



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting  
 United Way Ansin Building, 3250 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,  
 Conference Room A  
 July 27, 2018**

*Approved August 24, 2018*

|                  | <b>Members</b>        | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1                | Bannister, Christina  |                | X             |
| 2                | Bowen-McDuffey, Toni  | X              |               |
| 3                | Cortes, Wanda         |                | X             |
| 4                | Keller, Mark          | X              |               |
| 5                | Locks, Lauren         |                | X             |
| 6                | Martinez, Frances     | X              |               |
| 7                | McFeely, John         | X              |               |
| 8                | Nolasco-Warden, Maria | X              |               |
| 9                | Palacios, Carlos      | X              |               |
| 10               | Romero, Javier        | X              |               |
| 11               | Santiago, Steven      |                | X             |
| 12               | Valle-Schwenk, Carla  | X              |               |
| 13               | Vasquez, Silvana      | X              |               |
| <b>Quorum: 5</b> |                       |                |               |

| <b>Guests</b>         |                |
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| Kimberly Clark        |                |
| Tyler Johnson         |                |
| Virgil Lijfrock       |                |
| Ana M. Nieto          |                |
| Victoria Carney Paine |                |
| Ray Sawaged           |                |
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| <b>Staff</b>          |                |
| Petra Brock-Getz      | Marlen Meizoso |

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Dr. Maria Nolasco-Warden, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**II. Resource Persons**

Dr. Nolasco-Warden indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource individuals.

**III. Review/Approve Agenda**

The subcommittee reviewed the agenda and accepted it as presented

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

**Moved: Dr. Frances Martinez**

**Seconded: Carlos Palacios**

**Motion: Passed**

**IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Dr. Nolasco-Warden read the following: *“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, so the floor was closed.

**V. Review/Approve Minutes of May 25, 2018**

Members reviewed the minutes and accepted them as presented.

**Motion to accept the minutes of May 25, 2018.**

**Moved: John McFeely**

**Seconded: Dr. Frances Martinez**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Membership**

*Marlen Meizoso*

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). There are eleven vacancies on the Medical Care Subcommittee, including several for PLWHAs, a physician, a case manager, a substance abuse provider, and a mental health provider. Janelle Job resigned from the committee. Interested individuals can attend a subcommittee meeting, contact staff for more information or attend the next new member orientation scheduled for August 7, 2018.

**VII. Reports**

- Ryan White Program Update

*Carla Valle-Schwenk*

Carla Valle-Schwenk reviewed the Ryan White Program expenditures as of 7/3/2018 (copy on file). The expenditures are low but will return to normal by next month, since all contracts but one have been executed. Almost all expenses have been processed. The grant guidance was released and the grant is due September 25. The RFP for direct services for 2019 is also being worked on and should be release in early September. The County is working on finalizing a few reports. Sweeps reallocation #1 amendments are being worked on. The Department of Health is no longer covering the meningitis vaccine so the Part A program will pay for it since CDC still recommends its usage. A letter to providers discussing this change in payer will be sent out shortly. Nutritional supplements (IgG and Ultra Meal) are now being covered by the Department of Health via the Miami-Beach Community Health Care Center. An additional provider contract is being worked on to assist with the nutritional supplements. ViiV Health Care is no longer paying for the tropism test. The State Department of Health is looking into possibly covering the cost of the test. There were few clients tested in Miami-Dade. More information on this item will be shared as available.

- Partnership Report (reference only)

*Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso requested the subcommittee review the July Partnership report, and if there were any questions to forward them to staff (copy on file).

- Expenditure Reports

- ADAP Update

*Javier Romero*

Dr. Romero reviewed the July 2018 ADAP report (copy on file). Dr. Romero noted that January re-enrollments are due in July. Total clients as of 7/2/18 totaled 5,095. The pharmacy expenditures for June were \$2,500,353.40 for 6,354 prescriptions and 2,850 patients. ADAP indicators and information on Premium Plus/ACA-MP clients are pending. In June, there were 76 new clients and 837 re-enrollments. Table 10 detailed the enhancements to the program from 2017-2018. The Q/Flow Patient information is pending. There have been more prescriptions dispensed with the expansion of the formulary.

In a few months, 520 Part A clients will be transferred to ADAP for insurance premium payments. The program will need to work with Medical Case Managers to ensure these clients meet ADAP eligibility completely so they can access services. The ADAP program requires at least one antiretroviral medication to be prescribed. Clients who are enrolled in studies can still get other medications from ADAP but they would be placed on suspension and a notion will be made in their file.

## VIII. Standing Business

- Subcommittee Composition

*All*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the current composition of the subcommittee (copy on file). The subcommittee had indicated at their last meeting that they wanted to expand categories to allow for an ARNP or Physician Assistant. The subcommittee reviewed the current assignments and decided that instead of removing categories to change the category title and definition, that the category of "Physicians" should be changed to "Licensed Medical Providers (i.e. MD, DO, ARNP, PA)," which would allow for other licensed medical professionals to become members.

**Motion to request the Partnership allow the Medical Care Subcommittee to change the composition from Physician to Licensed Medical Provider (i.e. MD, DO, ARNP, PA).**

**Moved: Dr. Mark Keller**

**Second: Carlos Palacios**

**Motion: Passed**

- Mental Health Dear Colleague Letter

*All*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the draft "Dear Colleague" letter promoting access and awareness of mental health services in the Ryan White Program (copy on file). The subcommittee received a copy for review via email. The only comment received was to add depression which was added to the version reviewed at the meeting. Additional recommendations to the letter were made:

- ✓ Add 'as long as Ryan White is payer of last resort';
- ✓ Keep name of service consistent: outpatient/ambulatory specialty care;
- ✓ Indicate steps if client don't have a Medical Case Manager, contact CQM program or County;
- ✓ Keep name of program consistent: Ryan White Program
- ✓ Add phrase 'list of available providers included in this letter';
- ✓ Remove additional spaces.

A revised draft of the letter will be brought to the next meeting.

- Testosterone Formulations

*All*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the changes to the Letter of Medical Necessity for Testosterone. In addition, an article on low testosterone from the Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism was shared (copies on file). Subcommittee members received a copy of draft letter via email prior to the meeting. All the requested changes were made. The only concern was regarding the definition of low testosterone, since it usually not a set number but rather a range. The subcommittee suggests the following changes:

- Strike 'potential for' and 'replace with worsening of';
- Remove the calculated free testosterone figure and leave verbiage;
- Add labs to include as (testosterone: total and free, CBC, PSA)
- The footnote will be removed but referenced in the cover letter to the document;
- The footnote revision date will be updated with final approval;
- Include in the cover letter regarding the changes to the LOMN the importance of having testosterone testing in the morning.

A revised draft will be presented at the next meeting.

- Mental Health Modalities: hypnotherapy and Reiki

*All*

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that hypnotherapy and Reiki were discussed at the last meeting. The Subcommittee requested to know if there were any billable codes for either modality. Mrs. Meizoso

indicated that she was unable to find a CPT code for Reiki. Hypnotherapy does have a CPT code (90880) but is for psychiatric usage. The subcommittee felt that there was not sufficient scientific data to approve moving forward with the addition of two additional modalities at this time.

#### **IX. New Business**

- Tropism Testing and Monogram Bioscience *All*

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that the County had already announced that ViiV Health Care is no longer paying for the Tropism Test. Monogram Biosciences indicated they could make a presentation to the subcommittee on the other testing they do. Staff will contact them to see how long they need. A max of one hour can be allocated but staff will strive to see if 40 minutes would suffice. One representative from each agency should be invited to attend the presentations.

- Standing Orders for Viral Load Labs *All*

Mrs. Meizoso indicated PIAT had wanted the subcommittee to consider requiring a standing order at 5 months for requesting viral load lab tests, to ensure clients meet the required 6 month deadline. This would provide sufficient time for clients to get labs and improve retention in care rates. Medical Case Managers should have a tickler reminder for clients' labs. A short 'Dear Colleague' letter from Medical Care Subcommittee should be written recommending this item. A draft letter will be brought to the next meeting.

A member requested information on HPV testing vs. PAP smears testing as they relate to standards of care. This information will be brought to the next meeting.

#### **X. Announcements**

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the August and September calendars (copy on file). The United Way is undergoing construction over the next three weeks so depending on the status of the project the subcommittee may need to be moved. If warranted, staff will forward any change in location.

Victoria Paine announced the Village has a new outpatient program for MSMs 18-29 years old, regardless of HIV status, which provides home therapy, medical case management, testing and vaccination for Hepatitis. This project is part of a five year SAMSHA grant. Contact information was shared (copy on file).

#### **XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is August 24, 2018 at the United Way Ansin Building.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Moved: Carla Valle-Schwenk**

**Second: Dr. Frances Martinez**

**Motion: Passed**

Dr. Nolasco-Warden adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.