

“During the 2013 session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 50 which requires state, county and municipal boards to provide members of the public a ‘reasonable opportunity to be heard’ on items and matters before the board.

On items that are on today’s agenda, members of the public have an opportunity to be heard concerning each of the items. If there is anyone who wishes to be heard, I invite you to speak now. Each person will be given three minutes to speak. Please begin by stating your name and address for the record before you talk about your concerns.”

The floor was opened to the public. There were no comments, questions or concerns from the public.

V. Review the Minutes of January 30, 2017

Sannita Vaughn

Members reviewed the January 30, 2017 meeting minutes. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the January 30, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Sandra Jones

Seconded: James Powell

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Hardeep Singh

Partnership and Committee Vacancy Report

Committee members have a copy of the Partnership and Committees Vacancy Report for March (copy on file) that outlines the vacancies remaining on all standing committees, the Medical Care Subcommittee, and the Partnership. There are 6 vacancies on the Partnership. Of those vacancies, only two are PLWHA designated seats. Please promote the Partnership and committees to your peers and colleagues and invite friends to the next committee meeting.

Partnership Resignation

Ms. Singh shared that Partnership member Jocelyn Juaregui has resigned from her seat on the Partnership as she is no longer able to fulfill the Board’s duties due to her new work responsibilities. She had recommended someone as a replacement however, that person did not meet eligibility. Staff is working to identify someone else to fill the seat for the *Housing, Homeless or Social Service Provider*.

Partnership Application

Ms. Singh introduced Ms. Maria Henriquez to the committee sharing that she is interested in serving on the Partnership replacing Oscar Quintero. She would be filling the *State Government/Medicaid Agency Representative seat*. Ms. Henriquez introduced herself to the committee and answered some questions. The committee felt she was qualified for the position and were very impressed with her work experience.

Motion to recommend that the Miami-Dade County Mayor appoint Maria Henriquez to the Partnership as a member filling the *State Government/Medicaid Agency Representative seat*.

Moved: Sandra Jones

Seconded: James Powell

Motion: Passed

VII. Standing Business

▪ **Partnership Report**

Sannita Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn reviewed the Partnership report (copy on file) with the committee. Committee members requested that staff email a copy of the Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards for Chart Review sections on STI screenings, TB testing and immunizations.

▪ **Community Events Update/ AIDS Walk participation**

Hardeep Singh

Ms. Singh reviewed the various flyers in members' packets (copy on file). Ms. Singh reminded the committee about AIDS Walk 2017 and requested volunteers to assist BSR staff with the Partnership table. Ms. Synthia Mitchell and James Powell offered to assist with the Partnership Table while Ms. Antoinette Carr, Ms. Sannita Vaughn and Ms. Cameka Jefferson are all participating in the walk.

▪ **Update on 2017 Support Group visits**

Hardeep Singh

Ms. Singh provided an update on confirmed support group visits for the coming month. The committee has scheduled a visit on April 11, 2017: Pridelines Positive Connections Support Group from 8:00-8:30 PM. Staff requested volunteers to attend this meeting to recruit community members to serve. Ms. Singh asked committee members to notify her if they are interested in attending this Support Group visit.

▪ **Update on 2017 Committee Presentations**

Ms. Singh reviewed the confirmed speakers for the remainder of the Community Coalition committee's meetings:

- Monday May 22, 2017: Carmen Gali from Gilead Sciences will be presenting to the committee
- Monday July 24, 2017: Sandra Sergi from Behavioral Science Research will be presenting to the committee
- Monday, September 25, 2017: Carlos Laso from the Homeless Trust will be presenting to the committee

VIII. New Business

▪ **Community AIDS Network (CAN) Presentation**

Alexis Howard

Alexis Howard of Community AIDS Network gave a presentation on CAN's scope and services sharing that the organization is well established in Sarasota, FL and is working to establish themselves in Miami. Presently, CAN is not a Ryan White provider but hope to become one in the near future.

Ms. Howard also introduced medical provider Dr. Jessica Altamirano to the committee and both detailed services provided to the community (PrEP, STD treatment). Dr. Altamirano shared that HIV testing will be available at the end of April 2017.

Ms. Howard briefly reviewed CAN's 340-B Pharmacy discount program with committee members and Dr. Altamirano discussed how she works with Ms. Howard addressing clients' barriers to care (offering transportation etc.) and emphasizing her patient-centered care approach.

IX. Announcements

Ms. Singh highlighted the changes to the Partnership calendars (copies on file) and also referenced the flyers available to members. Guest Gene Hannan from FIU made an announcement introducing a study she is conducting. She is looking to recruit Black HIV positive mothers that have had children within the last 10 years into a study to learn about their experience/challenges on motherhood. She provided a flyer to members and encouraged them to participate.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: George Tamayo

Seconded: James Powell

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.