



### III. Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed; staff was added to new business.

### IV. Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Motion to approve the minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, as presented.**

**Moved: Blanche Rodriguez**

**Seconded: Miriam Nichols**

**Motion: Passed**

### V. Membership

*Frederick Downs*

Janet Nichols was appointed to the *Substance Abuse Provider Representative* seat and Ausline Paris was appointed to the *Special Projects of National Significance Representative* seat on the Partnership.

Ms. Nichols needs to be appointed to a committee assignment and wishes to sit on the Care and Treatment Committee.

**Motion to appoint Janet Nichols to the Care and Treatment Committee.**

**Moved: Louis Robinson**

**Seconded: Barbara Kubilus**

**Motion: Passed**

Rick Siclari's second term on the Partnership as the *Housing, Homeless or Social Service Provider Representative* officially ended with the appointment of Ausline Paris of Care Resource. The Partnership thanked him for his service and will present him with a certificate of appreciation.

There are vacancies on all committees and the full Partnership. Partnership fliers were available at the meeting. Members were asked to take fliers and help promote the Partnership.

### VI. Reports

#### ▪ Grantee Reports

##### ▪ Ryan White Program

*Theresa Fiaño*

Under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 there is a proposed \$16 million increase to Part A funding.

A HRSA conference call with Part A grantees is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss changes in the legislation. One significant change is that up to one third of supplemental funds could be determined by measuring outreach, namely how many people were unaware of their status, tested and connected to care by the Ryan White Program. This substantially changes the current outreach focus on clients lost to care or at risk of becoming lost to care. The Department of Health (DOH), ADAP, and other local programs focus on testing and connecting new clients to care; OGC will work with their HRSA Project Officer to develop a plan to prevent duplication of outreach efforts. Another change affecting Miami-Dade County is the adjustment of the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) fiscal year to match the Part A fiscal year (March – February) which may affect MAI funding for the current contracted period (August – July).

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/2011 grant application has been submitted. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is using the Miami-Dade County FY 2008/2009 application as a training tool.

The final Part A Sweeps will be held at the January 7<sup>th</sup> Care and Treatment Committee meeting.

Frances Fernandez explained that funding provided by the Department of Health will sustain current AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP) waitlisted clients through February 2010 but no new clients are being accepted into the program at this time.

▪ **Part B**

- John Eaton

Part B will receive a funding award of \$993,906 on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

At the Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG) Allocation Methodology Workgroup meeting the group discussed appointing a peer advisor. Miami-Dade County had six representatives at the meeting.

The 2010 State needs assessment is underway; greater input from Miami-Dade County will be sought this year.

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

- Dr. Javier Romero

The PCPG planning group gave an update on the resistance testing/surveillance project. Providers can call (305) 636-6478 to check if a client has received the resistance test.

ADAP, staff and AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) are working with the Department of Corrections to assure that clients released from prison are discharged with a month supply of medication and a prescription.

▪ **SFAN General Revenue (GR)**

No report.

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

No report.

▪ **Committee Reports**

▪ **Care and Treatment**

- Louis Robinson

- **Medical Care Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee reviewed the previously approved Medical Care Standards, made two minor corrections/clarifications, and approved the corrected document (copy on file).

**Motion to accept the Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards for Chart Review, as presented.**

**Moved: Louis Robinson**

**Seconded: Barbara Kibilus**

**Motion: Amended**

After some discussion members amended the motion to included Quantiferon TB Gold to number 27.

**Amended motion: Motion to accept the Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards for Chart Review with the addition of Quantiferon TB Gold to number 27.**

**Moved: Louis Robinson**

**Seconded: Barbara Kibilus**

**Motion: Passed**

The Subcommittee continued discussion of several options for Seroquel monitoring. They moved to rescind the previous motion for a Letter of Medical Necessity since the number of clients on the medication does not warrant additional paperwork. Instead, the subcommittee requested a notation be placed on the formulary informing prescribers of Seroquel's indications.

**Motion to rescind the requirement that the initial prescription for Seroquel be written by a licensed psychiatrist and the creation of a Letter of Medical Necessity to that effect.**

**Moved: Barbara Kubilus      Seconded: Frances Fernandez      Motion: Passed**

**Motion to add the following notation to Seroquel on the Ryan White Program Drug Formulary: "This drug is not indicated as a sleep aid and should only be used to treat bipolar disorders and schizophrenia."**

**Moved: Barbara Kubilus      Seconded: Frances Fernandez      Motion: Passed**

The subcommittee will invite the Miami-Dade County ADAP Workgroup representative to the next Medical Care Subcommittee to begin a dialogue with the ADAP Workgroup.

**- Oral Health Care Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee accepted Odalys Vega of the PET Center, and Dr. Nitza Perdigon-Congahuala of Jessie Trice Community Health Center as new members.

The Subcommittee reviewed the Dental Standards approved in May 2005 and made some minor language updates such as changing "dental" to "oral health" and "Title I" to "Part A Program," etc. The subcommittee approved the document with the updated language (copy on file).

**Motion to accept the Oral Health Care Standards with the changes noted above.**

**Moved: Dan Wall      Seconded: Vanessa Mills      Motion: Passed**

The Subcommittee reviewed the Oral Health Care Record Review tool. Redundancies were removed from the document and it was approved as revised (copy on file). The revised tool will be used in the upcoming oral health care record review.

**Motion to accept the revised Oral Health Care Record Review Tool.**

**Moved: Ozzie Heredia      Seconded: Michael Williams      Motion: Passed**

The County brought to the attention of the Subcommittee the issue that some clients may be unable to access preventive procedures such as a comprehensive exam if they experience an extraordinary expense causing them to reach the \$3,000 limit. The Subcommittee proposed reconsidering the no exceptions limit on the \$3,000 cap in the Oral Health Care Service Delivery language to allow the County and/or subcommittee to review override requests for preventive services for clients experiencing unusual circumstances.

**Motion to amend the Oral Health Care Service Delivery language for 2010-2011 to allow consideration of exceptions to the \$3,000 cap in unusual circumstances as approved by the County and/or the Oral Health Care Subcommittee, as needed.**

**Moved: Vanessa Mills      Seconded: Barbara Messick      Motion: Amended**

**Amended motion: Motion to amend the Oral Health Care Service Delivery language for 2010-2011 to allow consideration of exceptions to the \$3,000 cap in unusual circumstances for preventative services as approved by the County with consultation from the Oral Health Care Subcommittee, as needed.**

**Moved: Vanessa Mills      Seconded: Dan Wall      Motion: Passed**

- **Care and Treatment Committee**

The committee accepted Tom Pietrogallo of Care Resource as a new member.

The committee discussed the funding shortfall in the health insurance service category, specifically co-pays, which have been adversely affected by the shortfall in AICP funding. The County was able to identify funds in prescription drugs which could be used to cover the shortage. Those funds would be designated for the co-pay assistance program.

**Motion to move \$90,000 from the prescription drugs service category to the health insurance service category for co-pay assistance.**

**Moved: Barbara Kubilus**

**Seconded: Barbara Messick**

**Motion: Passed**

Petra Brock-Getz presented data from the Preliminary Findings of the 2009 Consumer Satisfaction Survey.

The committee discussed the 2010 Needs Assessment meetings. The meetings will take place on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (if needed) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. The regularly scheduled committee meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> was cancelled. Staff noted that each committee will consider canceling their respective meetings in July to allow members to attend the needs assessment meetings.

▪ **Housing Committee**

- *Frederick Downs*

Members discussed the need to collaborate with other local housing assistance programs to accommodate clients in need of housing. They requested housing needs be included in the Annual Report being prepared by the Strategic Planning Committee and requested to review the report draft.

Members received reports on the HOPWA long term rental assistance waitlist.

Members conducted the quarterly review of Housing Goals and updated the status of each activity.

Betty Rolle resigned as chair but will remain a member of the committee. George Tamayo has become chair and Ed McGowan was elected chair elect.

▪ **Strategic Planning**

- *Barbara Messick*

The committee accepted Dennis Iadarola of the Village South as a new member.

Members heard an update on the Ryan White Program and Research Ad-Hoc Committee.

The committee reviewed and updated the status of Comprehensive Plan activities with a December 2009 review date.

**VII. Standing Business**

▪ **Community Events Update**

Mr. Hallmon reported that he attended the White Party and Unity Awards, both of which were enjoyable and excellent for networking. He distributed Partnership post card at both events.

Rick Siclari reported that there were over 3,000 attendees at the White Party and thanked members who attended.

Mr. Robinson reported that the Unity Awards event was a success; he thanked everyone who participated in assisting clients prior to the event, specifically Robert Hyde. He thanked all other volunteers and Metris Batts and Ms. Mills for hosting the event. Ms. Mills added that events like the Unity Awards empower clients to get involved in their own health care, including joining the Partnership or committees.

Ausline Paris reported that the Care Resource Oral Health Care Center is open. Mr. Hallmon reported that he has already received services there and praised the facility.

### **VIII. New Business**

#### ▪ **Meeting Day**

Staff asked members for their thoughts about holding the Partnership meeting to the second Tuesday, as opposed to the second Monday, of each month, since the Historical Museum is now closed on Mondays. Members were skeptical about moving the meeting since it has been publicized as the second Monday of the month for years and everyone has already cleared their schedules with work and other commitments for these Mondays. Staff will find out if the room is available on Tuesdays and add this to the January agenda for further discussion.

#### ▪ **Research Presentation**

- Dr. Allan E. Rodriguez

Allan E. Rodriguez, MD, Associate Professor at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, gave a presentation regarding ongoing research on several interventions to improve the retention of patients in HIV medical care (copy on file).

### **IX. Announcements**

No announcements.

### **X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Historical Museum.

### **XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Hallmon adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Chair, Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership

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Date