



Housing Committee Meeting
Edison Neighborhood Center, 150 NW 79th Street, Miami, 33133
May 20th, 2010 Minutes

Approved June 17, 2010

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Christie, Andres	X		Eddie Alonso	Cynthia Moore
2	Downs, Frederick, Jr.	X		Ana Blanco	Felicia Morales
3	Gadlin, Lucille	X		Jimmy Brooks	Antonia Murray
4	Hall, Ronald		X	G. Felix	Grachian Smith
5	Louis, Ray	X		Alejandro Gonzalez	
6	McGowan, Ed	X		Carlos Jacob	
7	Reed, Felicia	X		Meryl James	
8	Rolle, Betty		X	Cathy Mera	
9	Tamayo, George	X		Staff	
10	Weathers, Irma		X		
Quorum= 4				Marlen Hernandez	Kim Tardalo

I. Call to Order

The chair, George Tamayo, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Tamayo welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Mr. Tamayo identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda; Marlen Hernandez was added to announcements.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of March 18th, 2010,

Motion to accept the minutes of March 18th, 2010, as presented.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: Andres Christie

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

- Marlen Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez reported that the full Partnership and all committees are in need of members. Two Housing Committee applicants were present. Carlos Jacob and Catherine Mera introduced themselves, Ms. Mera asked that her application be held until next month, and members voted to accept Mr. Jacob as a member.

Motion to accept Carlos Jacob as a member of the Housing Committee.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: Lucille Gadlin

Motion: Passed

VI. Standing Business

- *Report on Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Long Term Rental Assistance (LTRA) Waitlist* - Ray Louis

No one has been called off of the current waitlist but Mr. Louis reported that he expects that about 36 people will be called over the next few months. A financial report on the last three months is being run to assess the program's current financial viability. Mr. Louis emphasized that offering promissory notes for security deposits has led to approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 in monthly savings for the program.

Carrfour House is providing six units to HOPWA for a small operational fee from the program.

Some attendees reported that HOPWA clients are afraid to move because deposits are no longer provided up front. After some discussion, they were reassured that there are many residences which will accept promissory notes. It was also noted that clients who are unhappy in their current housing should discuss concerns about moving with their housing specialist.

The HOPWA Request for Proposal (RFP) recommendations were announced in the Miami Herald. Awards will be finalized after the June City of Miami Commission meeting and pending acceptance of contracts by the selected agencies.

VII. New Business

- *Comprehensive Plan: Housing Goals*

The committee reviewed the Housing goals; the following updates were discussed:

- 5.1: Maintain and/or improve collaborative linkages (Homeless Trust, HOPWA, other existing housing programs & resources).
 - Members discussed inviting the Homeless Trust and other community stakeholders in housing to the June meeting and asking each organization to present on their services and eligibility requirements.

Motion for staff to draft a letter inviting housing community stakeholders identified by Mr. Louis to attend and present on their programs at the June Housing Committee meeting.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: Ed McGowan

Motion: Passed

- 5.2: Provide guidance to government entities on HIV/AIDS housing needs and the use of dedicated resources (i.e. HOPWA)
 - See 5.1.
- 5.3: Identify additional resources for housing and related services.
 - See 5.1.
- 6.1: Improve cross-system coordination between Ryan White Programs, other HIV/AIDS care case managers and housing program specialists.
 - A Social Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability (SSDI) Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) training is planned for July 13th and 14th at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) headquarters in Miami. Mr. Louis announced the trainings at the last Ryan White medical case management trainings. Space is limited; to date 19 people have signed up for the training.

- 6.2: Increase knowledge of housing resources for PLWHAs.
 - See 5.1.
 - All information provided to staff is announced and/or distributed at Partnership and Committee meetings and to medical case managers.

- **Housing Gap Analysis**

- *Alicia Apfel*

Members reviewed the 2010 Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Housing Needs and Gap Analysis (copy on file). Every other year a subpopulation is examined. The document describes the methodology for analyzing the subpopulation of persons recently released from either prison or jail and members agreed that this subpopulation should be further examined. Ms. Apfel will work with Lisa Lugo-Manns, Pre-Release Linkage Coordinator at the Department of Corrections, and Laura Van Sant, Jail Case Management Supervisor at SFAN, on further data analysis. Mr. Louis announced that Ms. Lugo-Manns is working with David Meunier the owner of Wynwood Sober Living, a 130 unit building which offers transitional housing for the reentry population. Mr. Meunier will be invited to the June meeting to discuss the facility.

Motion to accept the ex-offender subpopulation for the 2010 Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Housing Needs and Gap Analysis.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: Lucille Gadlin

Motion: Passed

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Hernandez asked members to review the following fliers (copies on file): Partnership report, Department of Health (DOH) surveillance report, Buena Vista Apartments handout, DOH Critical Advisory letter and the May/June calendars.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is June 17th, 2010 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Ed McGowan

Seconded: Frederick Downs

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.