



**Care and Treatment Committee Meeting  
 United Way Ansin Building  
 3250 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ryder Conference Room  
 April 5, 2018**

*Approved May 3, 2018*

#	Committee Members	Present	Absent
1	Alcala, Etelvina	x	
2	Brini, Carine	x	
3	Downs, Frederick	x	
4	Gallo, Giselle	x	
5	Gonzalez, Victor	x	
6	Grant, Gena	x	
7	Henriquez, Maria	x	
8	Iadarola, Dennis	x	
9	LaGrome, Arthur	x	
10	Neff, Travis	x	
11	Puente, Miguel	x	
12	Siclari, Rick		x
13	Wall, Daniel T.	x	
<b>Quorum = 6</b>			

Guests	
Brad Mester	
Javier Romero	
Lileaus Hill	
Karen Hilton	
Jeannine Icaza	
Staff	
Brock-Getz, Petra	Otway, Kevin
Bontempo, Christina	Sergi, Sandra
Meizoso, Marlen	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Dennis Iadarola, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. He reviewed some housekeeping items then welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Resource Persons**

Mr. Iadarola indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

**III. Review/Approve Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda. Marlen Meizoso indicated that if Victor Gonzalez did not arrive, she could review the Medical Care Subcommittee report.

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

**Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr.**

**Seconded: Travis Neff**

**Motion: Passed**

**IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Mr. Iadarola 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.*

No comments were made, so the floor was closed.

**V. Review/Approve Minutes of February 26, 2018**

The committee reviewed the minutes of February 26, 2018 and moved to accept them.

**Motion to accept the February 26, 2018 minutes as presented.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente**

**Seconded: Frederick Downs, Jr.**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Membership**

*Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file), which details the vacancies on the Partnership and committees and outlines the requirements of membership. She indicated there are eleven (11) Care and Treatment committee vacancies at this time, since Ms. Hunter termed off at the end of February; of these 11 vacancies, four (4) are for PLWHAs. Individuals are encouraged to share the information, invite interested parties to meetings and encourage them to attend the next New Member Orientation meeting on May 8, 2018.

**VII. Standing Business**

▪ *Ryan White Program Update*

*Dan Wall*

Dan Wall referenced the February 2018 Part A/MAI expenditure report (print date 4/3/2018: copy on file) which also lists current allocations. Final bills for FY 2017-18 are being processed, and in FY 2017 it appears that 9,887 clients were served.

In conjunction with the FDOH-MDC, the County launched an expanded Test and Treat initiative on April 1, expanding the new-to-care Test and Treat component with a Rapid Access program for clients who are returning to care. Eight agencies are participating which provides testing and same day access to a physician, labs, and medications. with the expectation that there will be a roll-out throughout the entire RWP in a short time.

Final reports are due by May to HRSA and any carryover request is due by July. The grant application should be released early this year during the summer with an early return date.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollments total 1,233 enrolled through ADAP and 527 clients enrolled under Part A, with monthly premiums pre-paid with state funds for the calendar year. The total 2018 figure for all ACA clients is 1,760, for whom \$14 million will be paid by ADAP and \$4.8 million will be paid by Part A.

The next PPG meeting is scheduled for April 18 and 19. As part of these meetings, a face-to-face meeting among the Part A programs and the State will take place.

As part of a US Department of Justice grant, on April 18 the County is working with law enforcement agencies in Liberty City to reduce crime in the area. Farm Share is scheduled to distribute food to 500-1000 households in the area. A mini health fair is also being set-up from 9 a.m. to noon on the County owned vacant lot. The DOH Test Miami bus will be at the site as well as Empower U, Borinquen, AHF and staff from the Partnership. The location of the site is NW 18 Avenue and 63 Street. A flyer will be shared with staff to disseminate to the community.

▪ *Part B Update*

*Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the January and February Part B report (copy on file). Expenditures total \$26,297.98 for January. For the month of February, \$24,456.50 was expended. There are two active contracts: SFAN ADAP and UM Adolescent. SFAN ADAP served 149 clients and UM Adolescent served 20 in January and February. There are no funding issues for either of these periods. All contact invoices and quarterly reports have been submitted on time, in accordance with the terms of the contract. There are no new/pending issues to report.

▪ *ADAP Program Update*

*Javier Romero*

Javier Romero reviewed the April 2018 ADAP report (copy on file). In the month of March, the ADAP program expended over \$2.383 million on 5,087 prescriptions for 2,680 clients. The undetectable Viral Load rate for ADAP clients is 97.46%. New enrollments were 88 and reenrollments were 668. There were 1,111 patients receiving ACA premium assistance in March with an average cost of \$948.15 per client. The Phase II expansion is scheduled for full transitioned by July 1, 2018. There are 324 eligible clients for the 90-day PUSH but only 56 are enrolled. Clients (302) have enrolled in e-messaging. Program updates were reviewed and Q-flow data were referenced.

▪ *General Revenue*

*Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the January and February General Revenue Reports (copy on file). In the month of January, \$688,700 was expended on 2,038 clients. In February, \$536,932 was expended on 2,093 clients.

▪ *Partnership Report (reference only)*

*Dennis Iadarola*

Mr. Iadarola directed committee members to the Partnership report (copy on file). Any questions can be directed to staff.

▪ *Medical Care Subcommittee Report*

*Victor Gonzalez*

The Medical Care Subcommittee:

- Heard updates from Part A, General Revenue, and ADAP.
- Reviewed a memo on Biktarvy, an antiretroviral recently added to the ADAP formulary. The combination pills offer a complete regimen which would reduce pill burden. The Subcommittee made a motion to add it to the Ryan White Part A prescription drug formulary.

**Motion to add Biktarvy to the Ryan White Part A prescription drug formulary.**

**Moved: Victor Gonzalez**

**Second: Travis Neff**

**Motion: Passed**

- Reviewed data on psychiatric medications.
- Heard a presentation on Test and Treat.

The next subcommittee meeting will be April 27, 2018

▪ *Oral Health Care Workgroup Report*

*Marlen Meizoso*

The Oral Health Care Workgroup met on March 2 and:

- Heard updates from Part A.
- Received training from Dr. Mark Schweizer from the Southeast FL AETC on oral health.
- Reviewed a request for addition of three codes: D2740 Crown-Porcelain/ceramic substrate, D6245-Pontic-porcelain/ceramic and D6740-Crown (retainer) porcelain/ceramic. These codes are cost neutral, offer an aesthetic option and are more hygienic (less invasive to gums) than three similar procedures on the formulary. The workgroup agreed to add the three codes to the Ryan White Oral Health Care formulary.

**Motion to add codes D2740, D6245 and D6740 to the Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente**

**Second: Arthur LaGrange**

**Motion: Passed**

- Reviewed changes to the 2018 Oral Health Care Formulary, as provided by the Recipient. Some codes were deleted by the American Dental Association (ADA) and other codes were modified. The workgroup went through the document and made the following changes:
  - Pg. 6-terminology was updated
  - Pg. 8-terminology was updated
  - Pg.11-codes d5510 (complete) was deleted and replaced by two codes D5511 (mandibular) and D5512 (maxillary); code d5610 (base) was deleted and replaced by two codes D5611 (mandibular) and D5612 (maxillary); code d5620 (partial) was deleted and replaced by two codes D5621 (mandibular) and D5622 (maxillary)
  - Pg. 15-terminology was updated
  - Pg. 16-terminology was updated
  - Pg. 19-terminology change and code D9222 was added for first 15 minutes of deep sedation (general anesthesia).
  - Pg. 20-terminology change and code D9239 was added for first 15 minutes of deep sedation (IV).

**Motion to accept the changes to the Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary including additions (D5511, D5512, D5611, D5612, D5621, D5622, D9222, and D9239) and terminology updates as discussed.**

**Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr.**

**Second: Miguel Puente**

**Motion: Passed**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2018.

**VIII. New Business**

*Follow-up to Needs Assessment: Emergency Financial Assistance*

*All*

Robert Ladner pointed out that at the last meeting the committee added emergency financial assistance as a service category. The HRSA definition allows for additional items including essential utilities, housing, food, transportation, and medications (copy on file). Since a new service category has been added, there are several items that need to be defined. The following three items should be addressed as they relate to the service description: 1) should it be limited to pharmaceutical only, 2) what are the income restrictions, 3) what are the circumstances for disbursement. At the last meeting the discussion related to this service only related to pharmacy, as this would be a component that would

be accessible via Test and Treat. The motions that were made related to the Emergency Financial Assistance service category only address pharmaceuticals, which were restricted to 340B-covered entities. Short-term utilities and housing expense emergencies are covered under the HOPWA program's Short Term, Rental, Mortgage and Utility Assistance (STRMU). Food and transportation are already covered by other Ryan White Program service categories. Short term medications are not allowable under the AIDS Pharmaceutical Program currently, and this service category would allow for the dispensing of short term medications. A member suggests transportation should also be a component that should be included.

**Motion to restrict Emergency Financial Assistance to pharmaceutical assistance.**

**Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr.**

**Second: Dan Wall**

**Motion: Passed**

**Opposed: Travis Neff, Victor Gonzalez, Dennis Iadarola, Giselle Gallo**

Several questions were raised as to how the medications would be accessed. Staff and the County indicated they would bring information from other EMAs, do some additional research on HRSA definitions, and clarify with the Department of Health their intentions since they offered the initial suggestion on the service category.

Discussion related to client eligibility indicated to keep it at the same levels as the other primary Ryan White Program service eligibility. The eligibility criteria for Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, for example, is for the client to be HIV positive, living in Miami-Dade County, and with income at or below 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

**Motion that eligibility for Emergency Financial Assistance should utilize the same medical and financial eligibility as Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services.**

**Moved: Dan Wall**

**Second: Miguel Puente**

**Motion: Passed**

- *Medical Transportation*

*All*

A question had been raised during the Needs Assessment meetings as to the efficacy of using Uber for medical transportation rather than depending on monthly transit passes. Dr. Ladner provided a sample fare matrix for clients accessing Uber from select sites and traveling to the major service nexus in the downtown and Jackson areas (copy on file). Overall, the Uber rate charged is higher, in some case substantially higher, than the current rate afforded by the Metro-Dade bus passes. The committee agreed that Uber was not a cost effective option for the program.

**IX. Announcements**

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the January new clients in care report and the April and May calendars (copies on file). The new to care clients include anyone new to Ryan White Care, not only the newly diagnosed.

**X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is May 3, 2018 at the Ryder Conference Room, United Way Ansin Building.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr.**

**Second: Miguel Puente**

**Motion: Passed**

Mr. Iadarola adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.