



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
 United Way Ansin Building, 3250 SW 3rd Avenue,
 Conference Rm. A
 August 25, 2017**

Approved November 17, 2017

	Members	Present	Absent
1	Bannister, Christina	X	
2	Barroso, George		X
3	Bowen-McDuffey, Toni	X	
4	Cortes, Wanda		X
5	Friedman, Lawrence		X
6	Job, Janelle	X	
7	Keller, Mark		X
8	Locks, Lauren	X	
10	Martinez, Frances	X	
11	McFeely, John	X	
12	Romero, Javier	X	
13	Santiago, Steven	X	
14	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	X	
15	Vasquez, Silvana	X	
Quorum: 6			

Guests	
Silvana Erbstein	
Virgil Lefrock	
Carlos Palacios	
Ray Sawaged	
Staff	
Vanessa Bobadilla	Marlen Meizoso
Robert Ladner	Sandra Sergi

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Christina Bannister started the meeting while awaiting the chair’s arrival. She called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Ms. Bannister indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The subcommittee reviewed the agenda. Staff indicated Dr. Romero would be making the ADAP report.

Motion to accept the agenda as discussed

Moved: Dr. Frances Martinez

Seconded: Lauren Locks

Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Ms. Bannister read the following: *“Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any item 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 and the floor was closed.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of July 28, 2017

Members reviewed the minutes. There was a correction on page 2, under the Ryan White Program to add “an approximate” before \$7,500. On page 3, under the ADAP Update change “in effect” to “completed” by the end of August. And on page 4, "high protein" should be "high carbohydrate."

Motion to accept the minutes of July 28, 2017 with the correction noted.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Seconded: Toni Bowen-McDuffey

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). She indicated there are 10 Medical Care Subcommittee vacancies at this time, including several for PLWHAs, a pharmacist, a physician, and a substance abuse provider. Mrs. Meizoso indicated that an application had been received from Dr. Nolasco-Warden who was reapplying for the vacant physician seat. Dr. Nolasco-Warden was not present at the meeting. There was also an application from Carlos Palacios from AHF, who was applying for the vacant pharmacist seat. Mr. Palacios introduced himself and indicated his interest. The subcommittee decided to accept both members as members.

Motion to accept Dr. Nolasco-Warden and Carlos Palacios as members of the Medical Care Subcommittee.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Second: John McFeely

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ Ryan White Program Update

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk indicated that Phase 1 of the transition of clients receiving non-ARV prescription medication through Part A to receiving many of these medications through ADAP will take place by the end of August. Any medications not listed in the Phase I transfer will remain on the Part A formulary. The HRSA grant guidance is due to be released shortly, likely by next week. There has been a staffing change at the Office of Management and Budget-Grants Coordination: the compliance officer is no longer with the program.

▪ Partnership Report

Dr. Steven Santiago

Ms. Bannister requested the subcommittee review the Partnership report, and if there were any questions to forward them to staff (copy on file). Staff indicated that per request at other committees, this report will only be referenced at meetings, and will not be read aloud.

▪ Expenditure Reports

▪ ADAP Update

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Romero reviewed the report from August 21 (copy on file). Total utilization for July was \$2,263,896.51 for 2,638 clients; the undetectable rate is 97.42%. ADAP Premium Plus clients total 919 with an average \$815.78 premium. Total expenses to date are over \$5.5 million dollars. Phase II expansion is pending review and coordination with the Part A programs statewide. An analysis of the clients eligible for the 90 day RAMP program has been completed for Miami and approximately 600 clients would qualify. Implementation of this program is pending the expansion of the ADAP pharmacy.

In response to the client satisfaction survey conducted at the ADAP office, on Thursdays the pharmacy will be open to 6 p.m. There has been some discussion of having the state take over ACA premium payments and leave the Part A program providing wrap around services.

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Marlen Meizoso for Wanda Cortes

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the July report (copy on file). Total clients were 305 for a total expense of \$33,267.95. There was a question asked regarding the medications listed since some of these can be received for free at Publix.

VIII. Standing Business

- Replacement of Progain

All

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the nutritional supplement information sent via email including the revised nutritional comparison, nutritional needs letters, FDA warning letters, and an email from Karen Geronymo with supplement recommendations (copies on file). Based on all the information presented the best option for clients who have multiple complexity issues such as heart disease and diabetes would be the Metagenics product Ultra Meal Advance Protein. The product is also lactose free which is beneficial for patients with lactose intolerance or gastrointestinal issues. The subcommittee voted to add the product as a cost equivalent replacement for Progain.

Motion to add the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary Ultra Meal Advance Protein as a cost equivalent replacement for Progain, which was discontinued by the manufacturer.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Second: Dr. Frances Martinez

Motion: Passed

Because Ultra Meal Advance Protein is now replacing Progain, the Nutritional Supplements Letters of Medical Necessity (copy on file) were reviewed. The references on each letter will be updated. It was also suggested to delete the "high carb" or "high protein" designation on the physician sheet. Prealbumin – as an additional criterion -- will be added next to albumin, along with the corresponding reference range, since clients who were hospitalized may have these labs conducted and it is a marker of malnutrition. Formatting will be fixed on letters. On the nutritionist referral letter side, aside from reference updates, the language on the prescription language was modified. A motion was made to approve the changes discussed to the letters.

Motion to accept the changes to the Ryan White Program Nutritional Supplements Letters of Medical Necessity as discussed.

Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk

Second: John McFeely

Motion: Passed

- Podiatric Care Conditions

All

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the changes recommended at the last meeting (copy on file). Language was readjusted based on AETC recommendations. Staff was contact by the AETC Vanderbilt Director and indicated that while there is no direct correlation between the podiatric conditions and HIV, many clients “develop neuropathy which can lead to bunions, hammer toes and heel spurs. There can also be higher rates of metabolic syndrome/diabetes mellitus 2 in HIV, which may lead to neuropathy, which may lead” to the aforementioned conditions. There was discussion to change the language to indicate that if neuropathies are present then the conditions could be covered. Dr. Santiago indicated individuals with neuropathies could also be prone to sprains or fractures because of the loss of sensation in the lower extremities. Based on the central issue of neuropathies, the language on the letters was adjusted for restrictions.

Motion to accept the changes to the Podiatry section of the Allowable Medical Conditions List as discussed.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: Dr. Frances Martinez

Motion: Passed

Changes to the entire document will be forwarded since the committee made a motion to hold moving the document forward until the podiatric changes are completed.

- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services Description *All*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed with the subcommittee the recommended changes to the outpatient/ambulatory health services description (copy on file). The subcommittee provided feedback on the changes, which will be embedded into the document. The subcommittee made a motion to accept the changes to the service description.

Motion to accept the changes to the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Service Descriptions.

Moved: Lauren Locks

Second: Janelle Job

Motion: Passed

IX. New Business

- Oxycodone Letter of Medical Necessity *All*

Mrs. Meizoso included a copy of the Letter of Medical Necessity for Roxicodone (Oxycodone) and Percocet (Oxycodone/ADAP). The County indicated clarifying language needed to be added to the letter to indicate the medications needed to be for a condition that was HIV-related, a comorbidity of HIV, or a complication of HIV. A sample of a revision was provided and the subcommittee voted on the revision.

Motion to accept the changes to Letter of Medical Necessity for Roxicodone (Oxycodone) and Percocet (Oxycodone/APAP) as presented.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: Dr. Frances Martinez

Motion: Passed

Some members felt the revision needed to be tweaked since only one line was included and the new phrasing did not establish a connection to the diagnosis, medication and its relationship to HIV. Some suggested language was offered but a motion was needed to reconsider the motion to rework the language.

Motion to reconsider the prior motion.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: Dr. Frances Martinez

Motion: Passed

Language was offered in which two clauses with a line to fill was added, thereby better reflecting the connection to HIV. The subcommittee made a motion to approve the revised language.

Motion to accept the changes to Letter of Medical Necessity for Roxicodone (Oxycodone) and Percocet (Oxycodone/APAP) as discussed.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: Lauren Locks

Motion: Passed

- Discussion: ADAP Challenges *All*

Staff indicated that the Partnership had created a Local Pharmacy Issues Workgroup to address ADAP challenges as well as improve pharmacy services across payer sources. The topic of ADAP challenges was not discussed at the last meeting because of a shortage of time. The subcommittee provided the following input:

- ADAP clients need to enroll correctly with all appropriate paperwork.
- Not all Part A drugs are on the ADAP formulary.
- Not all formulation of drugs are on the ADAP formulary, this could be an issue to raise at the ADAP workgroup.
- There have been issues with transient people entering the program who should not be in the program.

- Some clients have their cases closed because they have medications and only return when they need meds and re-enroll.
- Clients can't pick up refills any earlier than 25 days prior to the last pickup date.
- The letters of support have been problematic particularly for clients who have come from areas of political unrest such as Venezuela who are not 'living' in Miami full-time.
- It was suggested that passports be presented to check status since multiple visitations outside the country could indicate not living in the State.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso reminded members to review the Local AIDS Drug Assistance (LPAP) service description for discussion at the next meeting. She also reviewed the PAC Waiver notice of public comment, and changes to the September and October calendars (copies on file).

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is September 22, 2017 at the United Way.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Santiago adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.