



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
 United Way Ansin Building,
 3250 SW 3rd Avenue, Conf. Room C
 August 23, 2019**

Approved September 27, 2019

	Members	Present	Absent
1	Bowen-McDuffey, Toni		X
2	Cortes, Wanda	X	
3	Downs, Frederick	X	
4	Goubeaux, Robert	X	
5	Martinez, Frances	X	
6	McFeely, John		X
7	Palacios, Carlos	X	
8	Romero, Javier	X	
9	Torres, Johann	X	
10	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	X	
11	Vasquez, Silvana		X
Quorum: 5			

Guests	
Crystal Lopez	
Ana Maria Nieto	
David Pourier	
Sam Quintero	
Staff	
Robert Ladner	Abigail Schmelz
Marlen Meizoso	

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Dr. Frances Martinez, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Carlos Palacios indicated Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource persons.

III. Review/Approve Agenda

The subcommittee reviewed the agenda and accepted it as presented.

Motion to accept the agenda.

Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr.

Second: Carlos Palacios

Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Dr. Martinez 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 July 26, 2019

Members reviewed the minutes of July 26, 2019 and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of July 26, 2019, as presented.

Moved: Carlos Palacios

Second: Frederick Downs, Jr.

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso

- Vacancies Report

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report (copy on file). The report is from August 20, 2019. There are 13 vacancies listed on the Medical Care Subcommittee, including several for people with HIV; two for an MD, DO, APRN, or PA; two for a medical case manager; a substance abuse provider; a mental health provider and a general seat. If anyone knows of qualified members, please have them contact staff or attend a meeting.

VII. Reports

- Ryan White Program

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk referenced the current Ryan White Program expenditures as of 7/30/2019 (copy on file) in the meeting packets. One contract is pending execution. A new MIS system has been contracted and will overlap with the old contractor for six months. Enrollment will be centralized and enrollment dates for ADAP and Ryan White Part A will concur so clients only have to go to their Case Managers twice a year for re-enrollment.

The HRSA site visit report is pending. Issues with understanding program rules and program income were discussed at the July Subrecipient Forum.

Carryover funds were requested and a reply is expected shortly.

From July 2, 2018- August 2, 2019, 850 clients came through the Test and Treat protocol. Of those who went through the Test and Treat process, 35 declined and 695 (82%) received prescriptions. While Symtuza has not been approved as part of the Test and Treat protocol, yet a free thirty day trial is available from Janssen. Information on this free trial will be forwarded to interested parties.

A letter regarding access to vaccines in the Part A program is being worked on and should be sent out by next week.

The state Department of Health (DOH) will be surveying Part A programs about vaccine access.

- Partnership Reports (reference only)

Mrs. Meizoso directed the subcommittee to the Partnership report (copy on file), which detailed the actions by the Partnership.

- Expenditure Reports

- ADAP Update

Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the July 2019 ADAP report (copy on file). On Table 4: there are 5,844 in the program. The pharmacy expenditures for July were \$2,687,804.42 for 8,317 prescriptions and 2,948 patients. ADAP indicators were reviewed. Reenrollments in July were 1,111 and 76 new enrollments. Table 8 indicated Premium Plus information on the 1,811 clients who had \$1,703,624.24 premiums paid. Table 9 and 11 indicated insurance types and status of the Part A clients transferred to ADAP. Table 10 indicates enhancements to the program, on 8/19/19 the CVS Specialty Pharmacy pilot program started dispensing

medications. Clients have been asked about accessing the CVS Specialty Pharmacy and thus far 75% have chosen to stay at the West Perrine pharmacy.

There was a question regarding the ADAP checklist for clients enrolling in ADAP. Dr. Romero announced that the list is available on the new website, www.ADAPMiami.com. The issue will also be presented at the next Case Management Supervisor training.

VIII. Standing Business

- August Oral Health Care Workgroup Item *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso explained that there are no Oral Health Care Workgroup items to discuss at today's meeting. Because the Oral Health Care Workgroup sunset earlier in the year, the Care and Treatment Committee/Partnership agreed to have Oral Health Care Workgroup items placed on the Medical Care Subcommittee agenda. Items will be placed quarterly. If there are any items to discuss, Oral Health Care Dental Members will be invited to the discussion. The item will appear again on the November agenda.

- Hormone Therapy for Gender Dysphoria and the RW Prescription Drug Formulary *All*

Mrs. Meizoso explained that the *Hormone Therapy Available For Gender Dysphoria* document had been updated to include estimated yearly cost (copy on file). Wanda Cortes provided the estimates and reviewed the document. The Subcommittee reviewed the medication to ensure clients have access to at least to one type (oral, topical or injectable) of hormones while ensuring products are not cost prohibitive. Some hormones are already covered by either General Revenue or the ADAP program. The subcommittee recommended adding both a patch and gel option to testosterone for those clients who have issues with intermuscular injections.

Motion to add a testosterone gel and patch to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary.

Moved: Dr. Robert Goubeaux **Second: Dr. Johann Torres** **Motion: Passed**

Under the feminizing hormones, four options were offered: two estradiols (one oral and one injectable) and two androgen blockers.

Motion to add estradiol (oral), estradiol valerate (Delestrogen), spironolactone and finasteride to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary.

Moved: Wanda Cortes **Second: Carlos Palacios** **Motion: Passed**

IX. New Business

- Letter of Medical Necessity for Testosterone *All*

Mrs. Meizoso distributed a copy of the Letter of Medical Necessity for Testosterone with the addition of a box to check for gender dysphoria (copy on file). The Subcommittee reviewed the letter and decided not to add gender dysphoria. A disclaimer will be added to the top of the letter indicated that it is not needed for clients with gender dysphoria. Physicians will need to include a note in the patient file and on the prescription that the hormone medication is for gender dysphoria.

- Service Descriptions: Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services and AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance *All*

The subcommittee discussed the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services service and AIDS Pharmaceuticals Assistance service description (copies on file). The following updates were suggested:

- Pg 78 Advanced Registered Nurse Practioner (ARNP): now "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)"
- Pg 81 under Program Operations Requirements: bullet three needs to be updated to reflect the language in the Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards
- Pg. 82 Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards for Chart Review (title) needs to be corrected.

The Subcommittee discussed whether or not to change the restriction on urgent care access as part of the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services service description. The Subcommittee determined to keep the service description with the current restriction.

Motion to leave the current restriction on urgent cares on page 76 of the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services service description.

Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr.

Second: Dr. Robert Goubeaux

Motion: Passed

- Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative

All

Mrs. Meizoso explained that there is an Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic (EtHE) Initiative event taking place today at Jesse Trice Community Health Center, and there is a HRSA webinar on the EtHE later this afternoon (copy on file). Miami-Dade County can apply for a grant to address pillars two and four. Anyone with suggested initiatives can forward them to the County or staff.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso explained that the Suboxone discussion will be taking place next month.

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed September and October calendars (copies on file). She also announced that this month's Community Coalition Committee meeting will be held at Empower U; flyers are available for distribution.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is at 9:00 a.m. on September 27, 2019 at the United Way Ansin Building in Conference Room C.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Frederick Downs, Jr.

Second: Carlos Palacios

Motion: Passed

Dr. Martinez adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.