



**Strategic Planning Committee’s Retention in Care Workgroup**  
**Behavioral Science Research**  
**2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 230**  
**October 18, 2016**

*Approved on November 15, 2016*

#	Committee Members	Present	Absent
1	Gallardo, Enrique	X	
2	Hill, Lileaus	X	
3	Hunter, Tabitha	X	
4	Kenneally, Sarah	X	
5	Orozco, Eddie		X
6	Puente, Miguel	X	
7	Powell, James	X	
	<b>Ex-officio</b>		
1	Valle-Schwenk, Carla		X
<b>Quorum = 3</b>			

Guests	
Erbstein, Silvana	
Gallo, Giselle	
Neff, Travis	
Zayas, Matilde	
Staff	
Brock-Getz, Petra	Sastre, Francisco
Ladner, Robert	
Llarena, Karla	
Ross, Elizabeth	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Sarah Kenneally called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Resource Persons**

Ms. Kenneally indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals. Elizabeth Ross reminded members that the workgroup meetings are recorded and the recordings are available to the public.

**III. Review/Approve Agenda**

The workgroup reviewed the agenda. There were no changes.

**Motion to accept the agenda as presented.**

**Moved: Lileaus Hill                      Seconded: Miguel Puente                      Motion: Passed**

**IV. Review/Approve Minutes of August 16, 2016**

The committee reviewed the minutes of August 16, 2016. There were no changes.

**Motion to accept the minutes of August 16, 2016 as presented.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente                      Seconded: James Powell                      Motion: Passed**

**V. Floor Open to the Public**

Ms. Kenneally opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

*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 from the public. Ms. Kenneally closed the floor for public comment.

## VI. Membership

Elizabeth Ross

### *Resignation*

Eddie Orozco has resigned from the Retention in Care Workgroup. As a result, there are now three vacancies on the workgroup. Tom Pietrogallo resigned from the workgroup and Thomas Jardon was removed from the workgroup by the Partnership due to excessive absences.

### *New applicant*

Travis Neff is interested in joining the workgroup. Mr. Neff introduced himself to the workgroup and the workgroup voted on his membership.

### **Motion to recommend that the Partnership appoint Travis Neff to the Retention in Care Workgroup as a member.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

Ms. Ross reported that Karen Hilton is still interested in joining the workgroup, but she has not been able to attend recent meetings. Ms. Hilton wishes to fill the seat that was formerly filled by Tom Pietrogallo.

Giselle Gallo from Catalyst Miami/Homestead Hospital introduced herself to the committee and stated that she also would like to join the Retention in Care Workgroup.

### **Motion to recommend that the Partnership appoint Giselle Gallo to the Retention in Care Workgroup as a member.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

## VII. Standing Business

- *Updated on RIC-related research projects*

Staff

### *Text messages intervention*

Francisco Sastre, Ph.D., gave an update on the texting intervention that BSR is conducting. The texting intervention has received Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, and it is expected to commence in November. The study will pilot at Borinquen Medical Centers of Miami-Dade for one year. Depending on the results, the intervention will then be implemented throughout Miami-Dade County. There will be a control group that does not receive any text messages, a group that receives text messages on adherence, and another group that receives text messages on adherence and engagement.

### *Women's research study*

Petra Brock-Getz reported that four women focus groups were conducted. One group was composed of African-American women, one for Hispanic English-speaking women, one for Hispanic-Spanish speaking women and one for Haitian women. Some focus groups were poorly attended. Thus far, stigma is the largest contributing factor for women's health and women's disclosure to loved ones. BSR is in the process of reviewing and transcribing the data. Once transcription of the data is completed, BSR will interview women and both findings will be incorporated into the next iteration of the Client Satisfaction Survey.

### *Housing needs*

Karla Llarena reported that she is in the process of categorizing the housing needs that were identified in the focus groups.

## **VIII. New Business**

- *Clients new in Ryan White care for March – August 2016* *Petra Brock-Getz*

Ms. Brock-Getz reviewed the *New Clients in Ryan White Care, March 2016 – August 2016* (copy on file). There were a total of 606 clients who entered into the Ryan White Program. Ms. Brock-Getz reviewed the leading mode of transmission and the demographics of those who entered into the Ryan White care system during March – August 2016.

- *Ryan White clients lost to care analysis* *Petra Brock-Getz*

Ms. Brock-Getz reviewed the *Two-year Analysis of FY 24 Ryan Clients in Care* (copy on file). There were a total of 9,655 clients in Ryan White care. Of those, 1,050 did not receive any services at all in Fiscal Year 25. There were 569 clients who had their cases closed.

- *Future direction for RIC workgroup* *Robert Ladner, Ph. D*

Robert Ladner, Ph. D., reported that for the last year and a half the workgroup had tried to define “retained in care”. Dr. Ladner encouraged the workgroup to think about how the workgroup can address the challenge of retaining Ryan White clients in care and develop realistic, actionable steps to do so.

BSR will be investigating provider agencies that are doing well and are not doing well with retaining different populations in care.

The workgroup needs to come up with specific recommendations to address the challenge of retaining clients in care and submit recommendations to the Partnership.

Workgroup members thought that if the workgroup needed additional time, it can simply request another year. Ms. Ross clarified that the purpose of workgroups is to address a specific problem within an appointed time given by the Partnership. The workgroup should not rely on requesting additional time from the Partnership, but rather focus on accomplishing the goal it set out to do within its remaining term.

- *Reversed perspective on the HIV Continuum of Care* *Sarah Kenneally*

Ms. Kenneally reported that she attended a conference at which a presenter gave a presentation on how an Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) used the reversal of the HIV Continuum of Care to address retention in care of its clients. The EMA started with death cases and back-tracked through the HIV Treatment Cascade to determine how the EMA could have prevented those HIV/AIDS-related deaths.

Ms. Kenneally asked if BSR can conduct a similar analysis for Miami-Dade County’s Ryan White Part A/MAI Program. After a brief discussion, Dr. Ladner and workgroup members agreed that such an analysis would not be a good utility as there are not a significant number of HIV/AIDS-related death cases in Miami-Dade County.

Ms. Kenneally stated that she will contact the presenter to learn what was the exact procedure taken by the EMA to conduct this analysis.

**IX. Announcements**

Ms. Ross reviewed the October and November Partnership calendars (copies on file).

**X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Behavioral Science Research.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 A.M.