



Housing Committee Meeting
Edison Neighborhood Service Center, 150 NW 79nd Street,
Conference Room, Miami, FL 33150
March 21, 2019 Minutes

Approved July 18, 2019

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2	Barcnas, Rosalind		X																	
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4	Herz, Stephen	X																		
5	Howell, Jonathan		X																	
6	Laso, Carlos		X																	
7	McFeely, John	X																		
8	Mitchell, Synthia		X																	
9	Tazoe, Roberto	X																		
10	Williams, April																			
Quorum: 4																				

I. Call to Order

Stephen Herz, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

John McFeely identified Mrs. Marlen Meizoso and Ms. Abigail Schmelz, Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff, as the resource individuals.

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda and made a motion to accept it as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: Roberto Tazoe

Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Herz 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.

A guest indicated that they had not heard any reports from the HOPWA program recently. While there are challenges with the program, viable suggestions should be offered to address housing issues.

No additional comments were made.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of January 17, 2018

The committee reviewed the minutes of January 17, 2019 and corrections to Kyteina Gabriel's name were made.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 17, 2019 with the change noted.

Moved: John Mcfeely

Second: Karen Alleyne

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the March vacancies and indicated that there were 14 vacancies on the Housing Committee.

Members were reminded that if they knew of any individuals interested in the Housing Committee, they can contact staff. To become a member of this or any other Partnership committee, individuals interested in the work of the committee must live in Miami-Dade County and be qualified Miami-Dade voters. Interested individuals can also attend the next new member orientation on May 8, 2019. Details are located on the meeting calendar.

VII. Reports

- Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs Update (LTRA, Project Based, STRMU)

Roberto Tazoe

Roberto Tazoe indicated that the new grant year starts in October. Currently there is an RFP out for three service categories (LTRA, Project Based and STRMU). Thus far 15 agencies have applied but their replies are under review.

Under the LTRA tenant based program, additional 12-13 clients have been called off the waitlist. The current waitlist number is 369. An additional 5-6 more clients may be able to be called shortly, bringing the waitlist number to 375. Because the waitlist names have been on for several years, contacting clients is challenging. Emergency contacts and case managers listed have been contacted, but many of their numbers are no longer valid. Clients on the waitlist are required to provide the program with any updates to their information. The hope is that in less than a year the waitlist will be exhausted. One of the issues the program faces is that housing costs go up but funding has been level. Based on the consolidated plan last year, 850 clients were served under LTRA, 30 clients were served under STRMU and 32 clients were served by the project based program.

There was question about the Fair Market Rates (FMRs) for 2019. Mr. Tazoe indicated that a 1 bedroom is listed at \$1,147, 2 bedrooms at \$1,454 and efficiency at \$951. Mrs. Meizoso indicated she will bring a copy of the FMR figures to the next meeting.

Mr. Tazoe explained that the STRMU program is open but being underutilized. STRMU (Short Term Rental, Mortgage and Utility Assistance) is a short term program intended to prevent homelessness.

The project based program is at full capacity.

VIII. Standing Business

- HOPWA Clients Transitioning from Medicaid Managed Care Plans

Alicia Apfel

Alicia Apfel provided an update on the HOPWA clients transiting from Medicaid PAC Waiver. Some agencies have reported problems getting information for clients. Out of 827 clients, 81% replied to the survey requests. Reports need to be reviewed to track down missing clients. If a case manager's name

and numbers were provided, information could be accessed. There were 220 clients who did not reply to the survey (187 ex-PAC waiver clients and 33 former Ryan White clients), but of these persons 97 ex-PAC waiver clients and 13 former Ryan White clients could identify their current plans. A possible consent form could be created and given to clients to allow the program to contact the MMA plans. Some clients appear to have Medicare and are not dual Medicare and Medicaid eligible.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the items in the meeting packet, including the Partnership report, Needs Assessment meetings flyer, Community Coalition Committee Dinner meeting, and changes to the April and May calendars. The Care and Treatment meeting for April 4, 2019, has been cancelled.

In addition, Mrs. Meizoso announced that Rob Collins left fliers announcing the All Hands on Deck event benefiting Hope Inc.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2019, at the Edison Neighborhood Service Center.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: John McFeely

Second: Roberto Tazoe

Motion: Passed

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.