



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
Frankie Shannon Rolle Center, 3750 S. Dixie Highway, Room 115
January 22nd, 2010 Minutes**

Approved February 26, 2010

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

Guests	
Nafeesa Chin-Beckford	
Angela Loboguerrero	
Duff Masterson	
Amy Polanco	
Johnny Rogers	
Alex Tabraue	
Matilde Zayas	
Staff	
Ariela Eshel Bernstein	Susy Martinez
Beth Hayden	Kimberly Tardalo
Marlen Hernandez	

Prior to reaching quorum and in the absence of both officers, Dr. Steven Santiago volunteered to chair the meeting. He welcomed everyone, asked for introductions and called for all non-business items to be addressed.

I. Resource Persons

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

II. Review Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda; Carla Valle-Schwenk was added to new business for a discussion on refills and staff was added to announcements.

III. Reports

- Ryan White Program Update

Carla Valle-Schwenk

The Care and Treatment Committee reviewed the Ryan White Program Sweeps #4 and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) carryover funds. For Sweeps, \$667,461 was swept from ten categories however \$2,175,321 was requested in 8 categories. The committee moved to place the full amount available into outpatient medical care as the category with the most severe need. For MAI carryover, \$47,042 was available; the committee moved to allocate \$40,000 to substance abuse residential and the remaining funds to outpatient medical care.

A Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) conference call with Part A grantees was held to discuss changes in the Ryan White Program legislation. One significant change is that up to one third of supplemental funds will be awarded based on Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) success in finding those unaware of their status, getting them tested and connecting them to care. This substantially changes the current outreach focus on clients lost to care or at risk of becoming lost to care. EMAs were required to submit an addendum to the grant application describing their plan to find Persons Living With HIV/AIDS

(PLWHA) who are unaware of their status, test them and connect them to care. Since the Department of Health (DOH) and local programs already focus on testing and connecting new clients to care, the plan will be developed with a focus toward preventing duplication of efforts. The plan counts for 34 of 100 points towards the supplemental award. The plan was submitted to HRSA on time and the Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) will know the amount of the Part A and MAI awards by March 1st. Ms. Valle-Schwenk also noted that the MAI Fiscal Year (FY) was redesigned to match the Ryan White Program FY.

▪ Partnership Report

Marlen Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez asked members to review the Partnership report (copy on file).

▪ Expenditure Reports

○ AIDS Drug Assistance Program - January

Javier Romero

- 1,727 clients were served.
- The average cost per client was \$982.27.
- As of January 21st, there are 3,443 active ADAP clients; 1,200 clients are eligible for the Rewarding Adherence to Medication Program (RAMP) and 279 are currently enrolled in RAMP.
- ADAP Miami has surpassed allotted funds for the year; a request for additional funding has been made to the state DOH.
- ADAP research on clients who have dropped out of care has shown that the vast majority of these clients are receiving medications through other funding sources.

○ General Revenue (GR) - December

Nafeesa Chin-Beckford

- 508 clients were served.
- The average cost per client was \$79.00.
- Total contract funds remaining were \$321,457.44.

▪ Performance Improvement Advisory Team (PIAT) Report

Ariela Eshel

Ms. Eshel provided an update on January PIAT activities, including medical case management and record review updates.

IV. Call to Order

Quorum was reached at 9:27 a.m. and Dr. Santiago called the meeting to order.

V. Review/Approve Minutes

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

Motion to accept the minutes of November 23rd, 2009 as presented.

Moved: Mark Keller

Seconded: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez reminded members that the Partnership and all committees are in need of members; potential applicants should be referred to staff.

Two applicants for the subcommittee were present, Johnny Rogers of Empower “U” for a medical case manager seat, and Matilde Zayas of Center for The Positive Connections for a general seat. Applicants introduced themselves and members voted to accept their applications.

Motion to accept Johnny Rogers and Matilde Zayas as members of the Medical Care Subcommittee.

Moved: Dushyantha Jayaweera

Seconded: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Motion: Passed

VII. Standing Business

- Ryan White Program Pharmacy Report Format

Members reviewed a sample pharmacy report (copy on file) illustrating the new layout and formatting. Ms. Valle-Schwenk recommended that section headers be added for clarity; members and staff agreed.

- Atomoxetine (Strattera)

In November, it was decided to table the discussion until January so that Dr. Lourdes Illa, a psychiatrist with knowledge of both drugs, would have an opportunity to review the request. Dr. Illa was not present at the meeting and members voted to table the issue until she could provide her professional opinion.

Motion to table the Atomoxetine discussion until Dr. Illa is present.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Mark Keller

Motion: Passed

VIII. New Business

- Membership Composition

Members reviewed the subcommittee member composition (copy on file). Taking into consideration the two members elected at this meeting, the subcommittee is in need of one General Revenue (GR) representative, one medical case manager representative, two Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), one substance abuse provider and four general seats.

Staff recommended that one of the general seats be allocated to an outreach worker, leaving the other seats as is; members agreed.

Motion to add an outreach worker seat to the Medical Care Subcommittee composition.

Moved: Eddie Orozco

Seconded: Carla Valle-Shwenk

Motion: Passed

- Needs Assessment Meetings in July

Ms. Hernandez reported that the needs assessment meetings will be held on July 8th, 13th, 16th and 20th. Traditionally, all committees and subcommittees cancel their regularly scheduled meeting during the needs assessment month to allow time to participate in the process.

Motion to cancel the July 23rd Medical Care Subcommittee meeting to allow for members to participate in the needs assessment process.

Moved: Mark Keller

Seconded: Eddie Orozco

Motion: Passed

- ADAP Workgroup Representation

Marlen Hernandez

Mark Corentin, the Miami-Dade County representative on the Workgroup, was invited to the meeting but was unable to attend. He reported to staff that the Workgroup met once in 2009 and that meeting was mostly an introduction and overview of the Workgroup whose purpose is to evaluate recommendations for

the addition or removals of prescription drugs from the ADAP formulary. Mr. Corentin has been invited to the next subcommittee meeting.

- ADAP Overrides

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Ms. Valle-Schwenk explained that the County grants overrides to allow clients to receive medications through Part A while access to ADAP is pending. From October 1st, 2009 to January 21st, 2010 a total of 147 overrides were granted; 67 of those were for ADAP clients. Twenty-eight of the ADAP overrides were for eligibility issues and 37 were for dosage issues.

A field has been added in the Service Delivery Information System (SDIS) for medical case managers to select from a drop-down menu the reason for a one-month override, including: ADAP application pending DOH eligibility; ADAP recertification pending labs; application for other benefit program pending; client has private insurance with a pre-existing clause; client has reached annual insurance cap; and client's Part D eligibility is pending. The field also provides the following options for unlimited overrides: ADAP does not cover the dosage; ADAP does not cover the drug; client has met lifetime benefit from private insurance; and Medicare/Medicaid/private insurance does not cover drug. This will assist clients since medical case managers will not need to wait for approval from OGC for every override. If an override is needed for reasons outside of the list provided, OGC approval will be required and OGC will be monitoring the SDIS to assure that the overrides are being used properly. Dr. Romero suggested breaking down the ADAP options even further; Ms. Valle-Schwenk asked that he email her a list of suggestions. Mr. Rogers reported that medical case managers are not receiving ADAP enrollment notices for their clients; Dr. Romero assured him this would be corrected.

A question was raised regarding the HRSA prescription drug formulary guidance; Ms. Valle-Schwenk reported that guidance has not yet been received.

- Refills

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Ms. Valle-Schwenk asked members if the option for a maximum of five refills for a prescription in SDIS was reasonable. Members explained that up to one year of refills for vitamins should be permitted; but otherwise five months is an appropriate cap to ensure physicians can monitor drug therapy. At the next meeting the committee will review the drug formulary for refill limits.

IX. Announcements

- Norvir and Atripla Advisories

Marlen Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez asked members to review the updated Norvir and Atripla advisories (copies on file).

- Other

Ms. Hernandez noted that there were some editorial changes to the Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards from Chart Review (copy on file) and an updated copy was provided in meeting materials. Ms. Valle-Schwenk will send an electronic copy.

Ms. Hernandez asked members to review the following (copies on file): Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) public hearings flier, Community Coalition flier, support group flier and research presentation flier.

Ms. Hayden asked if anyone was aware of a support group for clients recently released from incarceration. Dr. Santiago will look into it and get back to her.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting is February 26th, 2010 at the Frankie Shannon Rolle Center.

XI. Adjournment

Dr. Santiago adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.