

V. Review/Approve Minutes of November 18, 2016

Members reviewed the minutes and suggested under the correction on the prior minutes to change “DAAVDS” to “DAA”. Dr. Romero also suggestion adding clarifying language to discussion on the mail orders option. The sentence will indicate the mail order option is through the CVS/Caremark Network. The minutes were approved with the recommended changes.

Motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2016 with the corrections noted.

Moved: Dr. Mark Keller

Seconded: Janelle Job

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). She indicated there are several vacancies for PLWHA members open on the subcommittee. A previous member has resubmitted her application to fill the nutritionist seat, Silvana Vasquez. Ms. Vasquez was not present because of a scheduling conflict but the subcommittee accepted her as a member.

Motion to accept Silvana Vasquez as a member of the Medical Care Subcommittee.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: Janelle Job

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

- Ryan White Program Update

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk reviewed the expenditures for as of December 2016 (copy on file). In Part A, 68% of funds were expended, and in MAI, 81% have been expended. It is expected that the required thresholds will be met. The New in Care (NIC) protocols were discussed and copies furnished in the packets (copy on file). Service delivery guidelines are being worked on and the changes made in 2016 will be carried forward into 2017. Fee schedules will be updated effective March 1. A mini-sweeps will be done, letters will be sent out on Monday with a short turn around. Continuation award letters will be sent out next week with the starting RFP totals. The partial award notice was received indication an \$11 million dollar award which is 70% formula and 40% MAI. The County was informed that the program did well on the grant application and hopes this translates into additional funding. Year end reporting dates have been moved up per HRSA requirements; items are due by March 30. Viral loads will be required for all clients in the program. Information on this was sent out. Staff will forward the information to the subcommittee, and include hard copies in next month's materials. Short term pharmaceutical assistance is being provided by General Revenue. The protocol for this is included in the meeting materials (copy on file). There should be a two day turn around for approval. General Revenue is keeping track of the process. A 30-60 day supply of meds is being provided, particularly for clients waiting for marketplace plans.

- Partnership Report

Dr. 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 from January 9th (copy on file). The partnership with American Exchange has provided good turn around for data. There have been a few clients who have changed plans but kept their member id number. This has made payments easier to be applied. Payments have been switched to manual checks for clients with individual problems with Florida Blue. Additionally, Florida Blue has selected not to use CVS/Caremark retail pharmacies as part of their

network. If individuals or pharmacies have issue they should call the phone number listed on the back of the card.

The Part A pharmacies accept the Ryan White GAP card provided to clients.

- General Revenue

Wanda Cortes

Wanda Cortes reviewed the General Revenue report for November and December (copies on file). In November, 286 clients were served at a total expense of \$36,279.37. In December, 275 clients were served at a total expense of \$31,891.46.

Ms. Cortes indicated that the GR paperwork should indicate that it is the JMH Pharmacy that processes GR medications not the specialty pharmacy.

VIII. Standing Business

- Chair Second Term Elections

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that Dr. Santiago was eligible for a second term as chair and had indicated his interest. The subcommittee voted on the ballot and unanimously re-elected him for a second term.

Motion to accept the ballot as presented.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman Second: Dr. Maria Nolasco-Warden Motion: Passed

- Annual Disclosure Forms

Mrs. Meizoso distributed to members the annual disclosure forms. Members are required to complete the forms as part of Policy and Procedure for Prescription Drug Formulary Review process. The forms should be returned by the end of the committee meeting to Mrs. Meizoso.

IX. New Business

- Special Presentation: T-SPOT TB test

Kristina Kalous and Dale Janni presented information on the T-SPOT TB test. The test is one of two IGRA approved FDA test for TB. The test has a 95% sensitivity and its own CPT code (86481). A standard 9 ml green tube may be used with a minimum of 6 ml blood draw. Shipping materials are provided to providers. Once samples are received the sample is standardized (white blood cell count). Cost is comparable to the other IGRA test, Quantiferon. Orders for the test and results can be interfaced into electronic records so work flow is not interrupted.

- Medical Care Standards Update

- Meningococcal vaccine

An article with recommendations for the use of meningococcal vaccines for HIV-infected persons from the CDC advisory group was shared with the group as well as the CDC recommended Adult Immunization schedule (copies on file). Providers can bill for the vaccine but must submit a request for fee. Some cost data was shared with the group but pricing does vary from about \$93 to \$192 depending on type of vaccine chosen. The subcommittee wanted to know if PHS guidelines recommended the vaccine. Staff will check and bring back a response. Additional information on testing restrictions will be presented. If so, the medical care standards should be updated.

- TB testing

The subcommittee agreed that based on the presentation made today that the T-SPOT test should be added to the medical standards. Rather than changing the standards twice, the subcommittee will review all revisions at next month's meeting.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the remaining items in the packets. An article provided by Ms. Cortes was distributed to the subcommittee on the adherence and automatic refills (copy on file). Mrs. Meizoso also reviewed the September and October new clients entering into care, the majority of whom were MSM. A flyer for a RFP workshop for Community and Economic Development funding (HOME, CDBD, ESG and HOPWA) activities was reviewed (copy on file). The February and March calendars were reviewed. New Member Orientation is scheduled for February 8 and the Re-entry Committee was rescheduled for February 9 (copies on file).

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is February 24, 2017 at the United Way.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Santiago adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.