



**V. Review/Approve Minutes of April 21, 2016**

The committee reviewed the minutes of April 21, 2016 and accepted them as written.

**Motion to accept the minutes of April 21, 2016 as written.**

**Moved: Jimmie Brooks**

**Second: Felicita Morales**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Membership**

*Marlen Hernandez*

Marlen Hernandez indicated Jimmie Brooks is terming off in the month of June. The vacancy report was reviewed (copy on file).

**VII. Standing Business**

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

*Natasha Bordes*

The Long Term Rental Assistant (LTRA) program is still on client number 200. Progress on the waitlist will be slower this year.

Individuals coming off the waitlist are having a difficult time finding vacancies that fit the fair market rate (FMR). On a case by case basis, the City will review extensions to the fair market rate cap (i.e. exclude subtraction of utility assistance from FMR).

- **Life Quest Units**

*Natasha Bordes*

Life Quest is in the last stages with the County to get a stipulation agreement from the Unsafe Structures Department to extend demolition and project dates. These have to be reviewed by the City of Miami Attorney.

- **BAME**

*Natasha Bordes*

Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church is working with St. John's CDC for redevelopment of the building. Additional funding will be needed and is being sought.

- **Partnership Report**

*James Ausborn*

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

- **Educating Partnership and Stakeholders about Housing**

*Marlen Hernandez*

Ms. Hernandez explained that at the last meeting, the Housing links on the aidsnet.org website were reviewed and the updates on the website will be completed in the next few months.

Since time was short at the last meeting, there was not much of a chance to start discussion on developing talking points for an educational letter to City of Miami and Miami-Dade County commissioners. The HOPWA 2017 Summary of Statement and Initiatives and the last three years of housing needs assessment recommendations were reviewed (copy on file) to help generate talking points and ideas.

Some of the points suggested include:

- Include a fact sheet (length of time program in existence, number of clients served, first bullet point from 2014 on continuity of scattered sites, waitlist length and time it takes to call people off list, number of units available)
- Cuts in other programs (Homeless Trust)

- Rental market issues
- HOPWA formula repercussions (FMR issue, HIV/AIDS surveillance data sets used, and poverty level)
- Need to expand supportive housing
- Funding policy for capital and housing projects (mixed use)
- Policy requiring rental unites to be set aside for households at 30% or below median income
- Expansion of accessible housing units
- Affordable housing has been tied to improved health outcomes

The letter would start by explaining what the Partnership is, what the HOPWA program is, and then present key educational points.

**VIII. New Business.**

No new business.

**IX. Announcements**

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the clients new to care for March, April vacancy report, 2016 Needs Assessment and Community Input flyers, and May and June calendars (copy on file).

**X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be July 16, 2016 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

**XI. Adjournment**

The chair adjourned the meeting.

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Stephen Williams**

**Second: James Ausborn**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.