



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

*Approved June 13, 2018*

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

Guests	
Jose Camino	
Silvana Erbstein	
David Goldberg	
Ashley Richardson	
Javier Romero	
Donna Sabatino	
Joey Wynn	
Staff	
Ladner, Robert	
Meizoso, Marlen	

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The chair, Dennis Iadarola, called the meeting to order at 10:09 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 and accepted it as presented

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

**Moved: Dan Wall**

**Seconded: Miguel Puente**

**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 April 5, 2018**

The committee reviewed the minutes of April 5, 2018 and moved to accept them.

**Motion to accept the April 5, 2018 minutes as presented.**

**Moved: Miguel Puente**

**Seconded: Dan Wall**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Membership**

*Marlen Meizoso*

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file) which includes the requirements of membership. She indicated there are twelve (12) Care and Treatment committee vacancies at this time, since Mr. Down termed off at the end of April, although Mr. Downs may still vote if he attends the committee since as the Partnership Chair he is a voting member of all committees, subcommittees and workgroups. Individuals on the committee are encouraged to share information about the committee, invite interested parties to meetings or encourage them to attend the next Partnership New Member Orientation meeting on May 10, 2018.

**VII. Standing Business**

▪ *Ryan White Program Update*

*Dan Wall*

Dan Wall referenced the Part A/MAI expenditure report (print date 5/1/2018: copy on file) which indicated the final close out for FY 2017 are still in process. The Part A expenditures are 97.5% for the total grant (98.5% for direct services) and 94.03% for total MAI grant (97.39% for direct services). Final bills are still being processed and in FY 2017 it appears that 9,867 clients were served.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollments total 1,230 for ADAP (2018 clients), 900 served by ADAP (2017 clients) and 520 clients enrolled under Part A and pre-paid with state funds for the calendar year. The total 2018 figure for all ACA clients is 1,750 of which \$14 million will be paid by ADAP and \$4.8 million was paid by Part A. The final close out for the state spent funds is still being worked on.

The County just launched on April 1 the Test and Treat/Rapid Access program for new and returning to care clients. The program has been place on hold while contracts for the medication portion of the program are executed by DOH. In addition, recommendations to improve the process were discussed with providers and a revised flow chart for agencies is being developed. The restart date for the program has yet to be announced. Mental Health is a component which can now be offered up to 30 days for new clients.

The check list for client's transissioning from PAC waiver is completed and has been shared with the MMA/LTA plans including United Health, Positive Health, Simply and Aetna. The documents will also be uploaded to the County website. Along with the checklist, accompanying documents must be submitted to the site the client is access services from these include a viral load test (no older than 6 months, proof of income and residency) and a demographic sheet will need to be completed. Existing referrals were extended until April but these will not be extended any longer. Information on clients who are enrolled in Medical Case Management and Medicaid/PAC Waiver plans was shared since these should be access case management via the other sources.

Mr. Wall thanked all those who attended the April 18 event in Liberty City.

▪ *PCPPG Meeting Update*

*Dan Wall*

Last month Mr. Wall attended the PCPPG meeting, and some of the materials shared at the meeting were included in the meeting packet (copy on file), including a snapshot of the epidemic, a study on technology used by PLWHA by USF, a study on stigma from Broward and information on lead agencies for Parts B, C and D in the state. Mr. Wall indicated that he was nominated as the co-chair for the Medications Access Committee and is a member of the ADAP Formulary Subcommittee. He will be stepping down from the Quality Management Workgroup because of the added commitments, but Sarah Kenneally still sits on that workgroup. An additional Part A representative from Tampa was elected to the group and an alternate from the Orlando Part A program was selected.

▪ *ADAP Program Presentation*

*Javier Romero*

Javier Romero reviewed the ADAP Program and Pharmacy FY 2017-2018 report (copy on file). The majority of clients 78% are male, of those insured 28% are male. The majority of clients are under 100% FPL (46%) and uninsured (73.7%). The program expended over \$27 million dollars on uninsured clients and over \$11 million on insured clients. These figures do not include the Perrine location served by Central Pharmacy, which had 400 clients and 50 clients with direct delivery in South Dade, adding an extra \$4 million dollars in expenditures. The total undetectable rate for the program is 97.5%.

Several program enhancements have been enacted with ADAP, including the implementation of the Q-Flow Patient Management system. Electronic reminders are available to ADAP clients, although many choose not to use this service. The formulary Phase 1 expansion has been completed, and Phase 2 should be concluded by June 30, 2018. Six month re-enrollments may now be done on-line. The 90-day PUSH is in effect, but of the more than 300 clients eligible only 56 have enrolled. A pharmacy benefit card has been mailed to uninsured clients for an emergency refill (twice a year). Emergency situations include release from hospitalization on weekend, release from jail or pick-ups due on the weekend. There are 520 ACA clients who will be transitioning from Part A to the ADAP program by January 1, 2019.

Dan Wall commented that a new data sharing agreement with the State Department of Health is being worked on although data sharing agreements are currently in place between the Part A program, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and American Exchange. Next week an RFP for the Data Management system will be released by the Procurement Department. Only seven eligible companies vetted by HRSA are eligible to apply.

▪ *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.

▪ *Local Pharmacy Workgroup Report*

*Marlen Meizoso*

The Local Pharmacy Workgroup held its first meeting. At that meeting, the workgroup::

- Heard updates from Part A and ADAP.
- Discussed the composition and purpose of the workgroup and ways to improve pharmaceutical access.
- Addressed next steps.

The next workgroup meeting will be May 16, 2018.

### **VIII. Standing Business**

- *Emergency Financial Assistance*

*All*

At the last meeting the Committee had defined the eligibility and emphasis of the Emergency Financial Assistance service category. Staff shared three examples of possible language to consider for the definition of a "financial emergency" from other TGAs and EMAs (Cleveland, Oregon and San Diego: copy on file). The Committee reviewed the language and recommended that staff and the County build the service description based on the verbiage used by the Cleveland TGA.

**Motion to recommend the following language to the County: "The one-time or short-term provision of approved formulary HIV/AIDS-related medications, either directly or through a voucher program, while a client's eligibility for drug assistance is pending with a third party payer. Providers must be a current Ryan White Part A provider of the Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance service category with the required current 340B certification. It is expected that all other sources of funding in the community for emergency assistance will be effectively used and that any allocation of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funds, for these purposes will be the payer of last resort, and for limited amounts, use and periods of time. Only clients with pending applications to third party payers are eligible for EFA up to 400% FPL. Clients should be transitioned off ETA within 3 months in a 12 month period of time of the initial request."**

**Moved: Miguel Puente**

**Second: Dan Wall**

**Motion: Passed**

### **IX. New Business**

- *Telehealth Options*

*All*

There had been a suggestion that offering a telehealth option for Medical Case Management may assist clients who have transportation difficulties. A RWP-billable telephone contact option already exists for clients to contact Medical Care Management: the use of a service like Skype would be like an enhanced phone call. Some members raised concerns regarding security, cost and possible abuse potential. Further discussion was deferred until the next Committee meeting.

### **X. Announcements**

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the February new clients in care and the May and June calendars (copies on file). The next meeting will take place on a Wednesday and will be the last of the needs assessment meetings. Members are reminded to bring their books to add new materials. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

### **XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on June 13, 2018 at the Ryder Conference Room, United Way Ansin Building.

### **XII. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Dan Wall**

**Second: Miguel Puente**

**Motion: Passed**

Mr. Iadarola adjourned the meeting at noon.