



**Community Coalition Committee Meeting  
 Concept House, 4802 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33137  
 March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Minutes**

*Approved April 26, 2010*

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Brown, Dedra	X	
2	Dawson, Dashia		X
3	Hallmon, Rolando		X
4	Jauregui, Jocelyn		X
5	Jones, Sandra		X
6	Martinez, Tomas		X
7	McGowan, Ed	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	
<b>Quorum = 6</b>			

Guests	
Pedro Barrios	
Sanders Brown, Jr.	
Richard Burton, Jr.	
Frederick Downs, Jr.	
John Eaton	
Audrey Hendip	
Winnie McCoy	
Lynn Smith	
Gonzalo Quesada	
Christine Rosillo	
Staff	
Christina Bontempo	
Marlen Hernandez	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Dedra Brown, called the meeting of the Community Coalition Committee to order at 6:21 p.m. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Identify Resource Persons**

Ms. Brown 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 February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

**Motion to approve the minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 as presented.**

**Moved: Ed McGowan**

**Seconded: Louis Robinson**

**Motion: Passed**

**V. Membership**

Blanche Osorio, Diamond Taylor and Edwin Torres have missed four (4) meetings this fiscal year. Staff sent a letter to each on March 4, 2010 indicating their need to attend this meeting or contact staff if they are still interested in membership. None were present and members voted to remove the delinquent members.

**Motion to remove Blanche Osorio, Diamond Taylor and Edwin Torres from the Community Coalition Committee due to lack of attendance.**

**Moved: Cheryl Waterman**

**Seconded: Frederick Downs**

**Motion: Passed**

Miriam Nichols resigned from the Partnership and Community Coalition Committee, effective February 8, 2010.

Staff received five Partnership applications for four vacant seats:

1. Christine Rosillo for the membership category "General Revenue Representative"
2. John Eaton for the membership category "Miami-Dade Health Department Representative"
3. Gonzalez Quesada for the membership category "Mental Health Provider"
4. Bernard Duggins and Dexter Warthen for the membership category "Former Inmate of a Local, State or Federal Prison Released from the Custody of the Penal System During the Preceding Three (3) Years and HIV Positive at the Date of Release, or a Representative of HIV Positive Incarcerated Persons"

All applicants but Bernard Duggins and Dexter Warthen were present and introduced themselves. Members completed score sheets for the present applicants and voted to recommend their appointments.

**Motion to recommend the following slate of applicants to the Mayor as members of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership: Christine Rosillo for "General Revenue Representative," Gonzalo Quesada for "Mental Health Provider Representative," and John Eaton for "Miami-Dade County Health Department Representative."**

**Moved: Ed McGowan**

**Seconded: Frederick Downs**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to request a waiver of the Miami-Dade County voter registration requirement for John Eaton.**

**Moved: Louis Robinson**

**Seconded: Frederick Downs**

**Motion: Passed**

Although Mr. Duggins and Mr. Warthen were not present, members chose to score their applications. Christina Bontempo noted that both applicants had completed the required New Member Orientation. Based on the scores, Mr. Warthen's application was put forward.

**Motion to recommend Dexter Warthen to the Mayor as a member of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership in the membership category "Former Inmate of a Local, State or Federal Prison Released from the Custody of the Penal System During the Preceding Three (3) Years and HIV Positive at the Date of Release, or a Representative of HIV Positive Incarcerated Persons."**

**Moved: Ed McGowan**

**Seconded: Annette Spann**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VI. Standing Business**

### **▪ Community Events Update**

The Partnership hosted a table at three Baptist Health South Florida Pastoral Care Services Congregational Health Fairs: St. Paul's Lutheran Church on March 13<sup>th</sup>, Iglesia Metodista de Coral Way on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and Hope Lutheran Church on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bontempo noted that although the health fairs were comprehensive with free screenings and more, the advertising was minimal and therefore there was not a great turn out at any of the events. Members generally agreed that although health fairs are not an effective means of recruiting members, they are a valuable means to educate the public on the Partnership and the Ryan White Program.

Members reviewed the recruitment events update flier (copy on file) and discussed upcoming events and which members will attend each event.

Louis Robinson announced that the Week of Prayer and National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Silence Is Death March were very successful; although the march had lower attendance than usual.

- **Meeting Location Review**

After some discussion members decided to hold the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting at Behavioral Science Research, the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at Borinquen Health Center, and to decide the location for the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting at the April meeting. Members chose Concept House as a backup location for May 24<sup>th</sup> in case Borinquen Health Center is unavailable.

## **VII. New Business**

- **Committee Work Plan**

Ms. Bontempo suggested that the committee should create a work plan in order to monitor their activities. Several activities discussed at other meetings were noted, including working with local radio stations to promote the Partnership, presenting the Partnership at support groups, reaching out to faith-based groups, and creating a new poster; staff will include these and other ideas in a draft work plan to be reviewed at the April meeting.

- **Training**

Members selected two trainings for their next meetings: Special Populations (Understanding And Managing HIV Infection), and Numbers That Count, Understanding Your Labs. The trainings will be presented by Donna Sabatino of Tibotec Therapeutics-Virology.

Members also expressed interest in trainings on woman to woman transmission; relationships and HIV; and medications, HIV and vitamins/supplements. Staff will look into finding presenters on these topics.

- **Needs Assessment**

Members canceled the July 2010 meeting in order to allow members to attend needs assessment meetings.

**Motion to cancel the July 2010 meeting in order to allow members to attend needs assessment meetings.**

**Moved: Louis Robinson**

**Seconded: Frederick Downs**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VIII. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

## **IX. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at BSR.

## **X. Adjournment**

Ms. Brown called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.