

V. Review/Approve Minutes of November 19, 2015

The committee reviewed the minutes of November 19, 2015 and accepted them as written.

Motion to accept the minutes of November 19, 2015 as written.

Moved: James Powell

Second: Jocelyn Jauregui

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Staff reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). If anyone knows of interested potential members they can attend the upcoming Partnership Orientation scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at BSR.

VII. Standing Business

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

Roberto Tazoe

The Long Term Rental Assistant (LTRA) program is on client number 190. Within the next two weeks the next 10 clients will be called. Assistance through the STRMU program is still available.

- **Life Quest Units**

Roberto Tazoe

The City of Miami met with a developer who submitted a proposal. There needs to be some adjustment on the proposal before moving forward. They have two weeks to respond.

- **BAME**

Roberto Tazoe

The City of Miami met last week with BAME and introduced them to St. John's CDC to see if they can work together to procure funding and review the architectural firms plans. The idea is to create apartments within the current structure. Clients who would live in the apartments would be limited to 30% of their income minus the utility assistance. The building would be required to have a ten year affordability period.

- **Partnership Report**

James Powell

James Powell reviewed the Partnership report (copy on file).

- **Cancelation of June meeting**

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Marlen Hernandez explained that at the last meeting since there were issues with quorum the committee did not make a motion to cancel the June meeting. During the month of June, the Partnership holds the needs assessment meetings and members from other committees are encouraged to attend. The committee agreed and decided to make a motion to cancel the June meeting.

Motion to cancel the June Housing Committee meeting so members can attend the needs assessment meetings.

Moved: Jimmie Brooks

Second: Enrique Gallardo

Motion: Passed

VIII. New Business.

- Integrated Plan Input

Robert Ladner

Robert Ladner reviewed the integrated plan and objectives (copy on file). The committee was requested to provide feedback on the goals as they relate to housing issues. The following replies were provided:

- Issue with staying stable in housing, may have meds but if unstable housing situation won't take medications
- Some groups have a hard time staying in care e.g. homeless
- Problems with coordination between care systems e.g. homeless continuum is not knowledgeable of Ryan White system
- Inability to communicate housing and special needs as health issue. Communicate to policy makers that housing saves money because it improves health
- Integrate HIV into housing but give preference to special needs; clients do not want to live in HIV only housing
- Transgender have hard time accessing services
- Clients who are homeless, have substance abuse issues and/or mental health issues have hard time accessing services
- Haitian men are a problematic group because they don't want their families knowing they are positive and if they do find out they are removed from the household
- Denial/stigma a large problem
- Recently released from prison
- Try to work with communities to address stigma issue e.g. Mt. Tabor (Black Church) has campaign to address HIV
- Develop alternative funding sources for HIV/AIDS for housing besides HOPWA e.g. Rockefeller Foundation
- Develop better justification in collaboration with Dept. of Health and Part A to keep HOPWA funded
- Issues with uneducated/illiterate who don't want to speak up.

- 2016 Housing Needs Assessment

Alicia Apfel

Alicia Apfel reviewed the 2016 Housing Needs Assessment survey (copy on file). The survey was adapted from an Almeida County tool that had additional questions which were adopted. A survey through survey monkey is planned for service providers and property managers. The survey will be disseminated to PAC waiver sites, the two managed care sites, and Ryan White agencies. Additionally, the survey can be uploaded to the Partnership website and social media pages. Additional questions include housing situation/environment queries, disability or health issues questions, portion of expenses, and domestic violence issues. A question will be added asking how the housing situation has affect their health and how the housing situation has affected their taking medications. The question on assistance with landlord/property manager will be clarified on page 14.

- Chair-elect elections

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Marlen Hernandez reviewed the qualified candidates for chair-elect. No one indicated they wanted to place their name on the ballot. James Ausborn indicated he would be interested. The committee selected him as chair-elect.

Motion to select James Ausborn as chair-elect of the Housing Committee.

Moved: Synthia Mitchell

Second: Enrique Gallardo

Motion: Passed

- **Passing the Gavel**

Stephen Williams

Stephen Williams thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve and passed the gavel to Mr. Powell, who was welcomed as the new chair.

IX. Announcements

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the clients new to care for December, flyer for CDC campaign for transwomen of color, February and March calendars, and the vacancy report for January (copy on file).

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 18, 2016 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

XI. Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: James Ausborn

Second: Stephen Williams

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.