



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
 United Way Ansin Building, 3250 SW 3rd Avenue,
 Conference Rm. A
 July 28, 2017**

	Members	Present	Absent
1	Bannister, Christina	X	
2	Barroso, George		X
3	Bowen-McDuffey, Toni	X	
4	Cortes, Wanda	X	
5	Friedman, Lawrence	X	
6	Job, Janelle	X	
7	Keller, Mark	X	
8	Locks, Lauren	X	
9	McFeely, John	X	
10	Nolasco-Warden, Maria		X
11	Romero, Javier	X	
12	Santiago, Steven		X
13	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	X	
14	Vasquez, Silvana	X	
Quorum: 6			

Guests	
Debra Dietrich	
Virgil Lefrock	
Dr. Frances Martinez	
Ana M. Nieto	
Angela Ortiz	
Miguel Rossy	
Alex Tabraue	
Staff	
Robert Ladner	
Marlen Meizoso	

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Dr. Lawrence Friedman volunteered to chair the meeting while awaiting the vice-chair’s arrival. He called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

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

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The subcommittee reviewed the agenda. Staff requested swapping the podiatry and Progain discussions for improved meeting flow. The subcommittee agreed to the substitution.

Motion to accept the agenda as discussed

Moved: John McFeely

Seconded: Lauren Locks

Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Dr. Friedman 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 June 23, 2017

Members reviewed the minutes. There was a correction on page 2: add “subject to funding approval” to the sentence regarding van service facilitating administration of vaccines. The last statement under the ADAP section should be stricken.

Motion to accept the minutes of June 23, 2017 with the correction noted.

Moved: John McFeely

Seconded: Dr. Javier Romero

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). She indicated there are 11 subcommittee vacancies at this time, including several for PLWHAs, a pharmacist, two physicians, and a substance abuse provider. This number includes removal of Dr. Nolasco-Warden, who will be removed after today’s meeting for missing five meetings this fiscal year. She will be reapplying next month. She was out today because of a personal matter. Mrs. Meizoso indicated that there has been interest from a pharmacist but they will not be in attendance until August. Dr. Frances Martinez, a physician, has also expressed interest and had completed an application, but was not present at the time of the membership report. Most of the members were unfamiliar with Dr. Martinez and made a motion to defer her membership until the end of the meeting to allow her time to arrive to the meeting. Mrs. Meizoso indicated that if anyone on the subcommittee knows of qualified candidates, they can contact staff to expedite application. Interested individuals can attend a subcommittee meeting or the next new member orientation on August 9, 2017, at Behavioral Science Research.

Motion to move Dr. Martinez’s application to the end of the meeting.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Second: Dr. Mark Keller

Motion: Passed

Dr. Ladner indicated that the Community Coalition had discussed the drop in PLWHA participation and ways to address this loss. He indicated Christina Bontempo will be working on outreach materials for the Partnership. The goal is to make the meetings more meaningful for PLWHA participants.

VII. Reports

▪ Ryan White Program Update

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk indicated there are two pending contracts to be executed, delaying the payment of invoices for those provider agencies and providing an artificially low level of expenditures on the Part A/MAI expenditure report. By next month, the expenditure report should be more accurate. Currently, about 20% of the award has been expended. Sweep 1 reallocation will be taking place at the beginning of August, at the Care and Treatment Committee meeting. Provider letters detailing unmet needs are due today. More clients are being served by the program in FY 2017-2018, but there has only been an approximate \$7,500 total increase in the grant award from last year to the present. The Department of Health (DOH) is working on getting a mobile van to administer vaccines on the ADAP formulary. Meningitis vaccines are still available from Part A and the DOH is working on partnering with Part A agencies to facilitate administration.

▪ Partnership Report

Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Dr. Friedman requested the subcommittee review the Partnership report, and if there were any questions to forward them to staff (copy on file).

▪ Expenditure Reports

▪ ADAP Update

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Romero reviewed the report from July 25 (copy on file). The Part B grant pays for 10 full-time employees. In the month of June, over \$2.3 million dollars was spent on 4,100 prescriptions provided to 2,649 patients. ADAP Program updates were reviewed. ACA-insured clients who have had problems with disenrollment because of accounting problems with Florida Blue are receiving their medications through ADAP. This averages out to 5-7 clients a day. Tallahassee is working on trying to address the insurance lapses, since payments had been made for clients. A question was asked regarding dosages on the ADAP formulary. Dr. Romero indicated that there are no particular dosages restrictions with Phase I medications, unless indicated. Phase I transition should be completed by the end of August.

- SFAN

Wanda Cortes

Wanda Cortes reviewed the June report (copy on file). Total clients were not listed, but in the month of June a total of \$54,389.98 was spent.

VIII. Standing Business

- Prior Meeting Follow-up

All

At the last meeting there was an inquiry as to the utilization of Chiropractic codes. Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the data on office visits and procedures (copy on file). The allowable conditions list was also reviewed with the changes in language agreed at the last meeting.

- Podiatric Care Conditions

All

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that at the last subcommittee meeting, clarification was sought on the relationship between HIV/AIDS and certain podiatric conditions. A provider had submitted a request for payment for treatment of a bunion, hammer toe and heel spurs, conditions which appear not to meet the Ryan White program's legislative mandate of being related to the client's HIV diagnosis, co-morbidity or complication of HIV treatment. The conditions are not listed on the sample medical conditions list. Staff contacted AETC for guidance, and Drs. Espinoza, Beal, and Kolber agreed that they did not see any relationships between these conditions and HIV. Based on these opinions the subcommittee recommended adding some language to the allowable medical conditions list. The language suggested to be added to *podiatry* was as follows: "Local Ryan White Part A/MAI program will only pay for evaluation and diagnosis of foot pain caused by HIV related neuropathy and the two conditions listed below. Treatment for foot deformities such as hammer toes, bunions, or heel spurs or, injuries such as sprains and fractures are not covered."

Since changes on the allowable conditions were made at the last meeting with the addition of chiropractic/physical medicine, it was suggested to hold moving the document forward until the podiatric changes are completed and all changes go forward at once.

Motion to hold the allowable medical conditions document.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Second: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

- Replacement of Progain

All

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the nutritional supplement information from the prior meetings, including the nutritional needs letter (copies on file). The subcommittee at the last meeting made a motion that additional; more regulated products should be presented. Based on that conversation Mrs. Meizoso provided information on Ensure and Boost. Silvana Vasquez indicated that Ultra Meal Advance was a better product. She also referenced a Metagenics article on age-related muscle loss (copy on file). Various components of nutrition for all the products were reviewed. There were FDA letters for

Xymogen products indicating prior problems with production quality. There was also a FDA letter for Metagenics products indicating that some products were labeled medicinal but did not meet those criteria. There was much discussion about which was the better product. Per the letter of medical necessity, Progain is intended to be a high supplementation product but the alternative offered was not high carb. Muscle Milk was suggested as a possible high carb product. The subcommittee made a motion to include six key components in the next analysis so a decision could be made.

Motion that for the next meeting the analysis of nutritionals contain the carbohydrate, ingredients, proteins, amino acids, sugars, and any FDA advisories.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Second: John McFeely

Motion: Passed

IX. New Business

- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services Description *All*

Mrs. Meizoso indicated the committee should review the service description and bring back any suggested changes to the next meeting.

- Discussion: ADAP Challenges *All*

Because of time constraints this item was not addressed, but will be raised at the next meeting.

- Pending Membership

Dr. Frances Martinez arrived during the course of the meeting. Staff introduced her to the subcommittee and indicated her interest in the work of the subcommittee. The subcommittee made a motion to accept her as a member.

Motion to accept Dr. Frances Martinez as a member of the Medical Care Subcommittee.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Second: Lauren Locks

Motion: Passed

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the changes to PAC Waiver notice, and the August and September calendars (copies on file).

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 25, 2017 at the United Way.

XII. Adjournment

Christine Bannister, vice-chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.