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**Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership  
Strategic Planning Committee's South Miami-Dade  
HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Needs Workgroup Meeting**

Thursday, March 31, 2016  
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Covenant Missionary Baptist Church  
1055 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Florida City, FL 33034

#	Regular Attendees	Present	Absent
1	Alvarez, Stephen		X
2	Brown, Shirley		X
4	Dardompré, Frank		X
5	Driver, Kametra		X
6	Hilton, Karen		X
7	Homicile, Rose		X
8	Hunter, Tabitha		X
9	Kenneally, Sarah	X	
11	McCoy, LaQuitta	X	
12	Orozco, Eddie	X	
13	Puente, Miguel	X	
14	Rodriguez, Nelly	X	
15	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	X	
17	Williams, Stephen	X	
18	Zayas, Matilde	X	

Guests	
Acevedo, John	
Carvajal, Maritza	
Howard, Alexis	
Murguia, Neli	
Patel, Rishi	
Staff	
Hernandez, Marlen	
Sastre, Francisco	

Call to Order/Introductions

The chair, Miguel Puente, called the meeting to order at 10:11 A.M. He introduced himself and asked for introductions.

Resource Persons

Matilde Zayas identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals. She informed attendees they can contact BSR staff with questions or concerns.

Floor Open to the Public

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

*“During the 2013 session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 50 which requires states, 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.

#### Review of February 5, 2016 Meeting Notes

Attendees reviewed the February 5, 2016 meeting notes. There were no changes.

#### Approval from the Partnership

Marlen Hernandez reviewed the March 14<sup>th</sup> Partnership Report to the Committees (copy on file) and highlighted the Strategic Planning Committee's motion that the Partnership approved to extend the South Dade Workgroup for six months to allow the workgroup to assist the lead agency 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.

Kametra Driver, the Executive Director of We Care of South Dade, was unable to attend the workgroup meeting due to an emergency. We Care of South Dade did send a representative, Neli Murguia; however, Ms. Murguia was unable to provide feedback on how the workgroup could best assist We Care of South Dade with next steps.

#### Workgroup's Assistance to Lead Agency (We Care of South Dade)

- Action steps to address the South Dade community's perceived needs
- Partnership's letter to elected officials and stakeholders regarding workgroup's findings

Since Ms. Driver was unable to attend the meeting, the workgroup agreed not to discuss action steps to address the South Dade community's perceived needs and the Partnership's letter to elected officials and stakeholders of South Miami-Dade. The workgroup agreed that Ms. Driver should be present for this discussion.

#### Is an HIV Workgroup for South Dade Necessary?

The workgroup reviewed Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC) data detailing the number of people living with HIV/AIDS through 2014, by zip code as of March 2015 (copy on file) and the key findings in the South Miami-Dade Survey Top-Line Summary presentation (copy on file). The data supports that there are no significant negative differences in medical outcomes for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) accessing Ryan White services in South Miami-Dade compared to PLWHA accessing services in central and north Miami-Dade.

Workgroup members also discussed the service sites of AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) and Community Health of South Florida (CHI) in south Miami-Dade. AHF recently opened a Homestead, Florida site and CHI has expanded its services to other areas of south Miami-Dade, including but not limited to, Kendall, West Kendall, Perrine, Naranja, and Everglades.

Considering the FDOH-MDC's and BSR's data and the growing number of available HIV medical service sites, the workgroup did not believe it was necessary to have an HIV workgroup that focuses on the quality of care for HIV+ residents living in south Miami-Dade.

#### Meeting Locations for May – August 2016

Attendees agreed that the next workgroup meeting should be tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2016 pending response from Ms. Driver on how she wishes to proceed with receiving assistance from the workgroup.

The workgroup suggested that BSR staff contact and ask Ms. Driver what kind of support she needs from the workgroup.

Announcements

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the flyers in the packet and highlighted changes to the April and May Partnership calendars (copies on file).

Adjournment

The workgroup meeting ended at 11:12 A.M.