



*Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any items 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 so the floor was closed.

**V. Review/Approve Minutes of November 17, 2016**

The committee reviewed the minutes of November 17, 2016. Mr. McFeely was present but was not marked as such. The minutes will be corrected to reflect his attendance. Also on page two, the statement on Bethel Arms should be struck since this has not taken place and Life Quest will be added before "Permitting". The committee accepted the minutes with the changes noted.

**Motion to accept the minutes of November 17, 2016 with the changes noted.**

**Moved: John McFeely**

**Second: Bruce Hanson**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Membership**

*Marlen Hernandez*

Marlen Meizoso reviewed and explained the vacancy report (copy on file).

**VII. Standing Business**

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs Update** *Roberto Tazoe*

There have been no changes since that last meeting; the Long Term Rental Assistant (LTRA) program is on client number 225. The STRMU program is still open but the feasibility of continuing the program in light of funding cuts next year will need to be examined. It appears that the program will lose five percent of its allocation next year which is between \$500,000-\$700,000.

Life Quest is in the permitting process. A collaboration between various departments within the City of Miami will allow the project to have a larger pool of developers.

BAME is waiting for the developer to apply for tax credits.

- **Partnership Report** *James Ausborn*

James Ausborn reviewed the Partnership report (copy on file).

- **Resource Guide for Housing** *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the current housing resources on aidsnet.org and some suggested additions from the County's Affordable Housing page (copies on file). The link from the Affordable Housing page will be placed under Affordable Housing. In addition, a notation that the link is updated regularly will be added. The HAND's programs fliers will be placed under Homeless Assistance/Prevention and HAND will be spelled out. The HAND program requires registration in the Homeless system. The committee had several questions on the program so it was suggested they make a presentation. In February, staff will invite the HAND program to make a presentation to the committee.

Mr. McFeely indicated Trinity Cathedral Church offers some limited housing assistance through the Episcopal Church's discretionary fund for HIV/AIDS. Clients need to directly contact the church for assistance. St. Andrew's has a similar program. Additionally, Catholic Charities has a similar program.

- **Housing Stability Data**

*Alicia Apfel*

Alicia Apfel reviewed some Housing Stability data provided by BSR and from the Housing Needs Assessment (copy on file) at the last meeting. Households at 100-135% FPL (2016) have a larger rent burden based on 2017 fair market rates. These households spent over 57% on rents. There is a correlation between suppressed viral load and housing status. Improvements in housing stability would lead to reduced viral loads and less transmission. Money saved from care and treatment could be reinvested into additional short term housing assistance. Mr. Williams indicated that there was discussion regarding housing and prevention at the Prevention Meeting but Ryan White is not allowed to pay for housing. Ms. Apfel also reviewed the Getting to Zero Task Force matrix (copy on file) which indicated some recommendations to expand the housing available for PLWHAs (copy on file). Discussion on these goals will take place at the January 4<sup>th</sup> Getting to Zero committee meetings. Anyone interested in attending should contact Hardeep Singh at BSR to RSVP. Mrs. Meizoso indicated she would send out a reminder for that meeting to the committee.

**VIII. New Business.**

- **January Invitation to Committee Meeting**

*All*

Mrs. Meizoso reminded the committee that a motion was made last month to invite a deputy mayor and aides from Senator Rene Garcia's office to the January meeting. There are four deputy mayors in the County, and the deputy mayor who deals with housing issues would be Russell Benford. Senator Garcia has two legislative aides who may be invited. The committee agreed that Mr. Benford and the two aides should be invited to the meeting. The committee reviewed how the January meeting would be structured. Alicia Apfel will make a short presentation using the Needs Assessment presentation she made for the Partnership, along with some financial burden of housing data, and data that was included in the letter to the commissioners. Ms. Apfel requested that additional data be provided to her from BSR if it is available.

**Motion to provide Alicia Apfel with summary data on cost of providing Ryan White Program care to homeless and non-homeless PLWHA in care, and on income differences between homeless and non-homeless Ryan White Program clients.**

**Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman**

**Second: Roberto Tazoe**

**Motion: Passed**

The committee would like the invitees to answer what can be done as individuals and as a committee to support efforts for HIV housing and what strategies (current and future) are being implemented in the County. The motion made last month did not indicate the method of how to communicate with the invitees. Staff was authorized to draft appropriate letters.

**Motion to authorize staff to issue written invitations to deputy mayor Russell Benford and aides from Senator Rene Garcia's office to the January 19<sup>th</sup> Housing Committee meeting.**

**Motion: John McFeely**

**Second: Pauline Clarke-Trotman**

**Motion: Passed**

The next committee agenda will be shortened to accommodate the invitees. The usual business will be address but in an abridged fashion, a short presentation on housing data will be made, and a question and answer session for invitees. All members are urged to come on time for the meeting.

**IX. Announcements**

Staff reviewed the calendar for January and February (copy on file).

James Powell announced that HOPE Inc. assists with housing discrimination and he has their contact number if anyone needs it.

Pauline Clarke-Trotman announced that tomorrow there is a homeless memorial candlelight ceremony being held for 142 homeless individuals who have passed away. The memorial will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in front of the fountain in the Government Center.

John McFeely announced that the Miami Shores Presbyterian Church is having a free luncheon on Sunday, December 25, 2016 at noon (after 11 a.m. service).

**X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be January 19, 2017 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

**XI. Adjournment**

The chair adjourned the meeting.

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Pauline Clarke-Trotman**

**Second: James Ausborn**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.