

Community Coalition Committee, Community Input Forum Report
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Jackson Memorial Hospital
1611 NW 12th Avenue-Central Building
Central 2 Auditorium- 2nd Floor
Miami, FL 33136

Elizabeth Ross called the forum to order at 2:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions, and proceeded with the Community Input Forum presentation (copy on file).

▪ **Session I: Pre-Forum Assessment**

Ms. Ross asked attendees to complete the Pre-Forum Assessment (copy on file) and submit to staff.

▪ **Session II: Review of Forum Packet**

Ms. Ross reviewed the materials included in the folder with the attendees (copies of materials on file).

▪ **Session III: Questions Asked to the Community**

-By a show of hands, how many of you are receiving Ryan White (RW) services?

The majority of the attendees raised their hands.

Clients surfaced concerns in accessing transportation vouchers, indicating a lack of understanding about eligibility for receiving the vouchers. Carla Valle-Schwenk from the Office of Management and Budget-Grants Coordination shared the eligibility requirements to receive transportation services according to the Ryan White Service Delivery Guidelines. Attendees also expressed concerns regarding the bus voucher distribution procedure at South Florida AIDS Network (SFAN); some attendees stated bus vouchers were unfairly distributed by SFAN staff to clients. Ms. Valle-Schwenk emphasized bus vouchers are not to be distributed with favoritism and that she will follow-up with Mr. John Eaton, Associate Administrator of SFAN, on the bus voucher distribution process.

-Looking at the 2012 RW Service Providers brochure, by a show of hands, how many of you are receiving a service at one or more of the listed agencies?

The majority of the attendees were receiving services at SFAN.

-Do you know how long a client can continue to receive Ryan White Services?

Some attendees stated a person could be eligible for Ryan White Services “until they cut you off.” Another attendee stated a client can remain in the program until they are eligible to enroll into a different program.

-Do you know if a client can receive assistance from the RW Program if they have medical insurance (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance)?

Most of the attendees answered yes, others stated assistance varies by which service is needed. For example, if a client’s private insurance does not include dental coverage, and the client is eligible, they

can receive dental services through the Ryan White Program. Attendees discussed availability of certain medications, such as Percocet and preparatory colonoscopy medications. Ms. Valle-Schwenk informed clients Percocet is available on the RW Prescription Drug Formulary; however, the drug is prescribed at the discretion of the physician. Members of the Medical Care Subcommittee will review colonoscopy preparation medications and discuss their addition to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary at the April 26th meeting.

- What is the difference between Medicaid and Medicaid PAC (Project AIDS Care) Waiver?

A few participants answered that you must have an AIDS diagnosis in order to be eligible for PAC Waiver. Others did not know or could not say.

-How do you think the Affordable Care Act will affect the Ryan White Program?

Attendees were not familiar with the term “Affordable Care Act;” however, some did state they were familiar with “ObamaCare.” The majority of clients were unsure of how the Affordable Care Act would affect the Ryan White Program. One attendee received a letter stating she had been disenrolled from Medipass and auto-enrolled into the Clear Health Alliance program. Attendees expressed dissatisfaction in being automatically enrolled into a program without their consent. Participants also discussed how the managed care program auto-enrollment is separate from pending changes related to the Affordable Health Care Act.

▪ **Session IV: Post-Forum Assessment**

Ms. Ross reviewed the Post-Forum Assessment (copy on file) with attendees and asked them to submit the assessment to staff.

▪ **Session V: Evaluations**

Ms. Ross asked attendees to complete the evaluation form (copy on file) and submit to staff.

- The Community Input Forum ended at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Members	
Hill-White, Lileaus	Tamayo, George
Jones, Sandra	Tramel, Alecia
Robinson, Louis	Troutman, Zena
	Sub-total: 6

Guests	
Brown, Yvonne	Moore, Linda
Clapton, Demetrius	Perez, Ozzie
Escobar, Marcelo	Ramnaraine, Amarnauth
Espy, David	Redding, Wardell
Ferreira, Roy	Seymore, Rudolph
Flowers, Trista	Stafford, Kathy
Halman, John	Stewart, Kelvin
Keith, Adrian	Valle-Schwenk, Carla
Knight, Byron	Warren, Andrew
Loftis, Shawn	Zacer, Brenda
Miller, Darrell	
	Sub-total: 21

Staff	
Alexis Bowen	Elizabeth Ross
Beth Hayden	Total including staff: 30