

II. Resource Persons

Mr. Downs indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda; Louis Robinson was added to announcements.

IV. Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of January 11th, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 11th, 2010 as presented.

Moved: Ozzie Heredia

Seconded: Michael Williams

Motion: Passed

V. Membership

Frederick Downs

There are vacancies on all committees and the full Partnership, including 8 seats for PLWHA members. Partnership brochures were available at the meeting. Members were asked to take brochures and help promote the Partnership at their agencies and in the community.

Frances Fernandez has requested to join the Strategic Planning Committee.

Motion to appoint Frances Fernandez to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: Barbara Messick

Motion: Passed

VI. Reports

▪ Grantee Reports

▪ Ryan White Program

Theresa Fiaño

Fiscal Year (FY) 19 ends on February 28th. Any unexpended funds will be requested as carry over. The Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) is waiting for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to send out the award notification. The formula award notification is expected to arrive the first week of March. The supplemental award and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) award notifications will arrive at a later date.

The Board of County Commissioners will be reviewing the release date for the County General Funds Request for Proposal (RFP).

▪ Part B

- John Eaton

The Miami-Dade County Health Department has completed monitoring of SFAN contracts; there were no findings.

The statewide needs assessment surveys in English and Spanish are on www.surveymonkey.com and will be available until August; the Creole version is still pending. A link to the surveys is also on www.aidsnet.org. If a client fills out a hard copy, the Department of Health will pick it up at the provider agency and enter it electronically.

The Ryan White All Parts Meeting has been cancelled.

The next Patient Care Planning Group (PCPG) meeting will be on March 25th and 26th in Tampa.

- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)** - Dr. Javier Romero

As of February 1st, 2010 there were 3,591 active ADAP clients; 91 were new clients as of January. There have been 158 insurance waiver requests; seven of those requests did not meet requirements and were referred to other funding sources.

ADAP is conducting a series of medical case manager trainings; 40% of those are complete. ADAP will also present at the February 9th and 11th monthly Ryan White Program medical case manager trainings.

- **SFAN General Revenue (GR)** - Janice Bouyer

Juanita Mann Health Center closed on January 8th. Most clients from Juanita Mann are now receiving services at North Dade Health Center or SFAN. Their medical case manager, Paula Buissereth, has transferred to SFAN.

Ms. Bouyer announced that she will be representing GR at the Partnership and Care and Treatment meetings; she will present complete December and January reports at the March meetings.

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA)** - Ray Louis

HOPWA public hearings will be held on February 10th at the Florida City Neighborhood Center and February 11th at the Caleb Center. Mr. Louis thanked staff for distributing the flier.

The HOPWA RFP will be released on March 2nd. There is a major emphasis on applicants that already provide HIV/AIDS services and have other funding sources. A workshop will be held on March 16th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Haitian American Cultural Center at Northeast 1st Avenue and 54th Street.

Rick Siclari asked about the requirement that applicants already have certified housing specialists on staff. Mr. Siclari suggested that a 60 day window period be granted for agencies to properly train and certify staff, should they receive HOPWA funding. Mr. Louis will bring that suggestion back to the City of Miami for consideration.

Mr. Louis reported that a large increase in HOPWA funding for the upcoming fiscal year is unlikely. The City of Miami will begin petitioning to get funding proportionate to infection rates.

Mr. Downs asked for a BAME update. Mr. Louis explained that BAME has been unresponsive to HOPWA directions and that they are not serving clients to the best of their ability. Action regarding BAME issues is pending and Mr. Louis will provide an update when there are significant changes.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Care and Treatment** - Louis Robinson

The committee heard a presentation on Perinatal Transmission of HIV by Dr. Amanda Cotter, Associate Professor and Director of the Perinatal HIV Services at the University of Miami Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

▪ Community Coalition Committee

- Cheryl Waterman

The committee discussed concerns over continued lack of Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) representation on the Partnership. They brainstormed on marketing strategies to encourage PLWHA involvement, pending budget specifications; and how to overcome barriers preventing PLWHA involvement.

The committee agreed to participate in the: 4th Annual "Silence is Death" March & Expo on February 5th; Miami-Dade College Medical Center Campus Health Fair on February 20th; 2nd Annual Community Health Awareness Fair at Philadelphia Evangelical Church on April 24th; and the Congregational Health Fairs, as time and planning allow.

Cheryl Waterman's term as chair has ended; Dedra Brown will become chair in February and a new chair elect will be elected.

The committee briefly reviewed the Comprehensive Plan assignments.

The draft Annual Report was reviewed and Sandra Jones, Hilda Rivera and Louis Robinson offered to contribute testimonials to be included in the report.

▪ Housing

- George Tamayo

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

Members discussed clients accessing alternate programs such as the HUD VASH (Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing) Voucher program to assist qualified veteran clients in HOPWA.

Mr. Louis will coordinate with staff to organize a two day Social Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) Project training for medical case managers.

Members reviewed the draft Annual Report and suggested some changes.

VII. Standing Business

▪ Community Events Update

Mr. Robinson reported that the Silence is Death March for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) was an excellent event.

Staff reported that a volunteer form (copy on file) was in the meeting materials and should be filled out and returned. It was emphasized that for the Community Health Awareness Fair on April 24th, a Creole speaker is needed; Mr. Louis volunteered.

▪ Elections

Rolando Hallmon's second term as chair comes to an end in March. Mr. Downs will then become chair, leaving the chair elect seat vacant. Eligible candidates for chair elect are Eddie Alonso, Blanche Rodriguez, Cheryl Waterman and Michael Williams. Staff has contacted them and will have a ballot listing interested candidates at the March meeting.

▪ **Meeting Schedule Update**

The Historic Museum is closed to the public on Mondays and the board had considered changing their meeting day to a different day of the week. However, the County has arranged for museum personnel to staff the door for the Partnership meetings, so the board agreed to continue to hold their meetings on Mondays.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Louis announced that for the Black Church Week of Prayer, the Community Mobilization Coalition will have a table at the March 6th Miami Heat game. A portion of all proceeds will go to HIV/AIDS services.

Mr. Downs asked attendees to review the weekly community notices on www.aidsnet.org.

Robert Hyde announced that at 7:00 p.m. Josephine Baker's son was speaking in her memory at the Miami Beach Erotic Art Museum.

Clarissa Hazel announced that Saint Luke's has received funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and will be able to sustain 63 clients annually for residential substance abuse treatment. Ms. Hazel will send details to staff, medical case managers and other appropriate persons.

IX. Next Meeting

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

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Louis Robinson

Seconded: George Tamayo

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Chair, Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership

Date