



Housing Committee Meeting
Edison Neighborhood Service Center, 150 NW 79nd Street,
Conference Room, Miami, FL 33150
March 15, 2018 Minutes

Approved May 17, 2018

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Alleyne, Karen	x	
2	Ausborn, James	x	
3	Barcnas, Rosalind		x
4	Clarke-Trotman, Pauline	x	
5	Gallardo, Enrique		x
6	Howell, Jonathan	x	
7	Laso, Carlos	x	
8	McFeely, John	x	
9	Mitchell, Synthia	x	
10	Powell, James L.	x	
11	Tazoe, Roberto	x	
12	Williams, April	x	
Quorum: 5			

Guests	
Donald Crews	
Marvin Ellis	
Kitaina Gabriel	
Francisco Gomez	
Krystyna Manso	
Patera Robinson	
Jeral Valdivra	
Stephen Williams	
Staff	
Marlen Meizoso	

I. Call to Order

James Ausborn, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

John McFeely identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals. Mr. McFeely also reviewed some meeting housekeeping reminders to inform guests and members of meeting procedures.

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda and accepted it as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Synthia Mitchell

Second: Carlos Laso

Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Ausborn 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.

There were no comments so the floor was closed.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of January 18, 2018

The committee reviewed the minutes of January 18, 2018 and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 18, 2018 as presented.

Moved: James Powell

Second: Roberto Tazoe

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file) and indicated that there were 12 vacancies. Requirements for membership are listed on the vacancy report. Anyone interested in becoming a member can contact staff. She also indicated Pauline Clarke-Trotman was terming off the committee after today's meeting.

VII. Reports

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs Update**

Roberto Tazoe

Roberto Tazoe indicated that there have been no changes to the program. They are still on number 235 on the Long Term Rental Assistance Program waitlist. He was recently on a call with the Director of the National HOPWA program and HUD representatives discussing the local area's strategy for the funding cuts the program will face, totaling \$2.5 million dollars over the next five years. The strategy thus far is through attrition, such that those clients who leave the program will not be replaced.

The Short Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) program is open and two families have been assisted.

A question was asked regarding future plans. Mr. Tazoe indicated that since there is no federal budget authorized it is impossible to gauge next steps. Once a budget is approved planning can begin. The program loses 30-50 units a year.

The BAME project still has no updates. Three different developers have reviewed the property but no one has indicated they would work with the program.

Department of Capital Improvements issued an RFP for the Life Quest properties but Mr. Tazoe did not have the results. He indicated he can provide an update at the next meeting.

Carlos Laso asked if any of the remaining clients on the HOPWA waitlist are chronically homeless. Mr. Tazoe was not sure but he can share the information with the Homeless Trust. If so, those clients might be placed in housing.

VIII. Standing Business

None.

IX. New Business

- **2016 Epi Profile**

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed selected sides from the 2016 Epi Profile (copy on file). The prevalence as of 2016 was 26,975 which is a 2.4% increase over last year. The majority of cases are male. Blacks are disproportionately affected in comparison to the general population in Miami-Dade County (i.e. 16% of

population but 44% of AIDS cases diagnosed in 2016). HIV deaths have dropped by 53% in the last 10 years.

X. Announcements

Staff provided Ms. Clark-Trotman with a certificate of appreciation for having served six years on the committee. She thanked the committee for their work, and committee members expressed their regard for Ms. Clark-Trotman.

Ms. Meizoso reviewed the meeting calendars for March and April (copy on file).

Mr. Tazoe indicates that for PAC Waiver clients needing a case manager to remain eligible for HOPWA, there will be a moratorium on the requirement for paperwork to be completed by a case manager until the issue can be resolved. If there are questions regarding this, Natasha Bordes or Roberto Tazoe may be contacted.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 19, 2018, at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Karen Allenye

Second: John McFeely

Motion: Passed

The meeting ended at 2:48 p.m.