



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
Frankie Shannon Rolle Center, 3750 S. Dixie Highway, Room 115
November 20th, 2009 Minutes**

Approved January 22, 2010

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Cortés, Wanda		X
2	Ferron, Pansy	X	
3	Gutierrez, Nancy		X
4	Illa, Lourdes		X
5	Jayaweera, Dushyantha	X	
6	Keller, Mark R.	X	
7	Orozco, Eddie	X	
8	Romero, Javier		X
9	Santiago, Steven		X
10	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	X	
11	Vasquez, Silvana		X
12	Vazquez, Isabel	X	
13	Wohlfeiler, Michael	X	
Quorum: 6			

Guests	
Roger Bogan	
Nafeesa Chin-Beckford	
John Eaton	
Tabitha Hunter	
Angela Loboguerrero	
Amy Polanco	
Mirta Soto Rosario	
Staff	
Christina Bontempo	
Marlen Hernandez	
Kimberly Tardalo	

I. Call to Order/Introductions

The chair, Dr. Michael Wohlfeiler, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Dr. Wohlfeiler indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda; staff was added after expenditure reports and to announcements.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of October 23rd, 2009.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 23rd, 2009

Moved: Mark Keller

Seconded: Dushyantha Jayaweera

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

Marlen Hernandez

The subcommittee is in need of one General Revenue (GR) representative, two medical case manager representatives, two Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and one substance abuse provider. The Partnership and all other committees are also in need of members; potential applicants should be referred to staff. There are currently two applicants for the subcommittee, one of whom was present. Applicant Roger Bogan, of Helen B. Bentley Family Health Center, introduced himself and members voted to accept his application.

Motion to recommend Roger Bogan as a member of the Medical Care Subcommittee.

Moved: Dushyantha Jayaweera

Seconded: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Motion: Passed

VI. Reports

▪ Ryan White Program Update

Carla Valle-Schwenk

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act has passed and has been authorized for four years; appropriations are set to increase annually. The Act includes several changes, notably the provision of up to one third of supplemental funds being based on the number of new, previously undiagnosed clients brought into care through outreach. This substantially changes the current outreach focus on finding clients lost to care or at risk of becoming lost to care. To clarify the changes, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will likely request a descriptive action plan to accompany the already submitted 2010 grant application.

The County emailed a protocol for homeless shelters and H1N1 updates to Ryan White providers.

▪ Partnership Report

Marlen Hernandez

Members reviewed the Partnership report (copy on file). Ms. Hernandez announced that this report will be presented to all committees from this point onward.

▪ Expenditure Reports - September

○ AIDS Healthcare Foundation

Mirta Soto Rosario

- 118 clients were served.
- The average cost per client was \$155.75.
- Total contract funds remaining were \$472,760.58.

○ Citrus Health Network

Carla Valle-Schwenk

- Eight (8) clients were served.
- The average cost per client was \$24.23.
- Total contract funds remaining were \$59,765.89.

○ CHI

Tabitha Hunter

- One (1) client was served.
- The average cost per client was \$8.25.
- Total contract funds remaining were \$7,794.13.

○ Mercy Hospital

Isabel Vazquez

- 416 clients were served.
- The average cost per client was \$162.96.
- Total contract funds remaining were \$659,974.38.

○ Miami Beach Community Health Center

Dr. Mark Keller

- 42 clients were served.
- The average cost per client was \$211.68.
- Total contract funds remaining were \$70,838.67.

○ SFAN

Nafesa Chin-Beckford

- 156 clients were served.
- The average cost per client was \$66.51.

○ Updates to Expenditure Reports

Marlen Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez proposed that the committee review expenditure reports quarterly instead of monthly. She explained that quarterly reports would alleviate the inaccuracies in monthly reporting attributed to billing deadlines. The data will include the actual number of clients, prescriptions and expenditures.

The first quarter report, presented in February 2010, will include the preliminary data for October through December. The second quarter report, presented in May 2010, will cover the preliminary data for January through March and the final data from the first quarter, and so on. This will ensure that updates and corrections are noted and reported. The report will be reformatted for easier reference.

Motion to accept the new formatting and quarterly receipt of the expenditure report.

Moved: Pansy Ferron

Seconded: Dushyantha Jayaweera

Motion: Passed

- ADAP

No report.

- General Revenue (GR)
 - 550 clients were served.
 - The average cost per client was \$140.63.
 - Total contract funds remaining were \$406,130.96.

Nafeesa Chin-Beckford

VII. Standing Business

- Seroquel Follow-Up

Staff verified that there is currently no generic for Seroquel available. Members reviewed the total prescriptions and costs from March 2008 to May 2009 (copy on file). The subcommittee decided the utilization data did not warrant the additional paperwork and opted to rescind the previous motion for a Letter of Medical Necessity (LOMN). Instead, the subcommittee requested a notation be placed on the formulary informing prescribers of Seroquel's indications.

Motion to rescind the requirement that the initial prescription for Seroquel be written by a licensed psychiatrist and the creation of a Letter of Medical Necessity to that effect.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Dushyantha Jayaweera

Motion: Passed

Motion to add the following notation to Seroquel on the Ryan White Program Drug Formulary: "This drug is not indicated as a sleep aid and should only be used to treat bipolar disorders and schizophrenia."

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Mark Keller

Motion: Passed

- Zyprexa

Marlen Hernandez

When the subcommittee removed the Zyprexa LOMN, quarterly updates were requested. Members reviewed the utilization from FY 14 through the first quarter of FY 19 (copies on file). Ms. Hernandez noted that YR 19 exhibits no change in utilization from prior years.

VIII. New Business

- Atomoxetine (Strattera)

A Ryan White Program Prescription Drug Formulary Review Request was submitted for Atomoxetine (Strattera). The request was submitted for a client who was prescribed Ritalin. Two of the three Ryan White residential substance abuse providers do not accept clients taking Ritalin. Both Atomoxetine (Strattera) and Ritalin are used to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. In this situation, Atomoxetine (Strattera) would have been an appropriate substitute for Ritalin and would have allowed the client to enter treatment at any of the three residential provider agencies. Members were hesitant to add the medication since there are no other drugs on the formulary to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Adding the medication to the formulary may present an opportunity for it to be prescribed for other off label conditions. It was decided to table the discussion until January so that Dr. Lourdes Illa, a psychiatrist with knowledge of both drugs, will have an opportunity to review the request.

Motion to table the Atomoxetine discussion until the January meeting.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Dushyantha Jayaweera

Motion: Passed

- ADAP Workgroup Representation

Members discussed concerns with Miami-Dade County representation on the ADAP Workgroup, namely that there is only one Miami-Dade County representative on the Workgroup and that there is no communication between the Partnership and the Workgroup. The subcommittee requested that the local representative, Mark Coentin, be invited to the next Medical Care Subcommittee to begin a dialogue between the Partnership and Workgroup.

IX. Announcements

Ms. Hernandez asked members to review the following (copies on file): Department of Health September surveillance report, Viread changes notice, H1N1 information, Town Hall Meeting flier, World AIDS Day events fliers.

Ms. Valle-Schwenk reminded the committee that doctors can make a referral for outreach if three documented attempts to contact the client have been made by the doctor's office and a signed consent for outreach is on file.

Ms. Hernandez noted that the Community Coalition Committee meeting on the November calendar has been cancelled.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting is January 22nd, 2010 at the Frankie Shannon Rolle Center.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Pansy Ferron

Seconded: Roger Bogan

Motion: Passed