



**Community Coalition Committee Meeting  
Jessie Trice Community Health Center  
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
5361 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33142  
March 28, 2016**

*Approved on May 23, 2016*

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Carr, Antoinette	X	
	Calvo, Jonathan	X	
2	Charles, Carol	X	
3	Gammons, Lawrence		X
4	Henry, Terrence		X
5	Hill, Lileaus	X	
6	Jones, Sandra	X	
7	Lamb, Roy	X	
9	Mitchell, Synthia	X	
10	Pierre, Rudy	X	
11	Powell, James	X	
12	Spann, Annette		X
13	Tamayo, George	X	
14	Troutman, Zena	X	
15	Valle, Carlos		X
16	Vaughn, Sannita	X	
Quorum: 6			

Guests	
Staff	
Hernandez, Marlen	
Ladner, Robert	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Sannita Vaughn, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Identify Resource Persons**

Zena Troutman indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

**III. Review Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda. There were no changes made.

**Motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Moved: James Powell**

**Seconded: Synthia Mitchell**

**Motion: Passed**

**IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Ms. Vaughn opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

*“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 25, 2016** *Sandra Jones*

Members reviewed the January 25, 2016 meeting minutes. There were no changes made.

**Motion to approve the January 25, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.**

**Moved: James Powell                      Seconded: Sandra Jones                      Motion: Passed**

**VI. Membership** *Marlen Hernandez*

*Pending Partnership Applications*

There are three Partnership applications still pending the Mayor's approval. The pending applicants are Frank Dardompri, Maritza Carvajal, and Jonathan Calvo. Mr. Dardompri is applying to fill the State of Florida General Revenue Representative seat, Ms. Carvajal is applying to fill the Other Federal HIV Program Representative seat, and Mr. Calvo is applying to fill one of the Representatives of the Affected Community seats.

*Partnership and Committee Vacancy Report*

Committee members have a copy of the Partnership and Committee 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 13 vacancies remaining. Of those vacancies, four are designated for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). The committee has eight vacancies.

Ms. Hernandez asked committee members to please promote the Partnership and its committees to their peers and colleagues.

**VII. Standing Business**

- **Partnership Report** *Sannita Vaughn*

Ms. Vaughn reviewed the March 14, 2016 Partnership Report (copy on file). Committee members had no questions or concerns.

- **Community Events Update** *All*

Ms. Troutman announced that Caring Hearts is having a bake sale starting on Thursday. Caring Hearts will sell empanadas from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for \$1 each. All proceeds of the bake sale will go towards Caring Hearts' annual Christmas party.

**VIII. New Business**

- **Suggested Presentation Topics from MERCK** *Allison Ruby*

Allison Ruby from MERCK Pharmaceuticals asked to be added to tonight's meeting agenda to ask the committee for the opportunity to discuss presentations she can give to the committee in year 2017. However, Ms. Ruby did not show up to the meeting.

The committee asked staff to find out if MERCK could present on the following topics:

1. HIV and its effect on the brain
2. HIV and aging
3. HIV and menopause

▪ **Update re Partnership Ordinance**

*Staff*

Ms. Hernandez reported that the Community Coalition recommended that the Partnership request the Board of County Commissioners to change the Partnership's Ordinance so that PLWHA who have a criminal background would be eligible to join, or that the Board of County Commissioners provide a criterion on what criminal offenses disqualifies the applicant from consideration and the minimum number of years that must have passed since the offense was committed.

The latest update is that the former Partnership chair, Michele Wyatt-Sweeting, met with County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, Commissioner Barbara Jordan, and Commissioner Jose 'Pepe' Diaz to discuss recommended changes to the Partnership's Ordinance. These changes include waiving the voter's registration requirement and background check for the 13 PLWHA designated seats on the Partnership. Since then, there have been additional changes to the Partnership Ordinance.

The changes to the Partnership Ordinance include:

1. Correcting membership seats for the affected community from 15 to 13 (which is 33%);
2. Waiving qualified elector requirements for the 13 Representatives of the Affected Community seats for PLWHA;
3. Establishing guidelines for criminal background checks. Only candidates convicted of a violent crime within five years of the recommendation for appointment shall be denied and any candidate who has registered as a sex offender regardless of when they were convicted shall be denied;
4. Excluding ad hoc committees and workgroups from demographic and parity requirement;
5. Correcting term end date for members; and
6. Adding the timeframe of within 20 days for the Mayor's Office to expedite screenings and make decision on appointment applications, "whenever feasible".

The Full Commission met in February and voted to forward a resolution, adopting the above changes, to the Economic & Prosperity Committee. The Economic & Prosperity Committee met on March 17<sup>th</sup>, but unfortunately the committee lost quorum so it could not vote on this resolution.

BSR staff is waiting to hear back from Terrence Smith, the Assistant County Attorney, on the next time the Economic & Prosperity Committee will meet.

As a reminder, Community Coalition Committee and Partnership members are encouraged to attend and speak during public comment of the Board of County Commissioners' meetings. Elizabeth Ross will forward the information once it is available.

▪ **Planning Council Retreat**

*All*

Ms. Vaughn reported that during its last meeting, the committee agreed that it was a good idea to plan and host an annual Planning Council Retreat to allow for Planning Council members to network, learn what other committees have accomplished in the year, learn strategies other Planning Councils are implementing to recruit PLWHA and any other best practices.

To move forward, the committee would need to make a motion to the Partnership requesting that on an annual basis the Community Coalition Committee will plan and host an annual Planning Council Retreat for all Planning Council members for purposes of increasing the Planning Council's capacity; improving the inter-working of the standing committees, subcommittee, and workgroups; and improve Planning Council members' knowledge on the Planning Council's planning processes.

If this motion is approved, then the committee can begin discussing ideas for the Planning Council Retreat at the next business meeting.

The committee agreed that BSR staff should give a presentation on the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Planning Council; its committees, functions, and purpose. This presentation should be given to members at their next meeting.

**Motion to have BSR staff give a presentation on the Community Coalition Committee and the Planning Council.**

**Moved: Carol Charles**

**Seconded: Lileaus Hill**

**Motion: Passed**

The committee would like to revisit the idea of a Planning Council Retreat later.

▪ **Meeting Location for May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**All**

Ms. Vaughn reported that the committee agreed to host their May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at either Unity Health or Concept House. Unfortunately, Unity Health is not available and Ed McGowan has not returned staff's correspondence. Therefore, the committee needs to decide where they would like to host their May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

The committee agreed to schedule their July 25, 2016 meeting at Branches in Florida City, their September 26, 2016 meeting at North Dade Health Center, and their November 14, 2016 meeting at BSR.

The committee agreed to have their May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at Behavioral Science Research pending availability.

**Motion to have the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Coalition Committee meeting at BSR.**

**Moved: Carol Charles**

**Seconded: Lileaus Hill**

**Motion: Passed**

Ms. Vaughn also reported that Carol Charles was going to confirm if the women's support group at North Dade Health Center scheduled every second Tuesday of the month was available on April 12<sup>th</sup> for the committee to attend. Ms. Charles responded that she will let BSR staff know by the end of the month.

▪ **Re-scheduled Date for SFAN Support Group Visit**

**All**

Zena Troutman informed BSR staff that Nestor Chardon from South Florida AIDS Network had presentations scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>; therefore, the committee's support group visit was re-scheduled. Ms. Troutman stated that she will get back to BSR staff about available dates.

The committee has the following months already set for support group visits: April (North Dade Women's group), August (Borinquen Lunch & Learn), and October (Positive Connections support group at Pridelines).

▪ **AIDS Walk Participation (AIDS Walk Team and Vendor Table)**

**All**

There are two opportunities for Community Coalition Committee members to participate in AIDS Walk this year. Some committee members can participate in the walk and another group of members can table the booth. Members in the past have stated that they would like to participate in the walk.

The following members agreed to participate in the walk:

1. Jonathan Calvo
2. Carol Charles
3. Roy Lamb
4. Annette Spann
5. George Tamayo
6. Zena Troutman

The following members agreed to table the booth:

1. Roy Lamb
2. Rudy Pierre
3. James Powell

**IX. Announcements**

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the April and May Partnership calendars (copies on file).

**X. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is May 23, 2016, at Behavioral Science Research pending availability.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: George Tamayo**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.