



**Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Clinical Quality Management Team  
Zoom Virtual Meeting  
February 22, 2022**

Agency	Members
Borinquen Medical Centers (BMC)	Rosemonde Francis
BMC	Rhonda Wright
Care 4 U Community Health Center (CHC)	Monte Brown
Care 4 U CHC	Vanessa Mills
Care Resource Community Health Center (CRCHC)	Robert Chavez
CRCHC	Rafael Jimenez
CRCHC	Ariel Williams
Empower U Community Health Center	Rose Marcial
EUCHC	Kirk Palmer

Agency	Members
Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC)	Guillermo Fernandez
Office of Management and Budget-Ryan White Program (OMB-RWP)	Ana Nieto
OMB-RWP	Nelly Rodriguez
University of Miami – Comprehensive AIDS Program (UM-CAP)	Karen Hilton
UM CAP	Sonya Brown-Boyne
UM CAP	Samantha Ross
<b>Behavioral Science Research (BSR) Staff</b>	
Barbara Kubilus	
Susy Martinez	
Jimmy Hernandez	

Note that documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the meeting, at <http://aidsnet.org/cqm-documents/>

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Ms. Rhonda Wright, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Members noted their presence by indicating "Here" or "Present" in the chat box.

**III. Review Agenda/Minutes**

The committee reviewed today's agenda and the meeting minutes from October 26, 2021. No changes were made, both items were approved. Next steps from the last meeting minutes were reviewed.

**I. Icebreaker activity**

*Barbara Kubilus*

Barbara Kubilus engaged the MAI CQM Team members in an icebreaker activity. The members participated in a "what are you doing this weekend" activity in which members were encouraged to share what they had planned for the weekend similar to how they would plan for a quality improvement project.

**IV. MAI Innovation Presentations**

***University of Miami Comprehensive AIDS (UM-CAP) Program*** -Sonya Boyne and Karen Hilton presented UM CAP's MAI innovation update. Ms. Boyne stated that their MAI client scope now includes 7 populations:

- Hispanic MMSC above the age of 19 years
- African American/Haitian male heterosexual
- African American/Haitian MMSC
- African American/Haitian female
- African American and Hispanic females of child-bearing age with comorbidities
- African American heterosexual males with high-risk sexual behaviors
- African American and Hispanic MMSCs transitioning into adult HIV care

UM CAP's innovation includes culturally appropriate intensive medical case management using motivational interviewing techniques paired with an integrated approach to care in which clients receive more frequent interactions and all providers (medical, mental health, etc.) are involved in case consultations to identify, address, prevent, and/or reduce barriers to care. They have instituted a protocol tailoring the frequency of the engagement, care coordination, and case consultations that the MCM and Peer has with their MAI population (copy on file). UM CAP continues to partner with the Infectious Disease Elimination Act Needle Exchange Program (IDEA) and AIDS Clinical Research Unit (ACRU) as the main source of their referrals.

***Care 4 U Community Health Center***

Vanessa Mills presented Care 4 U's MAI Program Innovation update. Ms. Mills stated that their MAI population includes Black and Hispanic Heterosexuals, MMSC and Transgender with high acuity levels of care. Care 4 U drilled down on their 39 MAI clients and focused on the 13 unsuppressed clients. During the drilling down process, they identified five key factors that impact viral load. Ms. Mills reviewed the following factors:

- Nine (9) clients are active substance abusers
- Eleven (11) clients are homeless
- Ten (10) clients have zero income
- Twelve (12) clients have mental health issues

- Twelve (12) clients have transportation issues

They are actively enrolling clients who are not virally suppressed and incentivizing clients when they become unsuppressed (non-Ryan White Program funding) using the Care 4 U MAI Innovation Project Getting to Zero Agreement. Thus far, they have enrolled 4 clients in the Getting to Zero incentive program with the goal of an increase in viral suppression levels among their population.

#### **V. Chair and Vice Chair Voting**

The MAI CQM Team Committee members voted for the chair and vice-chair using the polling feature on Zoom. The new chair of the CQM committee is Rose Marcial from Empower U and the new vice-chair of the committee is Robert Chavez from Care Resource.

#### **VI. Next Steps**

- The remaining MAI subrecipients will present their MAI innovations at the next MAI CQM Team meeting.

#### **VII. Evaluation**

Participants completed evaluation questions via a Zoom poll. There was 100% participant response rate; 100% of the participants felt that the goals outlined in the meeting agenda were met and 100% of the participants are looking forward to the next meeting.

#### **VIII. Announcements**

Ms. Martinez encouraged CQM Committee members to complete the Integrated Plan Community Engagement Survey (copy on file).

**Next Meeting -Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2022, via Zoom.**