



**MIAMI-DADE  
HIV/AIDS PARTNERSHIP  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting  
Behavioral Science Research, 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 230  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Minutes**

*Approved September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Batts, Metris		X
2	Messick, Barbara	X	
3	Louis, Ray		X
4	McGowan, Ed	X	
5	Siclari, Rick		X
6	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	X	
7	Wilson, Carol		X
8	Wooten, Lonnie	X	
9	Wyatt-Sweeting, Michele	X	
<b>Quorum =4</b>			

Guests	
Dennis Iadarola	
Staff	
Christina Bontempo	
Beth Hayden	
Marlen Hernandez	
Kimberly Tardalo	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Michele Wyatt-Sweeting, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Resource Persons**

Ms. Wyatt-Sweeting indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

**III. Review Agenda**

Members reviewed the agenda; staff was added to announcements.

**IV. Review/Approve Minutes of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

Members reviewed the minutes of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009; on page two “5:00” should be replaced with “5:01” and on page four in the motion regarding service expansion “linkage” should be replaced with “subcontract.”

**Motion to approve the minutes of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, with corrections noted above.**

**Moved: Ed McGowan**

**Seconded: Barbara Messick**

**Motion: Passed**

**V. Standing Business**

▪ **Ryan White Program Update**

*Carla Valle-Schwenk*

The Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) is working on executing the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) contracts for the program year that began August 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is currently a waitlist for food bank services from Food for Life Network. An Executive Committee meeting will be held to deal with the issue; most likely by placing more restrictions on who qualifies for the service.

The County is facing serious budget cuts; budget hearings concerning cuts will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:01 p.m. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. The Human Services Coalition has launched a Pennywise Pound Foolish Campaign to protest proposed budget cuts ([www.hscdade.org](http://www.hscdade.org)).

▪ **Research Ad-Hoc Committee Update**

*Barbara Messick*

Ms. Messick has sent out notices and received several positive responses and one application thus far. Dr. Steven Kurtz, of the University of Delaware, applied to present his findings on the Preliminary Field Trial of a New Intervention for Substance Abuse using MSM. Dr. Kurtz is available to present at the September 14<sup>th</sup> Partnership meeting.

**Motion to approve Dr. Steven Kurtz to present his findings on the Preliminary Field Trial of a New Intervention for Substance Using MSM to the Partnership on September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Moved: Barbara Messick**

**Seconded: Ed McGowan**

**Motion: Passed**

▪ **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Members reviewed the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Plan for HIV/AIDS 2009-2011 Housing Goals (copy on file) to be incorporated into the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Plan for HIV/AIDS 2009-2011. The following was discussed:

- 1.1: Maintain and/or improve collaborative linkages (Homeless Trust, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), other existing housing programs and resources).
  - Ray Louis, with the City of Miami HOPWA Program, is an active member of the Strategic Planning and Housing Committees as well as the full Partnership.
  - Mr. Louis now mandates HOPWA Housing Specialists to attend the monthly Ryan White medical case manager trainings.
  - BSR Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) staff will also attend informational HOPWA housing specialist meetings to further collaboration.
  - Next review date: December 2009.
- 1.2: Provide guidance to government entities on HIV/AIDS housing needs and the use of dedicated resources (i.e. HOPWA).
  - 1.2.2 will be changed to read, "Recommendations are forwarded to the City of Miami and the Strategic Planning Committee on the use of the HOPWA grant award."
  - Next review date: December 2009.
- 1.3: Identify additional resources for housing and related services.
  - The City of Miami conducts an annual housing needs assessment to identify such services.
  - Next review date: December 2009.
- 2.1: Improve cross-system coordination between Ryan White Programs, other HIV/AIDS care case managers and housing program specialists.
  - Staff, Ray Louis and the County have been meeting to coordinate the collaboration of housing specialists and medical case managers.
  - Next review date: December 2009.
- 2.2: Increase housing resources for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)
  - 2.2 will be changed to read, "Increase knowledge of housing resources for PLWHAs"
  - Staff will add the statewide database for housing assistance and the County housing database links to [www.aidsnet.org](http://www.aidsnet.org).
  - Next review date: December 2009.

**Motion to accept the Housing Goals, with the changes noted above, and to add them to the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Plan for HIV/AIDS 2009-2011.**

**Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk**

**Seconded: Lonnie Wooten**

**Motion: Passed**

Members were asked to review the Recommendations in Response to the Findings of Housing Needs Assessment handout (copy on file).

## **VI. Announcements**

Beth Hayden announced that there was an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Day of Dialogue held in Florida City on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The announcement only came to BSR for distribution the afternoon of August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Department of Health (DOH) surveillance report (copy on file) was in the meeting materials.

Ed McGowan reiterated the importance of attending the County budget meetings and hearings.

Christina Bontempo has revised [www.aidsnet.org](http://www.aidsnet.org) and asked that members review it at their leisure and make any suggestions for improvements; Ms. Hayden noted that it is very comprehensive and well done.

## **VII. Next Meeting**

Because of a recurring discussion during the meeting members decided to add improving medical case management to the next agenda. The next meeting is September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at BSR.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Ms. Wyatt-Sweeting adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m.