



**Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Meeting  
HistoryMiami, 101 W. Flagler Street  
June 13, 2016**

*Approved on July 11, 2016*

#	Partnership Members	Present	Absent
1	Armand Jauregui, Jocelyn		X
2	Calvo, Jonathan		X
3	Carvajal, Maritza		X
4	Dardomppe, Frank	X	
5	Downs, Frederick	X	
6	Duberli, Francesco		X
7	Forrest, David	X	
8	Gallardo, Enrique	X	
9	Hunter, Tabitha	X	
10	Iadarola, Dennis		X
11	Jardon, Thomas		X
12	Kenneally, Sarah	X	
13	Locks, Lauren		X
14	Messick, Barbara		X
15	Miller, Ashley		X
16	Neff, Travis	X	
17	Orozco, Eddie	X	
18	Pierre, Rudy	X	
19	Powell, James	X	
20	Puente, Miguel	X	
21	Quintero, Samuel		X
22	Roelans, Ryan		X
23	Romero, Javier	X	
24	Siclari, Rick		X
25	Smith, Lynn		X
26	Tazoe, Roberto		X
27	Vaughn, Sannita	X	
28	Valle, Carlos		X
29	Wall, Daniel T.		X
30	Wyatt-Sweeting, Michele	X	
31	<b>Vacant</b> Federally Recognized Indian Tribe		
32	<b>Vacant</b> Hospital or Health Care Planning Agency Representative		
33	<b>Vacant</b> Miami-Dade County Health Department Representative		
34	<b>Vacant</b> Representative Co-infected with Hepatitis B or C		
35	<b>Vacant</b> Representative of the Affected Community (PLWHA)		
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39	<b>Vacant</b> State Government/Medicaid Agency Representative		
#	<b>Ex-Officio Members</b>		
1	Diana Rodriguez, MDC Mayor Office		X
2	<b>Vacant</b> Board of County Commissioners		
<b>Quorum = 13</b>			

<b>Alternates</b>	
<b>Vacant</b> Representative of the Affected Community PLWHA (3)	
<b>Guests</b>	
Bennett, Brady	
Conyers, Tamar	
Fernandez, Antonio	
Hanson, Bruce	
King, Jason	
McFeely, Jose	
Ortega, Jose	
Velez, Raiza	
Wynn, Joey	
<b>Staff</b>	
Ladner, Robert	
Ross, Elizabeth	
Smith, Terrence	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Eddie Orozco called the meeting to order at 10:23 A.M. Mr. Orozco called for a moment of silence for the victims who were killed in the Orlando shooting. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

## II. Resource Persons

Mr. Orozco indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals. Elizabeth Ross stated that the Partnership meetings are recorded and the recordings are available to the public.

## III. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the meeting agenda. There were no changes.

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

**Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr. Seconded: Miguel Puente**

**Motion: Passed**

## IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Orozco opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

*“Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any item on our agenda today. 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.”*

Jason King from AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) introduced himself and stated that AHF has been witnessing some of its HIV+ patients, who are also recipients of Medicare, not attend specialty medical appointments or primary medical care appointments to avoid paying co-payments. Mr. King would like the Partnership to be aware of this during its Needs Assessment process. Mr. King plans to attend the Partnership’s Ryan White Part A/MAI Needs Assessment on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss this matter during the community input session.

## V. Review/Approve Minutes of May 9, 2016

Members reviewed the minutes of May 9, 2016. There were no changes.

**Motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2016 as presented.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

## VI. Membership Report

*Elizabeth Ross*

### *Resignation*

Ms. Ross reported that Vanessa Naranjo has resigned from the Partnership. Ms. Naranjo is the Office Administrator of Health Council of South Florida. She has recommended to BSR staff her replacement, Brady Bennett. Mr. Bennett has already initiated the application process.

### *New Partnership Applicants*

There are three new Partnership applicants applying to join. They are Brady Bennett, Tamar Conyers, and Bruce Hanson.

As previously mentioned, Mr. Bennett is applying to fill Vanessa Naranjo’s seat as the *Hospital or Healthcare Planning Agency Representative*, Ms. Conyers is applying to replace Frank Dardompri filling the *State of Florida General Revenue Representative* seat, and Mr. Hanson is applying to fill one of the *Representatives of the Affected Community* seats.

The Partnership will vote on each applicant’s application during the Community Coalition Committee report.

*Partnership and Committee Vacancy Report*

Partnership members have a copy of the Partnership and Committees Vacancy Report for June (copy on file) which outlines the vacancies remaining on all standing committees, the Medical Care Subcommittee, and the Partnership.

The Planning Council vacancies are outlined as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Number of Vacancies</b>
Full Partnership	8 (4 PLWHA seats)
Care and Treatment Committee	10
Community Coalition Committee	8
Housing Committee	7
Medical Care Subcommittee	14
Prevention Committee	1
Strategic Planning Committee	6

Ms. Ross reported that BSR staff and the Community Coalition Committee are working diligently to recruit and fill all of the Partnership and committee vacancies, and asked those present to promote the Partnership and its committees at their respective agencies.

**VII. Reports**

▪ **GRANTEE REPORTS**

- **Ryan White Part A/MAI Program**

*Antonio Fernandez*

Antonio Fernandez reviewed the Part A/MAI expenditure report for FY 2015 printed on June 6, 2016 (copy on file).

<b>Ryan White Grant Award</b>	<b>Allocations for FY 2015</b>	<b>Total Expenditures for FY 2015</b>
Part A	\$24,594,012	\$21,870,710.33
MAI	\$2,931,487	\$2,799,792.99

The Office of Management and Budget-Grants Coordination (OMB-GC) received the final grant award for FY 2016, which began on March 1, 2016, from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

OMB-GC received the final score for the FY 2016-2017 grant application. Miami-Dade County was awarded a 99% on the application.

- **Part B Report**

*Staff*

Ms. Ross reviewed the Part B Report (copy on file).

All contracts for South Florida AIDS Network (SFAN)'s ADAP pre-screening services have been paid and services have been rendered.

The April 2016 invoice from SFAN was received on time and it was reported that SFAN pre-screened 145 clients for ADAP services.

All contract invoices and quarterly reports have been submitted on time and are in accordance to the terms of the contract.

Frederick Downs, Jr. asked if there was any update on the re-implementation of the jail linkage program. Sarah Kenneally responded that there is still no update on the jail linkage program.

Ms. Ross reported that FDOH-MDC still has not been able to fill Kevin Callo's position. Until then, BSR staff will continue to request the Part B report for distribution to the Partnership. If Partnership members have any questions regarding the Part B report, they can forward their questions to BSR staff for submission to FDOH-MDC.

- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Miami**

*Javier Romero*

Dr. Romero reviewed the ADAP Miami Report (copy on file).

ADAP Miami is still working to reconcile payment issues on a case-by-case basis for ADAP clients who transitioned to an ACA health insurance marketplace plan.

There are clients who still have not returned their health insurance payment refund check to ADAP Miami. Until the client returns this check, the payment reconciliation process for those clients cannot be executed.

Pinellas County and Miami-Dade County are piloting a Hepatitis C project, which will provide free Hepatitis C treatment to participating patients. The Hepatitis C project has now been implemented statewide.

New antiretroviral medications, Odefsey and Descovy, were added to the ADAP prescription drug formulary.

The new Fiscal Year (2016/2017) for ADAP Miami commenced on April 1<sup>st</sup>. For FY 2015/2016, \$28,007,624.34 was spent on 39,960 prescriptions and 31,421 patients were served. During the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year, the prescription pick up rate was 91.4% and 85.6% of ADAP clients had undetectable viral loads.

For the month of May, there were 735 re-enrollments.

- **General Revenue**

Frank Dardompre

Frank Dardompre reviewed the *July 2015-June 2016 HIV/AIDS Demographic Data for PHT/SFAN Report* (copy on file).

In April of 2016, 692 clients received ambulatory/outpatient medical care, 1549 received medical case management services, 489 received drugs/pharmaceuticals, 30 received hospital services, five received nursing home care, nine received nutrition counseling, 325 clients were referred to health or supportive care services, one child received residential care, and 330 received transportation services.

A total of \$664,786 was spent on the aforementioned services in April; and \$5,107,330.72 has been spent as of year to date.

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)**

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*Long Term Rental Assistance Waitlist*

Currently, the HOPWA program is serving waitlist client number 200.

*Short Term Rental Mortgage Utilities Program*

This program is open and accepting applications. Interested individuals may call 305-285-3217.

*Bethel Arms Apartments*

The City of Miami has not yet received a revised proposal from the developer interested in the rehabilitation of this property. The last time that the City of Miami and Greater Bethel Church staff met, the City of Miami informed Greater Bethel that the HOPWA program cannot subsidize 100% of the Bethel Arm apartments as it would not be cost effective. With Greater Bethel Arms draft proposal, it was more affordable to provide households with rental vouchers than to proceed with the rehabilitation.

*Lifquest Properties*

The City of Miami met with a developer interested in rehabilitating the Lifquest properties; however, the developer's first impression was that the HOPWA program would subsidize 100% of the units, which is not the case. The developer will submit a new proposal in the next few weeks considering the information that the City of Miami provided.

*FY 2017 HOPWA Appropriations Status*

As reported by the National AIDS Housing Coalition, on May 24, 2016, the House Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2017 funding bill for Transportation, HUD and related agencies. The measure included a total of \$58.19 billion, an increase from last year's appropriations. Within this figure, HUD programs were increased by \$387 million from current year funding.

The House Appropriations Committee reported that the bill recommends flat funding at \$335 million for HOPWA. However, the House bill, unlike the Senate's bill, does not contain specific legislative update to the formula for distribution of HOPWA funds. The House Committee reports the following language, "encourages the Department to work with the

authorizing committees on any additional statutory authority needed to modernize the HOPWA formula.”

The next step in the process will be for the House to consider the bill.

#### *2016 HIV/AIDS Housing and Housing Service Needs Survey*

The City of Miami drafted a survey to obtain public input on the housing and housing services needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in Miami-Dade County. The results will assist the City of Miami with implementing federally funded programs serving PLWHAs. To complete this anonymous survey, please go to:  
[www.miamigov.com/communitydevelopment/pages/housing/hopwaMain.asp](http://www.miamigov.com/communitydevelopment/pages/housing/hopwaMain.asp)

Surveys are available in both English and Spanish.

Mr. Downs asked staff to find out from the City of Miami if the City of Miami knows how much money will be allocated to Miami-Dade County.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Care and Treatment Committee**

*Frederick Downs, Jr.*

The committee heard updates from the Ryan White Part A/MAI, Part B, ADAP, and General Revenue programs. The committee has commenced the Ryan White Part A/MAI Needs Assessment.

Bruce Hanson was accepted as a new member.

The committee heard the Year 1 Final Report from the Retention in Care Workgroup and accepted the workgroup’s recommendations. Thomas Jardon will now present to the Partnership the workgroup’s Year 1 Final Report.

Robert Ladner presented the Retention in Care Workgroup’s Year 1 Final Report (copy on file).

**Motion to accept the workgroup recommendations (*reference slide*) to extend workgroup for an additional year, keeping its current leadership and membership, and move its purview to the Strategic Planning Committee. Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr. Seconded: Miguel Puente Motion: Passed**

- **Strategic Planning Committee**

*Miguel Puente*

The committee heard updates on the Ryan White Part A/MAI Program, the Partnership, and the South Dade Workgroup.

The South Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Needs Workgroup has recommended that the Partnership dissolve the workgroup, since the workgroup is no longer needed to complete the task given by the Partnership. The Partnership tasked the workgroup to assist the lead agency, We Care of South Dade, with developing an implementation plan to address the needs identified in the South Miami-Dade survey and to assess whether an HIV workgroup that focuses on the quality of care for HIV+ residents living in South Miami-Dade is needed. We Care has decided to withdraw as the lead agency, but will continue its efforts in South Miami-Dade in its existing capacity. The workgroup also concluded that there is no need for a

workgroup that focuses only on the quality of care for HIV+ residents living in South Miami-Dade.

**Motion to dissolve the South Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Needs Workgroup.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente      Seconded: Michele Wyatt-Sweeting      Motion: Passed**

- **Housing Committee**

The committee heard an update on the City of Miami HOPWA program.

Committee members began discussion on potential bullet points to include in a letter to both the City of Miami Commissioners and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners regarding the HOPWA program and housing issues faced by Miami-Dade County residents.

- **Community Coalition Committee**

*Sannita Vaughn*

The committee discussed updates regarding the Partnership Ordinance and heard a presentation from BSR staff on the Planning Council's Responsibilities.

There are three new Partnership applicants. They are: Brady Bennett, Tamar Conyers, and Bruce Hanson.

Mr. Bennett is applying to fill the *Hospital or Healthcare Planning Agency Representative* seat, which was formerly filled by Vanessa Naranjo; Ms. Conyers is applying to fill the *General Revenue Representative* seat, which is presently filled by Frank Dardompre; and Mr. Hanson is applying to fill one of the *Representatives of the Affected Community* seats.

The committee reviewed each applicant's application and voted to recommend their applications to the Partnership. Copies of page 1 of 5 of each applicant's application are distributed to Partnership members. Also included are copies of the Partnership Membership Roster and the Parity, Inclusion, and Representation (PIR) profile of the Planning Council.

Each applicant was present at the Partnership meeting and introduced themselves to the Partnership.

**Motion to recommend that the Mayor of Miami-Dade County appoint Brady Bennett filling the Hospital or Healthcare Planning Agency Representative seat, Tamar Conyers applying to replace Frank Dardompre filling the General Revenue Representative seat, and Bruce Hanson applying to fill one of the Representatives of the Affected Community seats.**

**Moved: Sannita Vaughn      Seconded: Travis Neff      Motion: Passed**

- **Prevention Committee**

*Sarah Kenneally*

The committee heard updates on the MSM Collaborative and learned that TRANSform Dade, the former Prevention Committee's Transgender Workgroup, has disbanded. The committee also heard updates on Miami-Dade County's Integrated HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment and Prevention Plan, the HIV test and treat pilot, Red Ribbon report, and expanding the HIV care continuum.

The committee revised Objective CST 2 of the HIV Prevention Plan. The current objective reads, “By December 31, 2015, increase the number of centers with health care providers who have the knowledge necessary to perform routine HIV testing according to the CDC routine HIV testing guidelines and applicable state/territorial laws”. The committee would like to modify the objective to read “By December 31, 2016, FDOH will partner with a Federally Qualified Health Center to implement routinized HIV testing according to the CDC routine HIV testing guidelines and applicable state/territorial laws.”

**Motion to accept the above modification to Objective CST 2 of Miami-Dade County’s HIV Prevention Plan.**

**Moved: Sarah Kenneally                      Seconded: Miguel Puente                      Motion: Passed**

**Motion to accept all committee and grantee reports as presented.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente                      Seconded: Travis Neff                      Motion: Passed**

**VIII. Standing Business**

- **Update on County Commissioners’ Amendment to County Ordinance**                      *Terrence Smith*

Terrence Smith, the Assistant County Attorney, reported that the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners met on May 17<sup>th</sup> and approved all suggested changes to the Partnership Ordinance.

As a result, the Partnership’s Executive Committee will need to meet to approve the Partnership Bylaws reflecting the Ordinance changes.

**IX. New Business**

- **Executive Committee Meeting on July 5th**

Mr. Ladner reported that the next Executive Committee meeting has been set for Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Behavioral Science Research, 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 240, Coral Gables, FL 33134. During this meeting, the Executive Committee will review and approve the Partnership Bylaws. The Bylaws will then be presented to the Partnership in July for ratification.

- **2015 Financial Disclosures Deadline**                      *Elizabeth Ross*

Ms. Ross reminded Partnership members to submit their financial disclosure if they had not already.

Partnership members are required to submit a financial disclosure to the Miami-Dade County Department of Elections on an annual basis. Financial disclosures for the previous tax year are due the year after of the proposed tax year on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Members who do not submit their financial disclosures are at-risk of being fined by Miami-Dade County.

Partnership members can either submit their completed Source of Income Statement forms directly to Miami-Dade County Department of Elections by email or mail or to Carla Valle-



Schwenk at OMB-GC by email or to Ms. Ross at BSR by email. Ms. Valle-Schwenk and Ms. Ross would submit Partnership members' forms on their behalf.

Current Partnership members who had not yet submitted their financial disclosure have a copy of the Source of Income Statement form with a notice in their packet. Those members should see Ms. Ross after the meeting.

**X. Announcements**

- **2016 Assessment of Administrative Mechanism was due May 27th** *Elizabeth Ross*

Ms. Ross reminded Partnership members that the 2016 Assessment of Administrative Mechanism was due on May 27, 2016. Some Partnership members had not submitted their survey. Those members have a copy of the survey with a notice in their packet. Those members should see Ms. Ross after the meeting.

**XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Monday, July 11, 2016 at HistoryMiami.

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 A.M.