

V. Membership

Marlen Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez reported that there are vacancies on all committees and the full Partnership; specific vacancy reports and applications are available from staff.

There is one application pending but the applicant was not present.

VI. Standing Business

▪ **Housing Goals for Comprehensive Plan**

Members reviewed Goal 3 of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS 2009-2011 Comprehensive Plan (copy on file). The measurement of the goal is to incorporate the Housing Committee Comprehensive Plan goals into the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Plan. At last month’s meeting the committee had briefly reviewed the 2006-2008 Housing Committee Goals. A revised version of Goal 1 was distributed to the committee for review (copy on file). A minor change (underlined) was made to measurement 1.2.1 and the review dates were approved as follows.

Goal 1: Maximize the use of available funds for housing and increase availability of housing				
Activities	Measurement	Long Term Impact	Progress Report	Review Dates
1.1 Maintain and/or improve collaborative linkages (Homeless Trust, HOPWA, other existing housing programs & resources).	1.1.1 HOPWA grantee attends Partnership and Housing Committee meetings and reports program updates. 1.1.2 Opportunities to collaborate are identified.	1.1.1 Collaborations produce innovative programs to assist clients.		Quarterly
1.2 Provide guidance to government entities on HIV/AIDS housing needs and the use of dedicated resources (i.e. HOPWA).	1.2.1 Housing and related service needs are assessed via gap analysis and the results are communicated to elected officials and <u>other agencies providing housing services to indigent and/or special needs clients.</u> 1.2.2 Recommendations are forwarded to the City of Miami on the use of the HOPWA grant award.	1.2.1 Unmet housing need are addressed in local affordable housing plans and related services.		Quarterly
1.3 Identify additional resources for housing and related services.	1.3.1. Identified resources are promoted to the Partnership, Housing Committee and on the Partnership website.	1.3.1 Providers within the HIV/AIDS service system are more aware of available resources and access those resources more readily.		Quarterly

Motion to accept Housing Goal 1 with corresponding activities, measurements, long term impacts, and review dates, as discussed.

Moved: Lucille Gadlin

Seconded: Ronald Hall

Motion: Passed

The committee will review the second goal at the next meeting.

▪ **Housing Needs Assessment**

Alicia Apfel

Ms. Apfel briefly reviewed the draft 2009 HIV/AIDS Housing Needs Assessment survey including the summary of findings, housing gap analysis and recommendations in response to the findings (copies on file). There were several noteworthy changes in the findings from prior surveys; of particular interest to the Housing Committee, 49% of respondents self-reported having been in jail or prison. Ms. Apfel will be attending the July committee meeting to continue further discussion on the findings and recommendations further.

▪ **HOPWA Report on Long Term Rental Assistance (LTRA) Waitlist**

Ray Louis

The HOPWA waitlist application period ended April 30th. There was a 20% increase in the number of applications received from the previous application period. The number of people that will be placed on the waitlist has not been determined yet; clients can expect to receive a letter indicating their status on the waitlist by the end of June. Mr. Louis would like the number of clients on the waitlist not to exceed the number that can be served within a one year period. Due to funding constraints resulting from the HUD requirement to provide the full utility allowance, only eight households can be added to the current 1,078 households active in HOPWA. Mr. Louis will update the committee on the waitlist at the July meeting.

There are more than 100 to 130 clients on the program who report zero income. If more clients can access additional resources to pay rent, such as Social Security Income (SSI), there would be a savings to the program.

▪ **HOPWA and SSI/Social Security Disability Insurance Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) Project**

Ray Louis

Mr. Louis has been invited to a SOAR train the trainer program on submitting disability applications on behalf of disabled applicants; he will present the information at a future Ryan White Case Manager's Training. Information will also be shared with the HOPWA housing specialists. According to the program description there is an 80% success rate after the implementation of this program; this money will offset HOPWA funding and allow for more households to be placed on the waitlist.

Members asked about the first time home buyer plan through HUD; Mr. Louis will bring program information on and qualifications for the program to the July meeting.

Members discussed their discontent with the number of household who may be allowed on the HOPWA waitlist; some believed that it would be more appropriate for applicants who have been previously terminated from the program to be included at the end of the waitlist so that applicants who have never been in HOPWA housing have a better chance at being placed.

Motion to recommend to the HOPWA program that of the waitlist applicants, those who have been previously terminated from the HOPWA program be placed at the end of the current waitlist.

Moved: Irma Weathers

Seconded: Lucille Gadlin

Motion: Tabled

Members asked staff to get all of the details regarding legal precedence for making such a determination on the waitlist.

Motion to table the previous motion until the July meeting, pending more information from staff.

Moved: Ed McGowan

Seconded: Ray Louis

Motion: Passed

▪ **LifeQuest I & II**

Ray Louis

Mr. Louis reported that the LifeQuest I & II properties will receive approximately \$750,000 in HOPWA funding this Fiscal Year; additional funding for this project is pending. He will periodically report back on progress of the properties.

VII. New Business

▪ **Residency Requirement for HOPWA**

Charles LeClair

HOPWA no longer allows non-residents to apply for the program; however, those who were active clients Prior to 2003 have been grandfathered into the program. Mr. LeClair suggested that the committee recommend to the Mayors of the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County to add an amendment to the HOPWA requirements to include non-residents. Mr. Louis advised that the Citizens Advice Bureau may allow non-residents to become documented if they can prove that their country of origin does not have the medical infrastructure necessary to treat HIV/AIDS. Staff will bring clarification on the City of Miami HOPWA funding and eligibility regulations to the July meeting.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Hernandez asked attendees to review the following:

- The flier (copy on file) for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Resources Free Educational Training hosted by John Dow of the South Florida Provider Coalition.
- The revised flier (copy on file) for the 2009 needs assessment meetings.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is July 16th, 2009 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

X. Adjournment

Ms. Rolle adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.