

III. Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed; staff was added to announcements.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of February 9th, 2009.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 9th, 2009, as presented.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

V. Reports

▪ Membership Report

- *Louis Robinson*

The Partnership still has several vacancies including seven Representative of the Affected Community/Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) members, a Representative Co-infected with Hepatitis B or C and a Substance Abuse Provider Representative.

A full report of vacancies is in today's meeting materials (copy on file) and membership applications are available from staff and online. Attendees were asked to promote membership opportunities within the community.

▪ Grantee Reports

- Ryan White Program

- *Theresa Fiaño*

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) grant application for fiscal year 2009/2010 is due on March 20th; Ms. Fiaño and Beth Hayden are currently working on it.

The Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) received notice of 40% of the Part A formula funds award, totaling approximately \$8,697,000.

The Federal AIDS Policy Partnership (FAPP) sign on letter to President Obama (distributed at last month's meeting) is on the March 12th Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda. The meeting is open to the public and begins at 2:00 p.m.

The Communities Advocating for Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition meeting is March 28th to April 1st.

Rick Siclari announced that there are two key senators who are undecided on the Ryan White Program funding appropriations and concerned citizens should call these senators.

OGC has pushed back the Community Based Organizations (CBO) request for proposal (RFP) until May.

- Part B

- *John Eaton*

The Florida Ryan White Meeting is April 29th and 30th in Orlando.

- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**

- Dr. Javier Romero

The ADAP Pharmacy will be closed after 12:00 p.m. on March 27th for an end of the year inventory. ADAP is coordinating with Ryan White Program Providers to assure clients are not left without medication when there are pharmacy closures.

- **General Revenue (GR)**

- Janice Bouyer

No report.

- **Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA)**

- Ray Louis

Publicity for opening the HOPWA Long Term Rental Assistance (LTRA) waitlist has begun. An advertisement ran in the Miami Herald on February 28th, posters and fliers were distributed throughout events for the Black Church Week of Prayer and a radio advertisement will run this week.

▪ **Committee Reports**

- **Care and Treatment Committee**

- Louis Robinson

Members reviewed the FY 2009-10 (YR 19) MAI Allocations Spreadsheet (copy on file) totaling \$2,534,427. Two agencies returned funds leaving \$628,971 in unobligated MAI funds. Ms. Fiaño recommended looking at the difference between Year 18 and 19 to assist in the reallocation decisions. After some discussion, members decided to match the outpatient medical care and medical case management allocations to those from Year 18 and to put the remainder towards outreach.

Motion to accept the MAI Year 19 allocations of \$2,534,427, as follows: \$679,607 to outpatient medical care, \$386,793 to prescription drugs, \$821,453 to medical case management, \$37,490 to substance abuse residential, \$250,892 to outreach, \$104,750 to quality management and \$253,442 to administration.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Seconded: Rick Siclari

Motion: Passed

- **Community Coalition Committee**

- Cheryl Waterman

Prior to the meeting, Donna Sabatino presented "HIV/HCV Co-infection." Both the training and the meeting had excellent participation; 30 people, including members, attended.

The committee approved one new member and staff received two additional applications after the meeting.

Members reviewed upcoming community events and decided to host tables at the SOS Women's Conference on HIV, the Jessie Trice Community Health Center Health Fair and the AIDS Walk Miami.

Members reviewed price quotes and designs for potential incentive items.

Members reviewed and made comments on a draft letter inviting Peer Educators to a committee meeting to educate them on how they can help with recruitment and participate themselves on various committees.

Attendees heard a presentation on Part A services and providers to assist with recruitment.

Staff detailed the requirements and application process for Partnership and Committee membership and attendees were encouraged to join the Partnership and/or committees.

- *Housing Committee*

- *Frederick Downs for George Tamayo*

George Tamayo was elected chair elect.

The committee accepted one new member.

The committee received a report on the LTRA program.

The committee received a report on utility allowances for HOPWA clients and other City of Miami housing assistance programs.

Members received a report on the BAME property; the units are currently at full capacity and have remained in compliance since October 1st.

Alicia Apfel reported that Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance (CAHSA) is putting the Affordable Housing Plan on hold due to the economic situation and that she is having difficulty finding respondents for the Housing Needs Assessment Survey.

The June Housing Committee meeting was cancelled and the March 19th committee meeting will be held at the Florida City/Homestead Neighborhood Center; a flier (copy on file) for the March meeting is available at this meeting.

- *Strategic Planning Committee*

- *Carol Wilson*

The committee elected Michele Wyatt-Sweeting as chair and Carol Wilson as chair elect.

The committee heard a report on Part A updates and reviewed South Miami-Dade surveillance data comparisons from 2002 and 2007.

The committee reviewed a Research Communication Plan which is in today's meeting materials. Based on this plan, members voted to recommend to the Partnership the formation of an ad-hoc committee for research review to report to the Strategic Planning Committee. After some discussion the Partnership decided to implement the recommendation and evaluate the process in March 2010.

Motion to form an ad-hoc committee for research review based on the Research Communication Plan protocol to report to the Strategic Planning Committee and be reevaluated after one year.

Moved: Carol Wilson

Seconded: Frederick Downs

Motion: Passed

The committee continued assigning and designating review dates for Comprehensive Plan activities and discussed the 2009 needs assessment community forums.

VI. Standing Business

▪ *Elections*

Rolando Hallmon was eligible for reelection to a second term as Partnership chair; members voted on the ballot.

Motion to accept the ballot for Rolando Hallmon to serve a second term as Partnership chair.

Moved: Rick Siclari

Seconded: Cheryl Waterman

Motion: Passed

Mr. Hallmon was re-elected by a majority vote and will remain chair for a second term.

▪ Community Events Update

Mr. Hallmon announced that the Sistas Organizing Sistas Girl's and Women's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event was well attended.

Several people announced the success of Black Church Week of Prayer events.

VII. New Business

▪ PLWHA Expense Report Update

Staff

Effective March 1st the mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.55 per mile, expenses submitted more than four months after the expense date will not be reimbursed, and members should allow up to 15 days for processing reimbursement requests.

▪ Ryan White Program All Parts Meeting in Orlando

The 2009 Florida Ryan White Meeting is April 29th and 30th in Orlando. Historically, the Partnership Chair has attended as the Partnership representative. Members agreed to approve Mr. Hallmon to attend the meeting on behalf of the Partnership.

Motion for Rolando Hallmon to attend the 2009 Florida Ryan White Meeting in Orlando on behalf of the Partnership.

Moved: George Tamayo

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

VIII. Announcements

Staff announced that they are in the process of collecting Comprehensive Plans from other Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) in Florida per the request of the chair elect.

Rick Siclari announced that Care Resource has been notified that their application to become a Federally Qualified Health Center (FHCQ) was approved and the agency will receive \$1.3 million to serve the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) community, primarily in Broward County.

Mr. Siclari reminded members that the 21st annual AIDS Walk Miami will be held on April 19th and that agencies interested in using the event as a fundraiser should contact Christopher Donohue at (305) 576-1234, extension 210.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Monday, April 13th, 2009 at the Historical Museum.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: George Tamayo

Seconded: Cheryl Waterman

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Chair, Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership

Date