie Highway, North Miami.

▪ **Incentive Items**

Christina Bontempo has ordered samples of various items to bring to the May committee meeting. If all the items requested by the committee are ordered, the purchase would be approximately \$1500 over budget. Members will review incentives and finalize their purchase request at the May meeting.

▪ **Remaining 2009 Training Topics**

- ***South Florida Provider Coalition (SFPC)/Mental Health and Substance Abuse Resources***

John Dow Executive Director of South Florida Provider Coalition, will conduct a training on mental health and substance abuse resources on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., prior to the next committee meeting.

**Motion to have John Dow conduct a training on mental health and substance abuse resources prior to the May meeting.**

**Moved: George Tamayo**

**Seconded: Louis Robinson**

**Motion: Passed**

- *Tibotec Therapeutics Community Liaison Educational Programs*

Donna Sabatino, Community Liaison, Manager of Tibotec Therapeutics-Virology, offered to conduct a training prior to the July meeting. Members reviewed the flier (copy on file) listing the educational programs available by Ms. Sabatino and chose *Numbers that Count, Understanding Your Labs*.

**VII. New Business**

▪ **Needs Assessment Meetings**

Ms. Waterman asked attendees to review the needs assessment flier (copy on file) in today's meeting materials and consider which dates they will be able to attend.

▪ **Peer Educators and the Partnership**

Staff sent letters to all the Ryan White Program peer educators inviting them to attend the meeting; none were present. Ms. Bontempo emphasized the importance of filling PLWHA seats on the Partnership since the makeup of the Partnership does affect the grant award directly.

Members discussed the need for a new public service announcement (PSA) promoting the Partnership and decided the issue should be discussed further in May, following review of incentive items purchase.

**Motion to create a new PSA to promote the Partnership.**

**Moved: Richard S. Burton, Jr.**

**Seconded: George Tamayo**

**Motion: Withdrawn**

**VIII. Announcements**

Ms. Waterman announced that the elections for chair elect will be held at the May meeting; staff will contact eligible members in advance.

Mr. Hyde announced Dining Out for Life and distributed a flier (copy on file) with details. Mr. Hyde also suggested the Partnership host a networking pot luck dinner for members and friends of the Partnership.

Ms. Phillips announced a Client Advisory Board (CAB) meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Jackson, 1580 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, and a Client Initiative meeting at SFAN at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Sheldon thanked everyone for all of their work uniting the community and contributing to her personal growth. She gave special thanks to Mr. Robinson and Ms. Waterman for welcoming her clients into + Friends and making a difference in their lives. She is moving to the Orlando area and hopes to become involved in the planning council there. She will send her forwarding information to staff for distribution and is looking forward to hearing from everyone.

Mr. Burton announced a support group at the PET Center; he will forward information to staff for distribution.

**IX. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at BSR.

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Louis Robinson**

**Seconded: Richard S. Burton, Jr.**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.