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

Friday, May 1, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Greater Williams Chapel Freewill Baptist Church  
901 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Homestead, FL 33030

Call to Order/Introductions

The chair, Miguel Puente, called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m. He introduced himself and asked for introductions. Elizabeth Ross informed the workgroup that meetings are recorded and the recordings are available to the public.

Resource Persons

Mr. Puente identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals; he 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 April 3, 2015 Meeting Notes

Attendees reviewed the April 3, 2015 meeting notes; no changes were made.

Standing Business

- *Feedback from Kametra Driver on WeCare Directory*

Ms. Ross reminded members that they asked staff to invite Kametra Driver to today’s meeting to ask for her input on how BSR can assist with developing and distributing the WeCare of South Dade Directory.

Ms. Driver reported that WeCare of South Dade is in the process of developing the new directory. WeCare of South Dade has recruited a Public Ally that is responsible for overseeing the development of the directory and conducting a south Miami-Dade needs assessment. This year WeCare of South Dade will survey Leisure City, Naranja and maybe the Goulds community. Upon completion of the needs assessment, WeCare of South Dade will publish a south Miami-Dade needs assessment report.

Ms. Driver stated that the workgroup could help with organizing focus groups, participating as key informants, and putting the needs assessment report together.

By May 31<sup>st</sup>, all surveys will be conducted. Surveys will be administered electronically and in paper format in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole. Each survey will have a component for nonprofits and religious organizations.

By June 20<sup>th</sup>, the needs assessment will be completed and by July 1<sup>st</sup> the directory will be drafted.

Ms. Driver hopes to print 3,000 copies. Once printed, she will bring copies to the workgroup for distribution.

Beth Hayden suggested that Ms. Driver participate in the Partnership's needs assessment this year. Ms. Hayden will have Marlen Hernandez from BSR contact her. Ms. Hayden also suggested that the workgroup consider creating an activity that focuses on incorporating Ms. Driver's south Miami-Dade needs assessment report into the Partnership's needs assessment process.

Members agreed to wait until after the Partnership's Needs Assessment to decide on an activity that the workgroup should draft about the WeCare of South Dade Directory.

#### New Business

- *Life Zone X Data Analysis*

Francisco Sastre, Ph. D, reviewed the *Zone X People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and in Care and Ryan White Program-clinical and utilization data* (copies on file).

Dr. Sastre stated that the data collected from the Miami-Dade County Health Department and the Florida Department of Health is conflicting. According to the Miami-Dade County Health Department's data, 85% of PLWHA living in Life Zone X are in care; however, according to the Florida Department of Health only 45% of PLWHA in Life Zone X are in care.

Dr. Sastre highly recommended that the workgroup not decide on a location for the drop-in center until additional analysis of the data can be done. Members agreed that it is important to first understand the need in Life Zone X before determining methods to address the need.

Dr. Sastre will complete additional analysis and present it to the workgroup next month.

- *Feasibility of South Dade Drop-in Center*

Members agreed to table discussion on the feasibility of having a South Dade drop-in center until further analysis is done on the Life Zone X data.

#### Announcements

Stephen Williams asked if Dr. Sastre can include an analysis on the number of clients linked to Ryan White Care in comparison with the Department of Health data; Dr. Sastre agreed.

Adele Bagley from the Board of County Commissioner Daniella Levin Cava's Office introduced herself and distributed her business card. Ms. Bagley informed members that Commissioner Cava and Commissioner Dennis Moss is collaborating on a health solutions summit for south Miami-Dade. Members are welcomed to contact Commissioner Cava's office to provide feedback.

Eddie Orozco announced that Pridelines Youth Services facilitates an LGBT support group for youth in the City of Homestead at the South Dade Cultural Complex building.

Ms. Driver suggested that BSR staff reach out to Steven Alvarez at New Hope to encourage his participation. Also, WeCare of South Dade is having their monthly meeting at the Florida City Elementary School from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Alpha Fleurimond from Three Virtues announced that on May 9<sup>th</sup> Three Virtues is hosting a Haitian cultural event in recognition of Haitian Cultural Month. The event will be held at the Losner Park in Downtown Homestead, 104 N. Krome Avenue.

Ms. Ross reviewed the May and June 2015 Partnership calendars (copies on file).

### Adjournment

The meeting ended at 11:21 a.m.

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### Attendees

1. Bagley, Adele
2. Brown, Chauncey
3. Callo, Kevin
4. Driver, Kametra
5. Fleurimond, Alpha
6. Hilton, Karen
7. Hunter, Tabitha
8. Kenneally, Sarah
9. Orozco, Eddie
10. Puente, Miguel
11. Rodriguez, Nelly
12. Williams, Stephen
13. Zayas, Matilde

### Staff

1. Hayden, Beth
2. Ross, Elizabeth
3. Sastre, Francisco