

III. Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed; Robert Hyde, Martin Terris and George Tamayo were added to announcements.

IV. Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of September 14th, 2009.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 14th, 2009, as presented.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

The committee reviewed the notes of October 13th, 2009.

Motion to approve the notes of October 13th, 2009.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Rick Siclari

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

The application forwarded to the Mayor for the *Health Care Provider Representing Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)* seat was not approved. Two applicants will be reviewed during the Community Coalition Committee report.

A full report of vacancies is included in today's meeting materials. Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) members are needed. Attendees were asked to contact staff with potential applicants.

VI. Reports

▪ Grantee Reports

▪ Ryan White Program

Theresa Fiaño

The four year Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act has passed and been signed by the President; a video of the signing is available online.

The Fiscal Year 2010 grant application was submitted to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRAS) prior to the deadline.

All current contracts and amendments have been signed; Part A Sweeps #3 and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Sweeps #1 have been approved at the executive level and have been implemented.

▪ Miami-Dade County General Funds Update

Theresa Fiaño

Seventy percent of last year's award for Community Based Organizations (CBO) general funds was approved for the next Fiscal Year for most programs; farm share and senior programs received 100% funding. Letters of agreement have been sent as a way to temporarily begin payment until the formal contracts are completed. The general funds Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to be released during the next Fiscal Year.

▪ Part B

- John Eaton

Part B received \$118,000 in supplemental funds that will cover some technology updates, supplies and the pharmacy lease.

The Allocation Methodology Workgroup meeting was held in October; Mr. Eaton invited the elected Partnership Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG) representatives to attend future Workgroup meetings. Members discussed appointing a Partnership representative to this group specifically; Mr. Eaton will find out if this is allowable.

The PCPG will meet in Tampa on November 12th and 13th.

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

- Dr. Javier Romero

ADAP Miami requested additional funding from the Bureau of HIV/AIDS (HAB) and was assured that any funding necessary will be provided to sustain the program fully through March 2010.

Dr. Romero will be attending the PCPG meeting as the Department of Health (DOH) representative.

For three consecutive months ADAP Miami has exceeded the adherence benchmark by 4% for on time medication pick up.

ADAP is continuing its lost to follow-up efforts and is currently investigating 500 clients who are overdue for reenrollment; so far it appears the majority of clients did not reenroll because they qualified for other funding sources.

▪ **SFAN General Revenue (GR)**

- Christina Bontempo

As of November 6th, 1,444 clients were served:

- Gender: 578 female and 864 male;
- Ethnicity: 447 Hispanic, 956 Non-Hispanic and 41 unknown;
- Race: 428 White, 964 Black/African American, 2 Asian, 2 American Indian/Alaskan Native and 48 unknown.

Of the total clients 96 were new: 68 female and 28 male.

Staff is working with SFAN to obtain financial reports for the Partnership.

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

- Ray Louis

Effective December 1st, two changes will be made to the HOPWA Program: One, HOPWA will offer promissory notes rather than up front deposits; landlords will be compensated for any damages after the client has moved out. This will only affect new clients, clients who move and clients whose rent is raised. And two, HOPWA will only pay up to 90% of the Fair Market Rent (FMR).

HOPWA hopes that these changes will enable the program to start placing clients from the waitlist sooner. Currently, 1,000 households are being paid for by HOPWA; the number of households must reach 941 by natural attrition to allow for waitlisted clients to be placed.

▪ **Committee Reports**

▪ **Executive**

- Rolando Hallmon

The Executive Committee met on October 16th and approved the following:

- Election of Frederick Downs as Partnership chair elect.
- Selection of Frances Fernandez and Barbara Kubilus as nominees to the Florida HIV/AIDS Community Planning Network Patient Care Planning Group.
- Recommendation that the Food Stamp eligibility be reduced from \$50 to \$25.

- MAI sweeps #1 allocations of \$400,000 and Part A sweeps #3 allocations of \$40,893.
- Recommendation for the Federally Qualified Healthcare Center Representative seat.
- Letters of support for Borinquen Health Care Center and Empower "U".

Motion to accept the Executive Committee report, as read into the record.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

▪ **Community Coalition Committee**

- Cheryl Waterman

The committee voted to accept Tomas Martinez as a committee member.

The committee voted to recommend Janet Nichols for the Substance Abuse Provider Representative seat.

Motion to recommend Janet Nichols to the Mayor as a member of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership for the Substance Abuse Provider Representative seat.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Seconded: Louis Robinson

Motion: Passed

The committee voted to recommend Ausline Paris for the Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Representative seat, under the category Grantee Representative of Other Federal HIV Programs.

Motion to recommend Ausline Paris to the Mayor as a member of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership for the Special Projects of National Significance Representative seat.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

Partnership brochures and incentive items were received. Brochures are available at this meeting and a new Partnership t-shirt will be ordered this month. Please take brochures to distribute to clients and contact staff if you would like additional copies.

Vanessa Mills asked for a follow up on Community Coalition meeting locations. Staff reported that a rotating schedule with North, South and Central locations as well as a possible BSR location has been approved for 2010. Ms. Mills expressed interest in holding a meeting in Liberty City; staff asked to be contacted by anyone who knows of a free potential meeting location in that area.

▪ **Research Ad-Hoc**

-Barbara Messick

The Research Ad-Hoc Committee members requested that the Strategic Planning Committee be granted the authority to approve and schedule research presentations and report the schedule to the Partnership. Mr. Wall suggested that approval of Partnership chair be added to this request.

Motion to allow the Strategic Planning Committee the authority to approve and schedule research presentation in coordination with the Research Ad-Hoc Committee and report to the Partnership.

Moved: George Tamayo

Seconded: Vanessa Mills

Motion: Amended (see below)

Amended Motion: Motion to allow the Strategic Planning Committee the authority to approve and schedule research presentation in coordination with the Research Ad-Hoc Committee and the Partnership chair, and report to the Partnership.

Moved: George Tamayo

Seconded: Vanessa Mills

Motion: Passed

VII. Standing Business

▪ **Community Events Update**

Mr. Robinson announced that the Community Mobilization Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays at a location to be announced; Mr. Robinson will forward the details to staff for distribution. Mr. Robinson reported that the 4th Annual Unity Awards will be held in December and donations are needed.

VIII. New Business

▪ **Research Presentation**

- *Dr. Jose G. Castro*

Dr. Jose Castro, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at University of Miami/Jackson Hospital, gave a presentation on male circumcision in Miami-Dade County as an additional tool for HIV prevention.

IX. Announcements

Mr. Hyde announced Art Through the Eyes of Love hosted by Miami Beach Community Health Center; he will send details to staff for distribution. Mr. Hyde also announced his own AIDS Walk on November 29th to December 1st, in Liberty City.

Mr. Tamayo announced that he will be participating in a walk for Alzheimer's research on November 14th; he invited attendees to participate or donate to the cause. Staff will forward the flier to the Partnership and committee members following this meeting.

Mr. Terris from Catholic Charities announced that a ban has been lifted on PLWHA entering the United States or gaining residency and that he wishes to work with the Partnership to further educate the community on this issue.

Mr. Siclari announced that the Care Resource dental clinic is opening next week; referrals are currently being accepted. Mr. Siclari also announced that the 25th Anniversary of the White Party is on November 28th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Siclari offered all Partnership members complimentary tickets to the event; contact him personally at (305) 576-1234 or rsiclari@careresource.org to reserve tickets.

Ozzie Heredia announced the start of a toy drive sponsored by Better Way of Miami; parties interested in participating can drop off toy donations at 800 NW 28th Street. He will forward information to staff for distribution.

X. Next Meeting

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

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Chair, Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership

Date