

III. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the meeting agenda and accepted it as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: David Goldberg

Seconded: Miguel Puente

Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Downs 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 from the public. The floor was subsequently closed.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of July 16, 2018

Members reviewed and accepted the minutes of the Partnership meeting of July 16, 2018 as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting as presented.

Moved: Miguel Puente

Seconded: Stephen Herz

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership Report

The Partnership Vice Chair, Travis Neff, directed members to the Vacancy Report for August 2018 (copy on file) and advised that all committees have vacancies. Mr. Neff noted that one applicant is recommend for appointment to the Mental Health Provider seat; and one member, Lauren Locks, Part C Representative, has resigned.

VII. Reports

▪ Grantee Reports

- Ryan White Part A/MAI Program

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Ms. Valle-Schwenk directed the Partnership to the August 9, 2018 FY 2018 expenditures report for Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI), (copy on file), which includes reimbursements through June 2018.

All Ryan White Program (RWP) Part A/MAI contracts have been executed and invoicing is current.

Sweeps award and reduction letters were sent to subrecipients. The County Office of Management and Budget-Grants Coordination (OMB) staff are reviewing revised budgets and preparing related amendments.

The following service categories have a change to the reimbursement rate. Rate increases were made to support the added level of effort from the contracted subrecipients due to implementation of the Test & Treat / Rapid Access (TTRA) project. Increases are effective July 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019:

- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services reimbursement rate was increased to a 2.5 multiplier on Evaluation & Management procedures (i.e., office visits) from 2.0 (the first increase since 2013);

- Medical Case Management reimbursement rate was increased to \$1.15 per minute from \$1.00 per minute (the first increase since 2013); and
- Peer Education and Support Network reimbursement rate was increased to \$0.65 per minute from \$0.50 per minute (the first increase since 2009).

The TTRA process resumed in mid-July. The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) signed contracts with six Part A subrecipient agencies to have medications available on-site to facilitate same day access to medications.

Regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as of August 10, 2018, 1,189 clients are currently enrolled with ADAP as the ACA premium payer source for a 2018 plan year policy (for reference, more than 900 were served by ADAP in 2017); 508 clients are currently enrolled with Part A. Premiums for these clients have already been paid through December 2018 using ADAP pass-through funding (for reference, 699 were served by Part A in 2017). Total enrollment for ACA premium assistance for a 2018 plan year policy under ADAP and Part A is 1,697 clients at a projected annualized cost of \$13.7M (ADAP) and \$4.7M (Part A).

OMB is still planning to transfer all Part A ACA clients to ADAP and for ADAP to pay ACA insurance premiums for the 2019 plan year. To achieve this, all 508 clients currently receiving Part A premium payment assistance and any new clients wanting health insurance assistance for premiums must be fully enrolled in ADAP before October 31, 2018. Part A will not be paying for any premiums for the 2019 plan year.

The federal Program Terms Report was submitted on August 6, 2018. The Program Submissions Report is due August 21, 2018. One of five components for the report, the updated Clinical Quality Management Plan, is pending completion. OMB fully expects to meet the deadline.

Out of Network Referral forms are on the County website along with a list of contacts at the provider sites to facilitate access. The referral must be accompanied by the appropriate documentation to support eligibility. A current (not more than 6 months old) viral load test must also be included with the packet.

A new document (OON Demographics form) was added to help the County complete required RSR reporting (i.e., Client-level Services Data Report).

Currently, United Health Care, AIDS Healthcare Foundation's Positive Health Care, Simply Healthcare's Clear Health Alliance, and Aetna have expressed willingness to work with OMB through the process of transitioning clients to ACA. BSR and OMB staff have a coordination call schedule this month with AIDS Healthcare Foundation's Positive Health Care plan representatives to identify successes and challenges and update referral procedures as needed to improve the process for clients and staff.

IgG Pure and Ultra Meal Advance Protein are available through Miami Beach Community Health Center pharmacies as of July 1. FDOH may consider adding another provider agency at some point. The nutritional supplements can be accessed using Out of Network Referral forms and supporting documentation, or a Ryan White Certified Referral, plus the Ryan White Letter of Medical Necessity for nutritional supplements

The HRSA Grant guidance for RWP Part A/MAI funding was released on May 30, 2018; submission deadline is September 21, 2018; and the ceiling to request is \$27,889,754 (Part A - \$25,134,111; MAI - \$2,765,643).

OMB expects to release the Requests for Proposal for direct client services in September for contracts beginning March 1, 2019.

FDOH can no longer cover the cost of the meningitis vaccine since there is no outbreak or emergent health risk at this time. However, it is a recommended standard of care by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the local Part A/MAI Primary Medical Care Standards. The vaccine is available through Part A and MAI Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services in cases where RWP is the payer of last resort.

Member David Forrest acknowledged the excellent coordination between South Florida AIDS Network (SFAN) at Jackson Hospital and ADAP in assisting clients accessing care through the Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA Exchange). Dr. Forrest noted that even some participants who remain homeless with substance abuse issues have remained virally suppressed due to the collaboration between SFAN, ADAP, and the IDEA Exchange.

- **Ryan White Part B**

David Goldberg

The RWP Part B Reports for May and June 2018 were distributed (copies on file). Mr. Goldberg noted the reporting system is being repaired and therefore July data are not available. Staff noted that at the last meeting, only the May report was distributed so today's handouts provide the latest data.

- **ADAP Miami**

Javier Romero, M.D., MPH

Dr. Romero reviewed the *ADAP-Miami Report*, dated August 2018 (copy on file). Dr. Romero noted July 2018 totals for number of clients by Federal Poverty Level; pharmacy expenditures in July 2018; number of prescriptions filled; number of clients served; average cost per client; average number of prescriptions per client (increased from the previous months); CD4 and Viral Load indicators; new enrollments and reenrollments; and insurance premiums by month and by insurance type. The figures include some duplicate payments since some payments were processed manually in May and June. Electronic processing resumed in July; new data is pending. August invoices have not been processed; there have been approximately 500 clients served to date. Q-Flow data will resume next month.

Regarding refund checks being sent directly to clients, ADAP clients are instructed not to cash the checks but rather to bring checks to ADAP for processing. OMB also has been dealing with refund checks being sent to clients. Clients are supposed to return the checks; in one case a refund check was cashed and a repayment plan was set up for the client.

All RWP Part A/ACA clients should be transitioned to ADAP by October 31, 2018.

- **General Revenue**

LaQuanna Scott-Lightfoot

Ms. Scott-Lightfoot noted the unduplicated client counts, units of service and dollars spent per service category on the General Revenue (GR) report for June 2018 (copy on file).

The GR program is funding an additional four beds at the Salvation Army. It was noted that this is vital to helping PLWHA who are homeless and unstably housed as noted in the Part A Report. However, it was also noted that persons accessing the beds cannot be substance abusers and that many co-occurring conditions contribute to some PLWHA remaining homeless.

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

There were no updates to report.

▪ **Committee Reports**

The Committee Report was distributed (copy on file) for reference. There was one action item read into the record and voted:

- **Community Coalition Committee**

Travis Neff

The committee received, scored, and approved an application for Partnership membership to fill the Mental Health Provider seat from Dr. Luckner Denord, Jessie Trice Community Health Center. Dr. Luckner introduced himself and stated his interest in serving on the Partnership.

Motion to recommend the appointment of Dr. Luckner Denord as Mental Health Provider on the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.

Moved: Travis Neff

Second: Luigi Ferrer

Motion: Passed

Staff reminded members that the final determination for membership is made by the Mayor's office and this process can take several weeks or even months.

There were no action items from Care and Treatment, Strategic Planning, Housing, or Prevention Committees, as those committees have not met separately since the last Partnership meeting.

Members moved to accept all reports as presented.

Motion to accept the Membership, Grantee and Committee reports as presented.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Second: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

VIII. Standing Business

There were no Standing Business items on the agenda.

IX. New Business

▪ **Letter of Assurance (HRSA Grant)**

Ms. Valle-Schwenk advised the Letter of Assurance (copy on file) is an attachment to the RWP HRSA grant application and requires the signature of the Partnership Chair. Members reviewed the letter and voted to approve as presented for the Chair's signature.

Motion to approve the HRSA Grant Letter of Assurance, as presented, to be signed by the Partnership Chair.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Second: Travis Neff

Motion: Passed

▪ **Presentation: A Mind-body intervention to reduce symptoms among people aging with HIV**

Michael Fein, Research Coordinator at Florida International University (FIU), presented *QIGONG: A Mind-Body Intervention for Older People aging with HIV*, (copy on file). The presentation highlighted the special needs of the aging HIV-positive population, an explanation of the practice of qigong and its potential benefits to aging PLWH, and the objectives and structure of the FIU study. A sign-up sheet for interested persons was passed around the meeting following the presentation.

▪ **Presentation: 2018 Client Satisfaction Survey Results**

Petra Brock, Director of Research at BSR, presented *Ryan White Program 2018 Client Satisfaction Survey Preliminary Findings*, (copy on file). The presentation highlighted satisfaction by service category, subrecipient agency, front-line staff, communication and appointment response times, and unmet needs. Ms. Brock noted that these are preliminary data and that verbatim responses to open-ended questions, including unmet needs, will be incorporated in the final report. Each subrecipient will receive a report of their clients' responses.

Regarding unmet need for specialty care, the Medical Care Subcommittee has clearly defined allowable medical conditions requiring referrals to specialty care. All RWP subrecipients should be aware of those requirements.

Regarding adding additional providers for oral health care, Ms. Valle-Schwenk noted subrecipients must be non-profit agencies; subcontracting with additional oral health care providers may be possible following the new RWP RFP.

Regarding "comfort" level; the term was not defined; respondents were able to determine what "comfort" meant to them.

Ms. Brock noted the final report will be available to anyone who wishes to have a copy once it is completed.

X. Announcements

Christina Bontempo reminded members they are required to complete the Miami-Dade County Advisory Board Sexual Harassment Training as a condition of membership. Handouts with details were available at the meeting (copies on file). The date set for Partnership training is September 25; members unable to attend that date are asked to contact staff, if they have not done so already.

Sarah Kenneally announced the FDOH Request for Application guidance is available and applications are due September 4, 2018. A letter of support from the local DOH is required and Ms. Kenneally is working on getting those letters to providers.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018 at the United Way Ansin Building.

XII. Adjournment

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Second: Luigi Ferrer

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.