



Housing Committee Meeting
Edison Neighborhood Service Center, 150 NW 79nd Street,
Conference Room, Miami, FL 33150
August 17, 2017 Minutes

Approved November 16, 2017

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Alleyne, Karen	x	
2	Ausborn, James	x	
3	Clarke-Trotman, Pauline		x
4	Gallardo, Enrique		x
5	Howell, Jonathan	x	
6	Laso, Carlos	x	
7	McFeely, John	x	
8	Mitchell, Synthia	x	
9	Powell, James L.	x	
10	Tazoe, Roberto	x	
11	Williams, April	x	
Quorum: 6			

Guests	
Alicia Apfel	
Bernadette Ausborn	
Rosalind Barcnas	
Alexis Howard	
Carlos Alberto Marin	
Lionza Rivera	
Staff	
Marlen Meizoso	

I. Call to Order

James Powell called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Mr. Powell identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Roberto Tazoe

Second: James Ausborn

Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Powell read the following:

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 so the floor was closed.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of May 18, 2017

The committee reviewed the minutes of May 18, 2017 and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of May 18, 2017 as presented.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: James Ausborn

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file) and indicated that there were 13 vacancies, primarily due to members being removed because of non-compliance with Miami-Dade County attendance requirements. She reviewed the vacancies and the requirements for membership. Mrs. Meizoso indicated that two applications had been received. Rosalind Barcenas from Sunshine for All and Lionza Rosales from Center for Information introduced themselves and indicated their interest in the committee. The committee voted to accept them as members.

Motion to accept the two new members (Rosalind Barcenas and Lionza Rivera) as members of the Housing Committee.

Moved: Synthia Mitchell

Second: April Williams

Motion: Passed

VII. Standing Business

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

Roberto Tazoe reviewed information provided at the HOPWA Institute meeting on the projected shortfall in the HOPWA program funding over the next five years (copy on file). Figures were reviewed and for FY 17 (set to start in October 2017) the grant total will be \$11,672,111. The FY 18-22 shortfalls depend on whether or not HOPWA receives level funding. Shortfalls are estimated to be up to \$2.5 over the course of five years. The methodology used to calculate the award was discussed, and the City has requested the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provide the prevalence figures the Center for Disease Control (CDC) used, so City staff can review the calculations. Four additional Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Areas (EMSAs) -- New York, New Jersey, Atlanta, and Baltimore -- will lose over \$10 million dollars with the new HOPWA formula. Thus far, current programs will not be affected. The City is looking into the feasibility of restarting the Short Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) assistance effective October 1, 2017, using some HOPWA reserve funds.

- **Partnership Report (reference only)** *James Ausborn*

James Ausborn referenced the Partnership report (copy on file). Any questions on the report can be directed to staff.

- **Clarification of Questions on HIV/AIDS Housing Survey** *Alicia Apfel*

Alicia Apfel explained that she had some questions on the revision suggested to the HIV/AIDS Housing Survey (copy on file). On page 3, regarding residential treatment and hospitalization, the committee agreed that questions 18-21 needed to stay since it was important to know if someone fell ill, was hospitalized and left homeless. Questions 22 and 23 appear to request similar information on level of highest education, and will be combined into one question such as "How much education have you completed?" These updates will be made to the survey and dissemination is expected to start on August 21. The first month's distribution will be via hard copy, with copies handed out to clients at agencies. The online link will be made available beginning in the second month. This dual level distribution will hopefully ensure an adequate number of clients complete the surveys. Additionally, the shorter format should help with completion. Providers should be encouraged to assist in the distribution of the surveys. It was suggested to target Ryan White agencies when bus passes are being distributed, since many clients come at this time.

- Follow-up Steps with PHS Presentation

Alicia Apfel

Alicia Apfel indicated that no additional steps need to be taken on this item.

VIII. New Business

- Update on Getting to Zero Task Force

All

Marlen Meizoso provided an update on the Getting to Zero Task Force. The Miami-Dade County Commissioners accepted the final report and are dedicating a “Getting to Zero” HIV/AIDS awareness day next year. There will be a “Getting to Zero” Awareness week the following year in which prevention messages will be shared. If any additional information arises, staff will share with the committee.

- Cancelling October Meeting

All

Marlen Meizoso requested if the committee could cancel the October Housing meeting since no Housing related items should be due. The committee decided to cancel the meeting.

Motion to cancel the October 19, 2017 Housing Committee meeting.

Moved: James Ausborn

Second: John McFeely

Motion: Passed

IX. Announcements

Staff reviewed Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver comments flyer and changes to the September and October calendar (copies on file)

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 21, 2017 at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: James Ausborn

Second: Roberto Tazoe

Motion: Passed

The meeting ended at 3:29 p.m.