

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.

No comments were made, so the floor was closed.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of August 1, 2019

The committee reviewed the minutes of August 1, 2019 and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the August 1, 2019 minutes

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Vanessa Mills

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Marlen Meizoso

- Vacancy Report

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the October 2019 vacancy report (copy on file). There are eight vacancies on the Care and Treatment Committee. If anyone knows of qualified persons who can serve as members, please have them contact staff or invite them to the next New Member Orientation meeting in December.

VII. Reports

- *Ryan White Program Update*

Dan Wall

Dan Wall referenced the Part A/MAI expenditure report (print date 10/1/2019: copy on file).

The County is working with the new management information system (PROVIDE) for a go live date of 3/1/2020. User test groups will be held in October.

The carryover request has been received and contract amendments are in process.

The Part A/MAI grant was submitted three days before the deadline.

Through the month of September, 976 clients have accessed TTRA.

While there have been improvements in communication with the FDOH-MDC, there have been recent issues raised throughout the state by other Part A programs which HRSA has been informed about. The State DOH has reached out to improve communications and is scheduling conference calls with Part A/MAI every other month. There will also be an opportunity to have face-to-face conversations before the next FCPN meeting and at-large Part A seats are being designated.

The County will be working on the Ending the Epidemic cooperative agreement which will last five years. When the funds are received County, appropriate procurement processes will be undertaken.

After reviewing all the input provided there are four areas that the County will focus on:

- 1) Housing/job training-job training program with rental stipend.
- 2) Telehealth program-combining outpatient medical care, medical case management, mental health and substance abuse counseling;
- 3) ER/Hospital Clinic outreach program-mobile team to assist connecting clients to care; and
- 4) Crisis response team-work with FDOH DIS workers to address 'hot spots' of epidemic.

▪ *ADAP Report*

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the August 2019 report (copy on file) since the September report is still being worked on. On Table 4: there are 5,886 clients in the program. The pharmacy expenditures for August were \$2,719,435.65 for 8,439 prescriptions and 3,011 patients. ADAP indicators were reviewed. Reenrollments in August were 869 and there were 91 new enrollments. Table 8 indicated Premium Plus information on the 1,827 clients, who had \$1,715,666.75 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 but no new items are listed.

▪ *Part B Update*

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the July report (copy on file). For the services listed 249 clients were served at a cost of \$140,233.01. If there are any questions, these can be directed to staff.

▪ *Medical Care Subcommittee*

Marlen Meizoso

The Medical Care Subcommittee:

Heard updates from Part A, ADAP and General Revenue.

Concluded extensive discussion on hormone therapy for gender dysphoria. The Subcommittee added hormone replacement therapy under endocrinology to the allowable conditions list with a restriction that these items are for "individuals of trans experience."

Motion to add "hormone replacement therapy" to the allowable conditions list.

Moved: Dan Wall

Second: Dr. Diego Schmuels

Motion: Passed

Motion to add "for individuals of trans experience" to hormone replacement therapy on the allowable conditions list.

Moved: Dan Wall

Second: Dr. Diego Schmuels

Motion: Passed

After reviewing hormone options, the Subcommittee made two recommendations for both masculinizing and feminizing hormones. Physicians will need to document the diagnosis of gender dysphoria in the patient files and on the prescriptions for the hormones. For testosterone medications, both a gel and patch were added to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary.

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

Moved: Dan Wall

Second: Dr. Diego Schmuels

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: Dan Wall

Second: Dr. Diego Schmuels

Motion: Passed

Discussed Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services and AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance service descriptions. The only changes recommended were updates to language.

Discussed the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative.

Invited substance use disorder professionals to discuss the role of Suboxone in the treatment of opiate-based substance use disorders, and to recommend its addition to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary. Suboxone is commonly used to lessen opioid withdrawal symptoms, and to encourage abstinence from opioid drug use. The subcommittee had a very animated discussion of the current opioid addiction programs at Ryan White providers and the need for additional resources. The subcommittee made a motion to add Suboxone to the formulary, with a strong recommendation that it be accompanied by substance abuse outpatient counseling.

Motion to add Suboxone to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary as payer of last resort, with a strong recommendation that it be accompanied by substance abuse outpatient counseling.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Second: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

Recommended a letter be sent to the Florida Department of Health AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), encouraging the ADAP program to consider adding Suboxone to the ADAP formulary.

Motion to encourage the Partnership to send a letter to the State ADAP program to add Suboxone to the ADAP formulary.

Moved: Dan Wall

Second: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

Recommended formulation restrictions because of abuse potential with buprenorphine and naloxone (Suboxone) recommended for non-pregnant patients and buprenorphine for pregnant patients, since naloxone may cause fetal distress.

Motion to add buprenorphine and naloxone (Suboxone) for individuals diagnosed with substance use disorder who are not pregnant, and buprenorphine for pregnant individuals.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Second: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

Discussed what additional antiretroviral medications could be offered under TTRA for individuals of childbearing potential. Based on recommendations by Dr. Jeff Beal (FDOH), the subcommittee agreed to recommend three additional medications for the TTRA protocol.

Motion to recommend to the Department of Health to add Truvada, Isentress and Prezista to their TTRA protocol for individuals of childbearing potential.

Moved: Dr. Diego Schmuels

Second: Miguel Puente

Motion: Passed

The next subcommittee meeting will be October 25, 2019.

- *Partnership Report (reference only)*

Miguel Puente

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

VIII. Standing Business

- *Local Pharmacy Workgroup Follow-up*

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso explained that with the termination of the Local Pharmacy Workgroup earlier in the year, the Care and Treatment was tasked with addressing any residual issues. Three replies (State DOH, Local DOH and Medicaid) were received and will need to be addressed.

- *Formulary Crosswalk*

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero explained that the formulary crosswalk was one of the items request by the Local Pharmacy Workgroup to be developed. The local Department of Health (DOH) has taken the lead and built upon the work of Ray Sawaged from Miami Beach Community Health (copy on file). The crosswalk lists the medications in a searchable excel spreadsheet which indicates if a medication is on the Part A, ADAP or General Revenue formularies, and links to the Medicaid formulary. The crosswalk is housed on the local ADAP website. There are restrictions to having anything more complicated because of DOH IT and financial restrictions.

- *Letter Replies*

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Mrs. Meizoso previously mentioned three letters were received and shared electronically with the committee. The first letter is from the Local DOH (FDOH-MDC). There are three points addressed, one of which was the formulary crosswalk. All other items can be taken under advisement. The second letter is from the State DOH (FDOH) and has seven points. Two additional documents referenced in the FDOH document and previously requested by the Local Pharmacy Workgroup were sent to Committee members electronically. The last letter is the reply from the Medicaid program. It was requested that these items be added to the agenda for discussion next month, to allow members more time to review the documents.

IX. New Business

- *2019 Client Satisfaction Results*

Clarice Evans

Clarice Evans reviewed the 2019 Client Satisfaction Survey Results (copy on file). A total of 507 interviews were conducted. This year clients were directly contacted by BSR, interviewing RWP clients from a pool of clients who had signed a consent to contact form. This provided a sample which was more like the Ryan White population. Overall, RWP clients appear to be less “very satisfied” than in past.

- *Ending the Epidemic Updates*

Karen Iglesias

The local Department of Health Ending the Epidemic grant runs October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020. The Department was awarded \$70,000 and must complete their draft plan by the end of year. The Department will be doing a needs assessment, situational analysis, key informant interviews, town halls and online community forums. A countywide survey will also be distributed. Members were encouraged to complete and share the survey with others. Ms. Iglesias indicated she will be coming to meetings quarterly to give feedback on the status of the plan.

X. Announcements

Victor Gonzalez announced that Latino Salud was hosting a potluck in Wilton Manor. For more information on obtaining tickets, he can be contacted.

Mrs. Meizoso also reviewed the October and November calendars (copies on file).

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2019.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Second: Dr. Diego Schmuels

Motion: Passed

Mr. Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.