



**Community Coalition Committee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research, 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 230
August 31st, 2009 Minutes**

Approved September 28, 2009

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Brown, Dedra		X
2	Dawson, Dashia		X
3	Hallmon, Rolando	X	
4	Jauregui, Jocelyn	X	
5	Jones, Sandra	X	
6	McGowan, Ed	X	
7	Nichols, Miriam	X	
8	Osorio, Blanche		X
9	Rivera, Hilda	X	
10	Robinson, Louis	X	
11	Spann, Annette		X
12	Tamayo, George	X	
13	Taylor, Diamond		X
14	Torres, Edwin	X	
15	Waterman, Cheryl	X	
Quorum = 6			

Guests	
Aleida Avila	
Jason Baumann	
Damarys Parada	
Carine Robert	
Maria Sevares	
Ivonne del Valle	
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 6:15 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; Ed McGowan and staff were added to announcements.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of July 27th, 2009; a spelling error on page three of four was corrected.

Motion to accept the minutes of July 27th, 2009, with the change noted above.

Moved: Ed McGowan

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

▪ **Report**

Cheryl Waterman

Miriam Nichols was appointed to the committee at the August 10th Partnership meeting.

Edwin Torres has missed the last three meetings. Mr. Torres was present and stated his continued interest.

A complete list of vacancies is in today's meeting materials. All committees and the full Partnership have vacancies. Members were asked to advise staff of anyone they can contact directly to fill vacancies.

Ed McGowan thanked fellow members and staff for recruiting many committee members over the past few months.

VI. Standing Business

▪ Community Events Update

- *National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day*

Members reviewed a flier (copy on file) in meeting materials; staff will contact Michelle Scavnicky of the AIDS Institute for more information. After some discussion the following motion was made:

Motion to participate in any local National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day event with a cost of \$50 or less.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

- *School Board of Dade County Health Fair*

Anette Spann informed staff of this event; staff will ask Ms. Spann to find out who the contact person is for the event.

- *Spanish Heritage Expo*

Hilda Rivera is involved in this event and will send staff a link with details for distribution.

- *SIDA*

The Partnership has hosted a table at this event for several years; this year's fee is \$150.

Motion to participate in the SIDA Conference and approve the \$150 participation fee.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

- *World AIDS Day/Unity Awards/Various Events*

A World AIDS Day Registration Form (copy on file) from the Department of Health (DOH) was in the meeting materials. Louis Robinson explained that there have been some changes in the Community Mobilization Committee; he will provide an update on the Unity Awards at the next meeting.

▪ Report on Recruitment Trainings

Christina Bontempo

The committee reviewed the notes (copy on file) from the trainings with members, and discussed several avenues such as church involvement and reaching out to medical case managers and support groups.

Members also recommended that a list of support groups (copy on file) be distributed to medical case managers at the monthly trainings so that clients have easy access to the information.

VII. New Business

▪ Partnership Brochure

Staff created a draft Partnership brochure (copy on file). Members reviewed the brochure. Two changes were suggested: add "reported cases" to the fact box regarding prevalence, and add "let your voice be

heard” to the benefits of membership section.

Motion to accept the Partnership brochure, with the changes noted above.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Sandra Jones

Motion: Passed

Members also briefly discussed sign on letters for the Ryan White Program reauthorization, since the current legislation sunsets in five weeks. Ms. Bontempo offered to print hard copies of the letter after the meeting for interested parties; others can find links to such letters on the weekly community notices at www.aidsnet.org.

VIII. Announcements

Ed McGowan asked members to visit <http://www.hscdade.org/> for information on the Penny Wise and Pound Foolish Campaign to educate and take a stand on proposed County budget cuts. Mr. McGowan reported that the County Budget Hearings will be held on September 3rd and 17th at 5:01 p.m.

Ms. Bontempo asked members to review the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Day of Dialogue flier (copy on file) in the meeting materials. Members who plan to attend were asked to report on the event at the next meeting.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is September 28th, 2009 at BSR.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Rolando Hallmon

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.