

III. Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed; Louis Robinson and staff were added to announcements.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of July 13th, 2009.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 13th, 2009, as presented.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Dan Wall

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

Miriam Nichols was appointed to the Mental Health Provider Representative seat on the Partnership at the last meeting but she needed to be appointed to a committee. Ms. Nichols will be appointed to the Community Coalition Committee.

Motion to appoint Miriam Nichols to the Community Coalition Committee.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Barbara Messick

Motion: Passed

A full report of vacancies is included in today's meeting materials. Staff will contact provider agencies regarding the request to recruit Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) members.

John McGuirk completed an application for a second term.

Motion to recommend John McGuirk for a second term in the Non-Elected Community Leader seat.

Moved: Rick Siclari

Seconded: Frederick Downs

Motion: Passed

Raymond Louis completed an application for a second term.

Motion to recommend Ray Louis for a second term in the City of Miami/Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program seat.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Seconded: Frederick Downs

Motion: Passed

Interested parties are encouraged to attend a free orientation and recruitment training on August 18 at Behavioral Science Research or at Concept House on August 19. The Partnership calendar has additional information.

VI. Reports

▪ Grantee Reports

▪ Ryan White Program

- Theresa Fiaño

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) fiscal year began on August 1st; the award notification has yet to be received.

Ms. Fiaño asked members to review several memos (copies on file) in the meeting materials including: Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) move, AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) code, Adherence (ADH) code, residential substance abuse reimbursement rate reduction and outpatient medical care reimbursement rate reduction memos.

Ms. Fiaño reminded attendees that there are eight weeks until the current Ryan White legislation sunsets. She asked that concerned parties contact their congressional representatives; the weekly community notices contains links with instructions for doing so.

▪ **Part B**

- John Eaton

General Revenue (GR) conducted a monitoring of three contracted providers and the results were positive.

The Department of Health (DOH), ADAP Pharmacy and South Beach AIDS Project (SOBAP) are collaborating on an outreach program.

A Take Control event will be held on Thursday August 13th at 239 Mowry Drive in Homestead; to assist with the event contact Mr. Eaton.

On August 18th and 19th an Anti-Retroviral Treatment and Access Study Training (ARTAS) training will be held for medical case managers at the Miami-Dade Health Department Office, 8600 NW 17th Street in Doral.

On September 14th and 15th, there will be a core eligibility and case management training for Part B.

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

-Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Romero reported that the Bureau of HIV/AIDS (HAB) is joining the Take Control event for an ADAP Day of Dialogue session on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in South Dade. Details are pending for another Day of Dialogue to be held in a central location. Dr. Romero will forward details to BSR staff for distribution.

▪ **SFAN General Revenue (GR)**

- Anneleise Savinovich

Ms. Savinovich gave an overview of the demographic report for July. A total of 740 clients were served; 38% of the population was female and 62% male. The age group 50 to 64 had the highest frequency of clients served, with a total of 265.

▪ **Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA)**

- Ray Louis

Contracts with the five existing project sponsor agencies were renewed with flat funding.

Housing specialists are now required to attend Ryan White medical case manager monthly trainings; BSR Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) staff will also attend HOPWA informational meetings in order to improve collaboration.

The State Department is hosting a landlord-tenant conference on August 11th via from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; housing specialists are mandated to attend.

The HOPWA Long Term Rental Assistance (LTRA) waitlist currently has 300 people on it; none will be served until at least 90 days from now due to funding issues.

Anyone interested in these issues should attend the Housing Committee meeting.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Care and Treatment**

- Louis Robinson

- *Medical Care Subcommittee*

The committee reviewed and approved the following Medical Care Subcommittee items:

Recommended updates to the Ryan White letter of Medical Necessity for Trofile Co-Receptor Tropism Assay as noted in the following motions.

Motion to remove the notation “Trofile Co-receptor Tropism Assay may be conducted only one time in a client’s lifetime,” limit from the Letter of Medical Necessity for the Trofile Co-Receptor Tropism Assay.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Dan Wall

Motion: Passed

Motion to remove requirement 3. B) “A phenotype has been conducted showing resistance to all drugs in all classes,” from the Letter of Medical Necessity for the Trofile Co-Receptor Tropism Assay.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Rick Siclari

Motion: Passed

Clarifications to the Ryan White Part A Drug Formulary regarding Protonix, as noted in the following motions.

Motion to remove pantoprazole (Protonix) from the Ryan White Part A Drug Formulary.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

Motion to add omeprazole (Prilosec) to the Ryan White Part A Drug Formulary per the moratorium, as a cost savings measure.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Dan Wall

Motion: Passed

In response to the possibility of increased spread of the H1N1 virus, recommended addition of the influenza medication Relenza to the Ryan White Part A Drug Formulary as an alternative to Tamiflu, to which some flu strains are resistant.

Motion to add zanamivir (Relenza) to the Ryan White Part A Drug Formulary as a possible life saving drug in response to the H1N1 epidemic.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

- *Sweeps*

The Care and Treatment Committee reviewed the Sweeps # 2 sheet. \$2,248,000 was swept from seven categories and \$3,782,654 was requested in eight categories. The committee decided to prioritize core services and allocated available dollars as follows: \$830,000 to outpatient medical care, \$700,000 to medical case management, \$400,000 to oral health care, \$278,000 to insurance services and \$40,000 to transportation vouchers.

Motion to allocate the Sweeps #2 funds of \$2,248,000 as follows: \$830,000 to outpatient medical care, \$700,000 to medical case management, \$400,000 to oral health care, \$278,000 to insurance services and \$40,000 to transportation vouchers.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Dan Wall

Motion: Passed

▪ Community Coalition Committee

- Cheryl Waterman

Donna Sabatino conducted training, Numbers That Count — Understanding Your Labs, prior to the meeting; it was well attended.

Members elected Dedra Brown as chair-elect.

Attendees discussed recruitment strategies and decided to hold two smaller meetings prior to the next committee meeting. The two smaller meetings will be used to prepare members for active recruitment of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) members for the Partnership. The meetings are open to the public and are tentatively scheduled for August 18th at 10:00 a.m. at BSR and August 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Concept House.

The committee discussed canceling its September meeting and spending their committee hours in the field to recruit new members.

Members discussed purchasing incentive items to assist with recruitment. It was agreed that the budgeted amount should be reduced by 5%. Items to be purchased include tote bags, pens and water bottles; t-shirts and hats will be available to members actively participating in recruitment.

Revised Partnership brochures and postcards are needed; and the Provider Brochure should be updated.

The committee recognized the passing of regular meeting guest Thomas Hanson who passed away Saturday, July 25.

▪ Strategic Planning Committee

-Barbara Messick

Members heard an update on the Ryan White Program.

Members finalized the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism survey. The Provider survey will be emailed; the Partnership survey will be administered at today's meeting. Both surveys are due to BSR no later than August 24th.

Members discussed the Annual Report to the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners. The report will include Partnership accomplishments, epidemiological and utilization data, community needs, a description of the Miami-Dade County health service system and community collaborations. Development of a 4-page 8 ½ x 11 brochure with an accompanying Power Point presentation was discussed. Staff will collect data for the committee's review beginning in September.

The committee reviewed Comprehensive Plan activities with June, July or Quarterly review date.

The committee discussed options for expanding services in reference to Comprehensive Plan activities 4.3.1: Support efforts to tie funding to subgroups and geographic areas that have the most severe need, and 4.3.2: Support and promote improved access to resources and capacity building in South Dade, specifically for medical providers.

Two motions were made:

Motion to request the Office of Grants Coordination begin the process to reissue an RFP for Ryan White Program services.

Moved: Barbara Messick

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Withdrawn

The Partnership discussed funding, contract constraints and limitations on the Partnership's scope for directives.

Motion to request that the County provide ongoing updates to the Partnership on progress of addressing unmet need in South Dade.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Seconded: Frederick Downs

Motion: Passed

▪ **Housing Committee**

-George Tamayo

Members reviewed and made changes to Goal #2 of the Housing Comprehensive Plan; the revised document will be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Members reviewed the draft 2009 HIV/AIDS Housing Needs Assessment Survey including a summary of findings, housing gap analysis and recommendations in response to the findings. Members made some minor changes and accepted the Miami-Dade County 2009 HIV/AIDS Housing Needs Assessment and Recommendations in Response to Findings (copy on file). Copies of the recommendations are in today's meeting materials.

VII. Standing Business

▪ **Community Events Update**

Mr. Robinson announced that the Positive in Paradise Heterosexual Conference to be held from September 18th to 20th at the Riverside Hotel in Fort Lauderdale was cancelled due to lack of response.

Mr. Robinson announced that the Community Mobilization Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Hosanna Baptist Church, 5601 NW 21st Avenue.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Wall announced that the County is facing serious budget cuts; budget hearings concerning cuts will be held on September 3rd and September 17th at 5:01 p.m. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Due to cuts, the Community Based Organizations (CBO) Request For Proposal (RFP) is not expected to be funded. The Ryan White Program will not be affected because it is Federally funded.

The Human Services Coalition is having a Penny Wise Pounds Foolish Campaign to save social service organizations from budget cuts. Interested parties should visit www.hscdade.org for more information.

Christina Bontempo has revised www.aidsnet.org and asked that members review it at their leisure and make any suggestions for improvements; Ms. Fiaño noted that it is very comprehensive and well done.

In response to a member query, Ms. Bontempo will post both the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary and Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary on www.aidsnet.org.

Members will be receiving financial disclosure packages shortly; only the short form should be completed and returned. Staff is available by phone or email for assistance with completing this document.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Monday, September 14th, 2009 at the Historical Museum.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Chair, Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership

Date