



**Community Coalition Committee Meeting**  
**Behavioral Science Research Corporation**  
**6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**  
**2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 230**  
**Coral Gables, FL 33134**  
**November 14, 2016**

*Approved on January 30, 2017*

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

Guests	
Borrero, Miguel	
Collins, Rob	
Davis, Carvin	
Erbstein, Silvana	
Hess, Amaris	
Howard, Alexis	
Jefferson, Cameka	
Lagunas, Eileen	
McFeely, John	
Reynolds, Brandon	
Rice, Christopher	
Staff	
Ross, Elizabeth	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Sannita Vaughn, called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Identify Resource Persons**

Zena Troutman indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals. Elizabeth Ross reminded everyone that the Prevention Committee meetings are recorded and the recordings are available to the public.

**III. Review Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda. Carol Charles was asked to be added under Standing Business to give an update on the Getting to Zero Task Force.

**Motion to approve the agenda with the above change.**

**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 October 24, 2016**

*Sannita Vaughn*

Members reviewed the October 24, 2016 meeting minutes. There were no changes.

**Motion to approve the October 24, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.**

**Moved: Sandra Jones**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Membership**

*Elizabeth Ross*

*Partnership Resignations*

Ryan Roelans resigned from the Partnership. Mr. Roelans recommended to BSR staff his replacement, Amaris Hess, who also works for Better Way of Miami. Ms. Hess is applying to fill the *Community Based AIDS Organization Representative* seat.

*New Partnership Application*

Ms. Hess introduced herself to the committee. Members completed an applicant score sheet for Ms. Hess and voted on Ms. Hess's application.

**Motion to recommend that the Miami-Dade County Mayor appoint Amaris Hess to the Partnership filling the Community Based AIDS Organization Representative seat.**

**Moved: Carol Charles**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

*Committee Applicants*

Cameka Jefferson and Christopher Rice are applying to join the Community Coalition Committee. Both applicants introduced themselves to the committee.

**Motion to accept Cameka Jefferson and Christopher Rice as members of the committee.**

**Moved: Carol Charles**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

*Partnership and Committee Vacancy Report*

Committee members have a copy of the Partnership and Committees Vacancy Report for November (copy on file) that outlines the vacancies remaining on all standing committees, the Medical Care Subcommittee, and the Partnership. There are 7 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.

**VII. Standing Business**

▪ **Partnership Report**

*Sannita Vaughn*

Ms. Vaughn informed the committee members that the Partnership Report for the November 14, 2016 meeting was in their packet. Committee members had no questions or concerns. Ms. Ross reviewed the Community Coalition Committee motions that were approved by the Partnership.

▪ **Community Events Update**

*All*

Ms. Vaughn announced that Caring Hearts will be hosting its annual Christmas party on December 2, 2016 from 4:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Jackson Memorial Hospital in the DJC auditorium located at 1611 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33136. For more information, please contact Zena Troutman at 786-277-7903.

▪ **Getting to Zero Task Force Update**

***Carol Charles***

Carol Charles reported that she attended the Getting to Zero Task Force's Social and Support Services Committee meeting where she heard a presentation on homeless assistance. Ms. Charles stated that she was upset by the number of barriers in place that hinder homeless people from accessing homeless assistance.

Committee members discussed possible solutions to address this issue.

Ms. Ross informed the committee that the Getting to Zero Task Force was created to develop recommendations to be submitted to the Miami-Dade County Mayor on how to get to zero HIV infections in Miami-Dade County. Housing assistance is one of the support services that the Task Force is discussing. Members who wish to participate in this discussion can attend the Getting to Zero Task Force Social and Support Services Committee meeting.

**VIII. New Business**

▪ **Florida Rx Program**

***Eileen Lagunas***

Eileen Lagunas from the Florida Rx Program presented on the Florida Rx Program which offers discount cards on select prescription drugs. Ms. Lagunas stated that the discount card cannot be used with another discount program.

Florida Rx discount cards were distributed to members.

▪ **2017 Committee Meeting Locations**

***All***

Ms. Ross reviewed the 2017 Dates for Meeting and Recruitment Sessions (copy on file) and members agreed to convene their 2017 meetings on the following dates at the following locations:

1. Monday, January 30, 2017 (North Dade Health Center)
2. Monday, March 27, 2017 (Jessie Trice Community Health Center)
3. Monday, May 22, 2017 (Fellowship House, but if there is no availability, then schedule meeting at Jessie Trice Community Health Center)
4. Monday, July 24, 2017 (Branches Florida City)
5. Monday, September 25, 2017 (Miami River Run Apartments)
6. Monday, November 13, 2017 (Behavioral Science Research)

**Motion to approve the aforementioned list of 2017 meeting dates and locations pending availability.**

**Moved: George Tamayo**

**Seconded: Sandra Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

▪ **2016 Committee's Accomplishments**

***All***

Ms. Ross reported that the Community Coalition Committee has successfully recruited and recommended an unprecedented number of Representatives of the Affected Community to the Miami-Dade County Mayor for appointment to the Partnership. As a result of the committee's efforts, there are now 13 Representatives of the Affected Community on the Partnership leaving only two Representatives of the Affected Community vacancies to fill.

Ms. Ross congratulated the committee on its efforts.

▪ **Planning for 2017 Committee Activities**

*All*

Ms. Ross reviewed the 2017 Dates for Meeting and Recruitment Sessions (copy on file) and highlighted the list of known support groups in Miami-Dade County that the committee can visit in year 2017.

The list of support groups included:

1. Borinquen Medical Centers of Miami-Dade's Lunch and Learn series
2. Empower U's MSM support group
3. Miami Beach Community Health Center's men support group
4. North Dade Health Center's women support group
5. Prideline's Positive Connections support group
6. South Florida AIDS Network class

Ms. Ross explained that the committee has four dates that it can use to visit a support group. The committee agreed to schedule Partnership visits at the following agencies on the specified dates:

1. North Dade Health Center's women support group (Monday, February 27, 2017)
2. Miami Beach Community Health Center's men support group (Monday, April 24, 2017)
3. Prideline's Positive Connections support group (Monday, August 28, 2017)
4. Empower U's MSM support group (Monday, October 23, 2017)

Ms. Ross stated that she will contact the aforementioned agencies to schedule Partnership visits. Ms. Ross cautioned members that agencies' support groups may not be convened on the suggested dates. Ms. Ross will report back to the committee once the locations are confirmed.

**Motion to approve the aforementioned list of support groups that the Partnership will visit in year 2017 pending availability.**

**Moved: George Tamayo**

**Seconded: Sandra Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

Ms. Ross asked the committee what topics it would like to learn more about or hear an update on in 2017. Ms. Ross referenced the list of presentations that the committee had mentioned in previous meetings.

The topics were the following:

1. Community AIDS Network (CAN)'s services
2. HIV and Aging
3. The Affordable Care Act
4. Support services available to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)
5. Housing services available in Miami-Dade County
6. Hepatitis B or C treatment

Members agreed to request presentations on CAN's services, HIV and Aging, support services available to PLWHA, housing services available in Miami-Dade County and Hepatitis B or C treatment.

**IX. Announcements**

Ms. Ross reviewed the November and December Partnership calendars (copies on file).

**X. Last Meeting of the Year**

The next meeting is January 30, 2017 at North Dade Health Center pending availability.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Zena Troutman**

**Seconded: Synthia Mitchell**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.