



**Oral Health Care Subcommittee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research, 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 230
May 7th, 2009 Minutes**

Approved August 12, 2009

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Downs, Frederick		X	Zenaida Bongato
2	Cerrud, Ginette	X		Alisa Caballero
3	George, Deborah		X	Ivonne del Valle
4	Johnson, Robert	X		Leo Dorido
5	Paris, Ausline	X		Rick Perard
				Maria Sevares
				Michelle Soheil
				Carla Valle-Schwenk
				Staff
				Ariela Eshel Bernstein
				Christina Bontempo
				Beth Hayden
				Marlen Hernandez
				Kimberly Tardalo
Quorum =3				

I. Call to Order/Introductions

The chair, Robert Johnson, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Dr. Johnson identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda; staff was added to announcements.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of January 7th, 2009.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 7th, 2009, as presented.

Moved: Ginette Cerrud

Seconded: Ausline Paris

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

- Marlen Hernandez

There are several vacancies on the subcommittee; in October 2008, a letter was mailed to each oral health care provider agency requesting subcommittee participation. The subcommittee decided it would be appropriate to ask the County to send another letter. Marlen Hernandez asked members to encourage Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) to join the Partnership, committees or subcommittees.

Two applicants, Michele Soheil and Carla Valle Schwenk, were present; they introduced themselves and stated their interest in serving on the subcommittee.

Motion to accept Michele Soheil and Carla Valle-Schwenk as members of the Oral Health Care Subcommittee.

Moved: Ginette Cerrud

Seconded: Ausline Paris

Motion: Passed

VI. Standing Business

▪ ***Rates Updates***

- *Carla Valle-Schwenk*

Members received copies of the FY 2009-10 Ryan White Part A Oral Health Care Formulary (copy on file). The County was waiting on the updated Medicaid fee schedule to release the Formulary; however, it has taken too long, and therefore the County is using the most recently released 2008 Medicaid fee schedule.

Motion to accept the 2008 Medicaid rates for Oral Health Care services for Fiscal Year 19.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Ginette Cerrud

Motion: Passed

In 2002, adding tobacco cessation counseling and nutritional counseling to the Formulary had been discussed by the Ad hoc Dental Panel. After some discussion of positive outcomes, the subcommittee moved to adopt code D1310, nutritional counseling, limited to twice per year; D1320, tobacco cessation counseling, already on the Formulary, was also limited to twice per year.

Motion to add code D1310, nutritional counseling, to the Ryan White Part A Oral Health Care Formulary, with the restriction that it can only be billed twice per year.

Moved: Ginette Cerrud

Seconded: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Motion: Passed

Motion to limit billing of code D1320, tobacco cessation counseling, to twice per year.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Ausline Paris

Motion: Passed

These codes do not have corresponding 2008 Medicaid fees; members reviewed the American Dental Association's Survey of fees for the South Atlantic region, and adopted the 80th percentile fee of \$85 for code D1320 and \$71 for code D1310.

Motion to recommend a \$71 flat rate for D1310, nutritional counseling.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Robert Johnson

Motion: Passed

Motion to recommend an \$85 flat rate for code D1320, tobacco cessation.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Ginette Cerrud

Motion: Passed

Questions were raised about who is allowed to conduct the tobacco cessation counseling and what the protocol is for the code. Members recommended a clear protocol be adopted so that all providers are providing the same service for the designated fee. They reviewed the Nutrition, Tobacco and Dental Health protocol (copy on file), created in 2003 by the Ad hoc Dental Panel. In order to bill for D1310 and D1320, all the information in the protocol should be covered and documented. The counseling should be given by the dentist or dental hygienist. The subcommittee recommended accepting the 2003 developed by Silvana Vasquez document as a guideline for provision of tobacco cessation and nutritional counseling.

Motion to accept the Nutrition, Tobacco and Dental Health Protocol.

Moved: Ginette Cerrud

Seconded: Michelle Soheil

Motion: Passed

Motion to require the use of the Nutritional, Tobacco and Dental Health Protocol, at a minimum, when using codes D1310 and D1320.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Second: Ginette Cerrud

Motion: Passed

▪ *Outcome Measures*

The subcommittee discussed the HAB HIV Performance Measure: Oral Health which was finalized as one of the performance measures for Oral Health Care Services. The measure is the percent of clients with HIV infection who received an oral exam by a dentist at least once during the measurement year. Members compared the number of clients who received oral health care services and the total number of clients served by Ryan White Part A in 2007 and 2008; about 30% of clients received oral health care services. The figure seems low considering the number of clients in the Ryan White System. However, HRSA allows the numerator to include self reported data, and therefore clients who report that they have received oral health care outside the Ryan White System can be included in the reported number. The subcommittee adopted the performance measure so it may be tracked.

Motion to adopt the HAB HIV Core Clinical Performance Measures: Adult/Adolescent Clients Group 2, Performance Measure: Oral Exam.

Moved: Ginette Cerrud

Seconded: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Motion: Passed

Members reviewed the updated Oral Health Care Measures draft. The subcommittee added under Indicators to Track Quarterly, the HAB HIV Performance Measure: Oral Exam, and the use of tobacco cessation counseling, D1320. Staff will bring the revised draft to the next meeting.

Dr. Johnson asked about the dummy codes for performance measures discussed at the January meeting; Ms. Valle-Schwenk reported that they are on hold until HRSA adopts additional oral health care performance measures.

▪ *Oral Health Care Reviews*

- Ariela Bernstein

Members reviewed the 2008-2009 Oral Health Care Record Review Aggregate Report (copy on file), including general findings and recommendations to improve provider compliance. The reviews were conducted from November 2008 to March 2009. Two overall scores were provided, one including education and referral and one excluding that section. With the excluded section, half (four) the agencies met the 80% performance threshold. The client intake section has a performance threshold of 100% which was not met by any of the provider agencies. All but one provider agency have submitted a corrective action plan based on the review. The finalized aggregate report will be available shortly and providers will receive their revised scores. Follow-up reviews will be scheduled in November 2009. Two workshops are tentatively being planned for oral health care providers on Oral Health Care Standards and Risk Management.

Members voted to extend the meeting.

Motion to extend the meeting.

Moved: Ginette Cerrud

Seconded: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Motion: Passed

▪ *Performance Thresholds*

After a detailed discussion on the 2008-2009 Oral Health Care Record Review Aggregate Report, members decided to review the Oral Health Care Record Review tool at the next meeting. Members adopted performance thresholds of 80% for all sections except for intake which is 100%.

Motion to adopt a compliance threshold of 100% on the eligibility section, and 80% on all other sections of the Oral Health Care Record Review.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Ausline Paris

Motion: Passed

VII. New Business

▪ *Valplast*

The County received a request to add Valplast dentures to the Formulary. Recently there was a case in which one client had a documented allergy to metals that required the Valplast dentures. Members decided that Valplast should not be added, rather the County should review requests for Valplast on a case-by-case basis.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Hernandez asked members to review the June calendar and take note of the needs assessment meeting dates.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at BSR.

Members requested a list of Part A dentists with contact information and services provided; Ms. Valle-Schwenk agreed to compile one.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Ginette Cerrud

Seconded: Robert Johnson

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.