



**Community Coalition Committee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research, 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard
October 25th, 2010 Minutes**

Approved January 31, 2011

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Brown, Dedra		X
2	Davis, Nettie	X	
3	Gammons, Lawrence	X	
4	Jauregui, Jocelyn	X	
5	Jones, Sandra		X
6	Martinez, Tomas	X	
7	McCoy, Winnie		X
8	McGowan, Ed		X
9	Rivera, Hilda		X
10	Robinson, Louis	X	
11	Smith, Lynn	X	
12	Spann, Annette		X
13	Tamayo, George	X	
14	Waterman, Cheryl	X	
Quorum = 6			

Guests	
Toni Cruz	Grachian Smith
Frederick Downs	Jorge Suarez-Suarez
Edward Dennis	Zena Troutman
Patricia Edwards	
Michael Ervin	
Mary Garrett	
Michelle Goodman	
Donald Green	
John Halman	
Lileaus Hill-White	
Bobby Hyde	
Damarys Parada	
Maria Sevares	
Staff	
Christina Bontempo	Kimberly Tardalo

I. Call to Order/Introductions

In the absence of the chair and chair elect, member Louis Robinson called the meeting of the Community Coalition Committee to order at 6:28 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Identify Resource Persons

Mr. Robinson indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review Agenda

The Committee reviewed the agenda; Caring Hearts and Lucy Virgo were added to announcements.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of September 27th, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 27th, 2010, as presented.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

The Mayor appointed three new members to the Partnership: Martina deVarona, Rev. LeRoy Smith, Jr., and Lynn Smith.

The Mayor appointed Frederick Downs, Jr., Cheryl Waterman and Eddie Alonso for a second term on the Partnership.

There are no additional appointments pending at this time.

Three members, Dedra Brown, Tomas Martinez and Hilda Rivera, have missed either three consecutive or five total meetings this Fiscal Year (FY). Each member received a letter asking him or her to attend this meeting and stating that attendance at the meeting indicates continued interest. Mr. Martinez was present and no further action was needed. Ms. Rivera reported that she would be attending the meeting, but was not present. Staff has not been able to reach Ms. Brown.

Motion to remove Dedra Brown from the Community Coalition Committee.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

Opposed: Lynn Smith

Motion to table Hilda Rivera's membership issue until November.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: Lynn Smith

Motion: Passed

Lileaus Hill-White of Jackson Health Systems has submitted a Committee application. Ms. Hill-White introduced herself and members voted to accept her application.

Motion to accept Lileaus Hill-White as a member of the Community Coalition Committee.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: Lynn Smith

Motion: Passed

Christina Bontempo noted that with the removal of Dedra Brown from the Committee, Jocelyn Jauregui would become chair and a special election for chair elect would take place at the next meeting.

VI. Standing Business

▪ **Community Events Update**

Lynn Smith attended the Community Bazaar/Flea Market event on October 16th. She reported that although there was a language barrier she still got several signatures and distributed a lot of Partnership materials.

Ms. Bontempo reminded members to review the volunteer opportunities flier (copy on file) in the meeting materials, and announced that a Partnership Orientation will be held on November 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at BSR.

▪ **Partnership Report**

Mr. Robinson read the Partnership report (copy on file) into the record.

VII. New Business

▪ **Training Needs Assessment Survey Review and Updates**

Members reviewed the *Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Training Survey* (copy on file), a revision of the *San Francisco HIV Health Services Planning Council Training Needs Assessment* which Frederick Downs brought back from the 2010 Ryan White Grantee meeting in Washington, D.C. The Committee decided that the survey should be administered to Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership at the November meeting. If anyone has input on changes that should be made to the survey they should contact staff prior to that meeting.

Motion to administer the Miami-Dade County version of the *Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Training Survey* at the November Partnership meeting.

Moved: George Tamayo

Seconded: Frederick Downs

Motion: Passed

▪ **Community Input: What Can the Partnership Do For You?**

Members and guests discussed the importance of distributing paper copies of all material to agencies, support groups and others that can give the information directly to clients. Staff will identify a contact person at each agency to assure all materials that would be of interest to clients are posted and/or distributed. It was also suggested that printable fliers be grouped together for quick access, and that staff considers creating a printable newsletter.

Attendees also discussed the community-wide concern over the current AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) waitlist and lack of housing resources. It was recommended that participants attend Housing Committee meetings to discuss housing-related issues and learn the most up-to-date information on efforts being made to assist people looking for housing.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Bontempo asked members to review the fliers (copies on file) in their meeting materials.

Lynn Smith announced that the Caring Hearts Client Committee Initiative meeting will be on November 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Jackson in the conference room at DTC. The meeting will be centered on testing and outreach. Ms. Smith will forward details to staff for distribution.

Lucy Virgo announced that the Center for Positive Connections is hosting a Toy Drive for which she distributed a flier (copy on file); the distribution of the toys will be held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on December 18th. The Center for Positive Connections is also hosting a Halloween party on October 28th for which she distributed a flier (copy on file).

Rev. Nettie Davis reported that God's Amazing Grace will be having a countdown to World AIDS Day culminating with an event on November 20th. She will forward details to staff for distribution.

Robert Hyde announced that he will be participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. World AIDS Day walk. He also reported that Empower "U"'s stepping weekend was a huge success.

George Tamayo announced that he will be participating in an Alzheimer's walk and a Diabetes walk this fall; he will forward details to staff for distribution.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is November 22nd at Sembrando Flores, 29355 South Dixie Highway, Homestead, 33033.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: George Tamayo

Seconded: Lynn Smith

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.