

II. Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of December 14th, 2009; on page three, in the first paragraph, “waitlisted” should be added after “(AICP).”

Motion to approve the minutes of December 14th, 2009, with the change noted above.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Frances Fernandez

Motion: Passed

III. Membership

Frederick Downs

Staff will be conducting Partnership training and promoting membership opportunities at Jackson on January 13th, 20th and 28th to the Spanish, Creole and English classes, respectively.

There are vacancies on all committees and the full Partnership, including eight seats for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) members. Members were asked to take Partnership brochures to help promote the Partnership at respective agencies and in the community.

IV. Reports

▪ Grantee Reports

▪ Ryan White Program

Theresa Fiaño

On December 15th, a HRSA conference call with Part A grantees was held to discuss changes in the Ryan White Program legislation. One significant change is that up to one third of supplemental funds will be determined by the Eligible Metropolitan Area’s (EMA’s) ability to identify those unaware of their status, get them tested and connect them to care. This substantially changes the EMA’s current outreach focus on clients lost to care or at risk of becoming lost to care. EMAs are now required to submit an additional narrative to their already submitted application for Ryan White Part A funding that describes their plan to identify those unaware of their status, test them and connect them to care. Since the Department of Health (DOH) and CDC already fund local programs to test and connect new clients to care, the plan will describe how it will avoid duplication of efforts. The additional narrative is worth 34 of 100 points towards the supplemental portion of the grant application.

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) grant cycle will now coincide with the Ryan White Program grant cycle. This will cause a one-time five-month overlap in MAI funding as the contract cycles are brought into alignment.

The Department of Health (DOH) and Ryan White Program have signed a data sharing agreement. A data sharing agreement between the Ryan White Program and PHT/SFAN is pending.

▪ Part B

- John Eaton

The Miami-Dade Health Department will be monitoring SFAN contracts beginning this week.

The Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG) meeting will be held in March and the Florida Ryan White Meeting is currently in the planning stages; Mr. Eaton will forward details for both meetings to staff for distribution.

Ms. Fiaño reported that the HRSA Grantee Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. in August.

The English and Spanish versions of the statewide needs assessment surveys are on www.surveymonkey.com and will be available until August; a Creole version is pending. Staff has

distributed the link to the surveys via weekly community notices.

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

- Dr. Javier Romero

As of December 31st, 3,400 clients have been served, 150 are enrolled in the Rewarding Adherence to Medication Program (RAMP), and adherence was at 84%.

Partial data from the first three months of the lost to care efforts are currently available. It appears that the vast majority of clients who have dropped out of ADAP are now receiving services from other funding sources. There will be a series of trainings to coordinate communication between ADAP and medical case managers in order to relay client information effectively. Dr. Romero will work with BSR to schedule trainings during the regular monthly medical case manager trainings.

▪ **SFAN General Revenue (GR)**

No report. The committee expressed concern over the absence of GR reports at Partnership meetings; staff is working to resolve this issue.

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

- Ray Louis

The City of Miami will submit an application for HOPWA funding in 2010. HOPWA public hearings will be held on February 10th in Florida City and February 11th at the Caleb Center. Mr. Louis will send the flier with details to staff for distribution. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will include some significant modifications; including the requirement that applicants already provide HIV/AIDS services and that HOPWA is not their only funding source. A training for the RFP will be held; details are pending and the RFP should be released by March.

HOPWA is trying to phase out no income clients by implementing the national Social Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) program locally. Mr. Louis will organize a training in coordination with the Ryan White Program medical case management training program and provider agencies.

Currently 1,008 clients are being served locally by the HOPWA program; in order to place people from the current waitlist, clients served will have to be reduced to 941 by natural attrition. The local program is working with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to emphasize the severe need for additional funding locally.

Mr. Hallmon reported that Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) should attend informational sessions regarding home ownership programs; this conversation will be continued at the January 21st Housing Committee meeting.

▪ **Committee Reports**

▪ **Care and Treatment**

- Louis Robinson

Rev. Leroy Smith was elected for a second term as chair.

Part A Sweeps #4 included \$667,461 swept from ten categories and \$2,175,321 requested in 8 categories. The committee moved to place the full amount available into outpatient medical care as the category with the most severe need.

Motion to allocate Part A funds of \$667,461 to the outpatient medical care service category.

Moved: Frances Fernandez

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

MAI carryover funds totalled \$47,042. The committee moved to allocate \$40,000 to substance abuse residential and the remaining funds to outpatient medical care.

Motion to allocate MAI funds of \$40,000 to the substance abuse residential service category and \$7,042 to the outpatient medical care service category.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Seconded: Frederick Downs

Motion: Passed

The County was granted the latitude to move funds to ensure funding is expended prior to the end of the grant year. Any last minute reallocations will be reported to the Partnership and Care and Treatment Committee.

Motion to allow the County to do last minute allocations at its discretion to maximize expenditures prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Frances Fernandez

Motion: Passed

▪ **Community Coalition Committee**

- Cheryl Waterman

The committee did not reach quorum and only discussed non-business items such as upcoming community events.

Meetings for the next quarter will be held on a rotating schedule at various agencies. A flier (copy on file) with details was in the meeting materials. Frederick Downs emphasized that everyone should encourage PLWHAs to get involved and attend the Community Coalition Committee meeting in their own neighborhood.

There was a brief discussion about Martin Luther King Day events; it was decided that the events were either too last minute or too costly to participate in this year.

▪ **Strategic Planning**

- Carol Wilson

Members heard an update on the Ryan White Program.

Michele Wyatt-Sweeting was re-elected for her second term as Chair.

The status of Comprehensive Plan activities with January 2010 review dates were reviewed and updated, including drafts of the provider brochure and annual report.

The July meeting was cancelled in order to attend needs assessment meetings.

V. Standing Business

▪ **Community Events Update**

No update.

▪ **Meeting Schedule Update**

Members discussed changing the Partnership meeting day to Tuesday since the Historical Museum is no longer open on Mondays.

Motion to move the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership meeting to the second Tuesday of every month.

Moved: Frederick Downs

Seconded: Vanessa Mills

Motion: Failed

Several members expressed concern with Tuesday meetings; staff will check with the museum if Wednesdays were available and report back in February.

VI. New Business

▪ Elections Announcement

Mr. Hallmon's second term as chair comes to a close in March. At that time, Mr. Downs will become chair and the election for a new chair elect will be held. Staff will contact all eligible members prior to the meeting regarding interest in the chair elect seat.

▪ Immigration Status and HIV

- *Martin Terris*

Mr. Terris, Director of Development and Evaluation for Catholic Charities Legal Services, spoke about changes to HIV and immigration status legislation. A summary (copy on file) of talking points was in the meeting materials. Mr. Terris can be contacted at mterris@aol.com.

▪ Research Presentation

- *Victoria Mitrani/Daniel Feaster*

Victoria Mitrani, Ph.D. and Daniel Feaster, Ph.D. of the University of Miami gave a presentation (copy on file) on a randomized controlled trial of structural ecosystems therapy (SET) for HIV medication adherence and substance abuse relapse prevention.

VII. Announcements

Robert Hyde announced that he is hosting a collage project; he should be contacted for details.

Ms. Mills announced that Empower "U" participated in Smart Ride; she stated that it was an excellent event. Ms. Mills will begin training for next year's event shortly; anyone interested in joining her is welcome.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Monday, February 8th, 2010 at the Historical Museum.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: George Tamayo

Seconded: Frances Fernandez

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Chair, Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership

Date