



#### **IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Ms. Jefferson opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

*“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; the floor was then closed.

#### **V. Review the Minutes of March 26, 2018**

Members reviewed the March 26, 2018 meeting minutes (copy on file). There were no changes.

**Motion to approve the March 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.**

**Moved: James Powell**

**Seconded: Sannita Vaughn**

**Motion: Passed**

#### **VI. Membership**

*Christina Bontempo*

Committee members reviewed a copy of the *Partnership and Committees Vacancy Report* dated May 2018 (copy on file) which outlines the vacancies remaining on all standing committees, subcommittees, and the Partnership.

Ms. Bontempo advised that the three applications for the Partnership are being processed by the Mayor’s office. A determination is anticipated before the June Partnership meeting.

James Powell advised he might consider sitting on another committee.

Ms. Bontempo noted that it is the Community Coalition Committee’s charge to recruit new members and the vacancies listed on the report are a guide as to where members are needed. It was also noted that committees are to have one-third representation of Affected Community members but other interested persons should also be encouraged to join. Currently, the composition of each committee and the Partnership includes at least one Affected Community member in the role of officer which is excellent, particularly for the Ryan White Program grant, but more members are needed.

Ms. Jefferson asked for a motion to accept the Vacancy Report as presented.

**Motion to accept the May 2018 Vacancy Report as presented.**

**Moved: Sannita Vaughn**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

#### **VII. Standing Business**

- **Partnership Report**

*Cameka Jefferson*

The committee received the April 16, 2018 *Partnership Report* (copy on file). It was noted that the Partnership voted on motions to recommend the appointment of the three applicants put forward by the committee in March.

- **Grantee Reports**

Members reviewed the Ryan White Program Part A/MAI; Part B; AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP); and State General Revenue reports (copies on file). These are the reports the committee has been trained on over the past year.

On the Part A report, the columns for allocations vs. expenditures were explained. It was noted that Part A expenditures are at 98.5% of the total budget and that the final expenditures should be known by the next meeting.

Ms. Bontempo advised that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), has received notice of the Final Award for Part A/MAI funding for the next fiscal year (February 1, 2018-March 30, 2019). The dollar amount has not been announced by OMB but will be known in time for the June Needs Assessment meeting.

Members noted that PAC Waiver transitions are still problematic for many clients, particularly those who had become used to depending on their Medical Case Managers for extra support. Mr. Pierre noted this is a time for clients to become their own advocates since the system is no longer in place to offer the same support it did under PAC Waiver. Ms. Bontempo noted that OMB is continuing to work with providers to educate them on the special needs of PLWHA.

On the General Revenue report, members asked for additional explanation of the Nursing Home Care and Home Health Care service categories; staff will get clarification for the next meeting.

▪ **Community Events Update**

*All*

- *AIDS Walk Miami (April 22)*

Although the event was rained out, members agreed it was a positive experience as far as meeting health company representatives (including Mt. Sinai Hospital), service providers, and other community advocates. Also many local legislators attended which was encouraging.

- *Other Events*

Ms. Bontempo advised that the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's (FDOH) Black Initiative Network and Hispanic Initiative Workgroup will host a street outreach event on June 22 in Florida City in response to National HIV Testing Day (NTD) (June 27). Members were shown the location of the event on the map. BSR staff agreed to staff the table at the event. The details will be emailed to members who would like to assist with staffing the table. Although there will not be a van going to event and the location is too far south for most members to travel it was agreed it is important to spread the word about the Partnership and Ryan White Program to the South Miami population.

Ms. Jones asked if members could speak about prevention at community events. Ms. Bontempo advised the Partnership collaborates with FDOH through the Prevention Committee and in community events. Generally, condom distribution is handled by FDOH but members can get a supply of condoms from FDOH and distribute them, if needed.

Ms. Jones noted that she attended a Memorial Day event with multiple vendors, food trucks and demonstrations.

**VIII. New Business**

▪ **Boston Planning Council Recruitment Video**

*All*

Members watched the Boston Planning Council Recruitment Video produced by the Boston Public Health Commission. The video is featured on the Target Center website. It includes some statistics

and member testimonials. A similar recruitment tool may be developed by the Partnership if resources allow. The video is online at <https://careacttarget.org/category/topics/consumer-involvement>.

▪ **New Strategies for Recruitment**

*All*

Mr. Pierre noted that putting out the Partnership table a couple of times a year at various locations should be helpful to promote the Partnership and increase membership. Staff noted that the NTD event is an example of the Partnership being out in the community.

Ms. Bontempo noted that the purpose of being out in the community is to promote awareness of the Ryan White Program and to gain membership for the Partnership and committees, and stressed that it is the committee's responsibility to bring in new members.

Members discussed the difficulties they have faced personally over being stigmatized and that it is hard for many PLWHA to move past stigmatization to become advocates. Many people who members encounter are not ready to get help controlling the virus, much less being involved in HIV-related activities and advocacy.

Mr. Powell noted that the Housing Committee reached out to South Dade residents in the past to assess housing needs and that the reception was not favorable.

Mr. Powell advised the Partnership had previously held small group forums for recruitment. Staff will research this and return to the next meeting with some data on those forums.

**IX. Announcements**

*All*

Sannita Vaughn announced FDOH has reached out the Willow women's group to find PLWHA women willing to disclose their status and help other women. The next Willow meeting is June 5 at Empower U, Inc. (Northside); contact is Alicia Miller.

Ms. Vaughn announced another ViiV Couch Talk is being held on August 1; contact is Angela Ortiz.

Ms. Vaughn announced a Caring Hearts Beach Party is being planning; date pending.

Mr. Powell announced the June 13 Care and Treatment Committee meeting is Part 3 of the Annual Needs Assessment. Flyers were available at the meeting (copy on file).

**X. Next Meeting**

*Cameka Jefferson*

Ms. Jefferson announced the next meeting is July 23, 2018 at Behavioral Science Research.

**XI. Adjournment**

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Synthia Mitchell**

**Seconded: James Powell**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.