



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting  
 United Way Ansin Building, 3250 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,  
 Conference Rm. A  
 October 28, 2016**

*Approved November 18, 2016*

	<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
1	Bannister, Christina		x
2	Bowen-McDuffey, Toni		x
3	Castro, Jose	x	
4	Friedman, Lawrence	x	
5	Heredia, Ozzie	x	
6	Keller, Mark	x	
7	Nolasco-Warden, Maria		x
8	Locks, Lauren	x	
9	Romero, Javier	x	
10	Santiago, Steven	x	
11	Sawaged, Ray		x
12	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	x	
<b>Quorum: 5</b>			

<b>Guests</b>	
Wanda Cortes	
Virgil Lafrock	
Sharrada Wright	
Jahn Sariol	
Dr. Luis Saenz	
<b>Staff</b>	
Marlen Meizoso	
Francisco Sastre	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Dr. Steven Santiago, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Resource Persons**

Dr. Santiago indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

**III. Review/Approve Agenda**

The subcommittee reviewed the agenda and the subcommittee moved the scheduled presentation to after the acceptance of the minutes. The agenda was accepted with the change.

**Motion to accept the agenda as amended.**

**Moved: Dr. Mark Keller**

**Seconded: Dr. Jose Castro**

**Motion: Passed**

**IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Dr. Santiago read the following: *“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.”*

There were no comments and the floor was closed.

**V. Review/Approve Minutes of September 23, 2016**

Members reviewed and approved the minutes of September 23, 2016 as presented.

**Motion to accept the minutes of September 23, 2016 as written.**

**Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman**

**Seconded: Lauren Locks**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VI. Special Presentation: “We Walk You Through It”**

Sharrada Wright presented on AHF’s program “We Walk You Through It” which assists clients in navigating the HIV system of care by helping them complete paperwork to access healthcare benefits such as Ryan White, Medicaid, and Affordable Care Act. The contact phone number is 888-742-5575. Ms. Wright also announced that they just started a testing project for Hepatitis C (as of August 1<sup>st</sup>) and they link clients to the Liver Institute in Broward. A question was asked if they would be able to assist minors. Ms. Wright indicated they would need to run the question by legal.

## **VII. Membership**

Marlen Meizoso indicated there are several vacancies open on the subcommittee. Next month, several applicants who have termed off two years ago should be submitting their applications to rejoin the subcommittee. Mrs. Meizoso presented Janelle Job’s application. Ms. Job was not present, but was a past member and works as a mental health therapist at Care Resources. The subcommittee accepted her as a new member.

**Motion to accept Janelle Job as a member of the Medical Care Subcommittee.**

**Moved: Lauren Lock**

**Second: Carla Valle-Schwenk**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VIII. Reports**

- Ryan White Program Update

*Carla Valle-Schwenk*

Carla Valle-Schwenk reviewed the Part A and MAI expenditures (copy on file). The current report does not indicate the carryover funds. In Part A, the program is working with over \$24 million dollars and 43% has been spent on direct service dollars. The formula expenditures are 69%. In MAI, the program is working with \$2.6 million dollars and has spent 64% in direct service. The program is under-spending in Outpatient Medical Care and spending more on Health Insurance services, but still less than its allocation. Sweep 2 requests are due on this date, and the Care and Treatment Committee/Partnership will be making decisions on the last sweep of the year in early November. There have been some changes in the structure of several service category reimbursements, Among these adjustments, an increase to the evaluation and management codes from 1.5 to 2 times the Medicare rate will go into effect until the end of the fiscal year. The *per diem* rate for substance abuse residential beds was increased to a maximum of \$180 (retroactive to March 1<sup>st</sup>). Food bank visits per year were increased from 16 to 20, and the total allowable weekly bag total was increased to \$65 (which can include personal hygiene products). Health insurance premium max of \$750 will be increased to \$1,000 with the expectation that there would be lower co-pays to pay.

The County will be working with an agency to help streamline the insurance process.

The County submitted the grant application on time and is requesting \$27 million and hope to receive a better score than last year.

In addition, the County submitted the joint HRSA/CDC Integrated HIV plan.

- Partnership Report

*Steven Santiago*

Dr. Santiago reviewed the Partnership report (copy on file).

- Expenditure Reports

- ADAP Update

*Dr. Javier Romero*

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the ADAP report for September (copy on file). A new report is pending because of system changes. The ADAP program is waiting for the selection of ACA plans by the state to share the information with clients. The Hepatitis C pilot program has been expanded to include insured clients.

- General Revenue

*Wanda Cortes*

Wanda Cortes reviewed the General Revenue report for September (copy on file). A total of 311 clients were served at a total expense of \$32,911.14.

## **IX. Standing Business**

- **Ophthalmic Conditions Protocols**

*All*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the revisions suggested to the ophthalmic protocol at the last meeting (copy on file). The changes were underlined. An additional criterion was suggested: "Client has Immune Reconstitution Syndrome" will be added. Two additional comorbidities (hypertension and STI) will be added after diabetes so the sentence will now read "e.g. diabetes, hypertension, STI, etc." The sentence regarding the referrals will now end at HIV with a new sentence indicating "Any one of these conditions listed below would apply:"

**Motion to accept the revisions to the Miami-Dade County Ryan White Program Allowable Medical Conditions List as discussed.**

**Moved: Dr. Mark Keller**

**Second: Lauren Lock**

**Motion: Passed**

## **X. Announcements**

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the Hepatitis B reactivation due to DAAV medication announcement and reviewed the November and December calendars (copies on file).

## **XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is November 18, 2016 at the United Way.

## **XII. Adjournment**

Dr. Santiago adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.