

Care and Treatment Committee
Retention in Care Workgroup
Year One: July 13, 2015 – June 21, 2016

Year End Report

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Presentation Objectives

To provide a year-end report on the Care and Treatment Committee Retention in Care Workgroup's progress, and outline next steps to the Care and Treatment Committee and the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership (the Partnership)

- Workgroup's purpose
- Workgroup's current accomplishments
- Workgroup's future goals
- Workgroup's recommendations

Workgroup Purpose

On July 13, 2015, the Partnership authorized the creation of the Care and Treatment Committee's Retention in Care workgroup, whose purpose was to:

- examine data from the SDIS pertaining to retention in care in Ryan White Part A/MAI programs;
- determine client characteristics and treatment factors that would inhibit or improve retention in care;
- develop or modify protocols for adjusting care and treatment intensity based on specific client characteristics, or including certain service activities as a required activity for new or at-risk clients; and
- compare provider agencies based on their success in increasing treatment retention.

Workgroup Accomplishments in Year One



- Examine data elements for defining and measuring “retention in care” and developing operational definitions of retention in care, including short-term measures along with HRSA’s two-year definition
- Rates of retention among clients in the Ryan White Program have been examined
- Examined non-Outpatient Medical Care service utilization of the PLWHA in care and out of care during the HRSA-defined two-year evaluation period
- Researched and compared retention in care protocols at various Ryan White Provider agencies
- Reviewed missing viral load data

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Workgroup Accomplishments in Year One (continued)

- Oversaw the development of a texting intervention “retain in care” project which will begin in the Spring of 2016.
- Examined retention of clients from a provider and client perspective and established the importance of a "Client-Centered Care" approach, "one stop shop" models for service delivery, peer connections to improve client care, sensitivity to the education and literacy levels of clients, and access to mental health and substance abuse services.



Workgroup Goals for Year Two

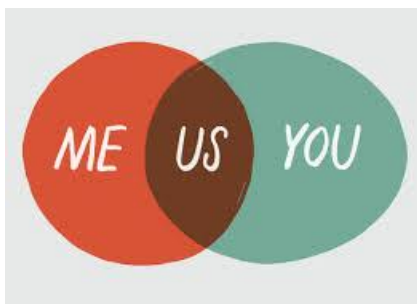


- Continue to review data on retention in care and build Integrated Plan activities into the work of the workgroup.
- Continue to review and monitor retention in care protocols at various Ryan White Provider agencies
- Continue to review missing viral load data
- Review the results of the texting intervention in care project
- Develop or review proposed retention in care service improvements

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Workgroup Recommendations:

- ❑ The workgroup respectfully requests the Care and Treatment Committee and Partnership extend the workgroup for an additional year, keeping its current leadership and membership.
- ❑ Since much of the work being done on retention in care is part of the new Integrated Plan, overseen by the Strategic Planning Committee, the workgroup suggests that it should be moved so as to be under the purview of the Strategic Planning Committee rather than the Care and Treatment Committee.



Questions?



**If granted another year, the next workgroup meeting is
July 19, 2016 at Behavioral Science Research
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

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