



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting  
 United Way Ansin Building, 3250 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,  
 Conference Rm. A  
 November 18, 2016**

*Approved January 27, 2017*

	<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	
<b>Staff</b>	
Marlen Meizoso	
Francisco Sastre	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Dr. Steven Santiago, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:12 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 accepted it as presented.

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

**Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman                      Seconded: Dr. Javier Romero                      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 October 28, 2016**

Members reviewed and approved the minutes of October 28, 2016 with the following changes:  
 On page 2 under the Part A Program Report-“Medicaid rate” should be “Medicare rate” and “no co-pays” should be “lower co-pays”.

On page 3-Announcements should be X, Next Meeting XI, and Adjournment XII. Additionally Hepatitis B vaccine should read "Hepatitis B reactivation due to DAA medications".

**Motion to accept the minutes of October 28, 2016 with the corrections noted.**

**Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman**

**Seconded: Lauren Locks**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VI. Membership**

Marlen Meizoso indicated there are several vacancies open on the subcommittee. Two previous members have resubmitted applications, Wanda Cortes (pharmacist) and George Barroso (medical case manager). Ms. Cortes was present but Mr. Barroso was not present because of a prior commitment. The subcommittee accepted both applicants.

**Motion to accept Wanda Cortes as a member of the Medical Care Subcommittee.**

**Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman**

**Second: Ray Sawaged**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to accept George Barroso as a member of the Medical Care Subcommittee.**

**Moved: Ray Sawaged**

**Second: Toni Bowen-McDuffey**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VII. Reports**

- Ryan White Program Update

*Carla Valle-Schwenk*

Carla Valle-Schwenk indicated the grant application had been submitted on time. The County is completing the sweeps allocations and letters should be sent out today. Ms. Valle-Schwenk reviewed the Part A and MAI expenditures (copy on file) from November 10. In Part A, the program has spent 48% on direct service dollars. In MAI, the program has spent 71% in direct service. ACA brokers are being used for enrollment to keep clients in care (copy on file). A special assessment review tool is being used by medical case managers. There have been some changes in the structure of several service category reimbursements. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, the outpatient medical care evaluation and management codes were increased to two times the Medicare rate. Food bank visits increased to 20, and the total allowable weekly bag total was increased to \$65 (which can include personal hygiene products). The *per diem* rate for substance abuse residential beds was increased to a maximum of \$180.

- Partnership Report

*Marlen Meizoso*

Marlen Meizoso summarized the Partnership report (copy on file).

- Expenditure Reports

- ADAP Update

*Dr. Javier Romero*

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the ADAP report for October (copy on file). The report is incomplete because of changes to the ADAP system but some data was available to share. There were 4,038 clients in the program. The undetectable viral load rate is 97.20%. Re-enrollments are due for those who enrolled in May. The Hepatitis C pilot program has two clients who completed the program and nine candidates. Open enrollment is taking place and clients are being referred to case managers. There are ten plans that have Part A wrap around services. Florida Blue effective 2017 will not use CVS or its affiliates.

ADAP has a mail order option through CVS/Caremark Network in which clients can request medications be delivered to their homes or place of employment.

Dr. Santiago inquired if there were any studies on auto refill and adherence. Based on accounts from committee members mail order reporting is better and seems have better adherence.

- General Revenue

*Wanda Cortes*

Wanda Cortes reviewed the General Revenue report for October (copy on file). A total of 286 clients were served at a total expense of \$31,269.76.

### **VIII. Standing Business**

None

### **IX. New Business**

- YR 17-18 Service Description Review: OMC and Rx

Staff reviewed the HRSA guidance and current service descriptions (copies on file). Both service categories were revised last year. There was some confusion about the usage of the newly diagnosed code in outpatient medical care. Under outpatient medical care, newly diagnosed clients pending a confirmatory test can access one office visit in which they can do as many labs and diagnostics as needed. Under medical case management, three encounters are limited for newly diagnosed but unconfirmed clients. If clients need short term medications the Part A program is working with General Revenue to assist clients since the Part A prescription drug program can't be used for short term medications. At the January medical case management training the newly diagnosed codes will be discussed. NIC codes can be used for 30 days. The Department of Health's Test and Treat initiative is using Genvoya as its preferred starting medications. Clients sit with pharmacist to discuss medications and are walked through medical case management and visit a psychologist.

Upon review of the service descriptions no additional changes were recommended. The only changes that need to be made are to update reimbursement structures, year, priority, and reference to the allowable medical conditions.

- Second term Elections in January

Dr. Santiago is eligible and has expressed interest in a second term as chair. Elections will take place at the January meeting.

- 2017 Meeting Dates

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the 2017 meeting dates with the subcommittee (copy on file)

### **X. Announcements**

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the December and January calendars (copies on file). The Retention in Care meeting was moved to December 13<sup>th</sup> at BSR in Suite 240.

### **XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is January 27, 2017 at the United Way.

### **XII. Adjournment**

Dr. Santiago adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.