



Housing Committee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research, 2121 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Ste. 230
Coral Gables, FL 33134 and via Zoom
November 18, 2021

Approved March 17, 2022

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Ade, Rose	x		Carol Sanders
2	Alleyne, Karen	x*		
3	Burks, Laurie Ann	x		
4	Gabriel, Kytaina	x		
5	Herz, Stephen	x		
6	Laso, Carlos	x*		
7	Tazoe, Roberto		x	
8	Rodriguez, Israel	x		Staff
9	Williams, April	x*		Marlen Meizoso
Quorum: 4 *present via Zoom				

Note that all documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the meeting, at www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents.

I. Call to Order

Stephen Herz, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. Housekeeping

Marlen Meizoso reviewed housekeeping items, including best meeting practices, general conduct reminders and the location of materials.

III. Introductions and Roll Call

Mr. Herz introduced himself and requested in-person members and guest to introduce themselves. Staff read the names of those members participating online.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Herz opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

“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. BSR has a dedicated telephone line and email address for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received.”

There were no comments made. Mr. Herz closed the floor for public comment.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda and voted to accept it as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Kytaina Gabriel

Second: Rose Ade

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of August 11, 2021

The committee reviewed the minutes of August 11, 2021, and approved them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2021 as presented.

Moved: Kytaina Gabriel

Second: Israel Rodriguez

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

- **HOPWA Program Updates (LTRA, Project Based, STRMU)**

Roberto Tazoe

Roberto Tazoe was not present, so this item was tabled.

- **Membership Vacancies**

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report (copy on file) which has been revamped to be more user friendly. Vacancies were reviewed and attendees were encouraged to recommend interested parties to contact staff, attend new member orientation or come to a meeting.

VIII. Standing Business

- *Vice Chair position and 2022 Elections*

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that at the next meeting, if the Committee meets in December they would need to have an election for a new vice chair since John McFeely resigned. If the Committee decides not to meet in January, regular elections for both officers would need to take place. A memo listing eligible candidates and the qualifications for officers will be shared via email prior to the election.

IX. New Business

- ***Housing Items: Community Coalition Roundtable Discussion***

All

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the Community Coalition Roundtable Discussion items assigned to the Housing Committee (copy on file). In July and August, the Community Coalition held roundtable discussions on a variety of topics. The Executive Committee reviewed the topics and assigned the topics to either committees, staff, or grantees for input. Three housing related items were assigned to the Housing Committee.

08/30/21	Unstable housing impacts African-American clients disproportionately.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree with the statement.
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08/30/21	Some landlords will not accept HOPWA funding or housing assistance funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree, some landlords don't accept the funding. • Rents go up but programs won't pay enough so landlords will take people who can pay higher amount. Some people are paying 50% - 60% of their money towards rent, which makes finding units difficult to find because of cost. • The ban on evictions has made landlords more leery of HOPWA clients since they don't want to get stuck with non-paying renters.
08/30/21	Unstable or no housing leads to deprioritizing healthcare and becoming lost to care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree, those individuals in the Salvation Army prioritize keeping a shelter over their health. • There is a connection between landlords and unstable housing. With most funding going to rents this leaves very little left over for other items making it very easy to become homeless.

There was a question regarding including utility costs in the rent calculation; this issue will be forwarded to HOPWA for clarification.

- **2022 Meeting Dates**

All

Mrs. Meizoso shared the 2022 meeting dates (copy on file). The Committee is very small at the moment and can comfortably fit at BSR and parking can be provided. It was suggested to meet at BSR for the first three months to see how well meeting at the location works. Meeting at the library is possible but the Committee may get bumped. Since hybrid meetings are being held rooms have to have good acoustics or microphones and a stable internet connection.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso reported that New Member Orientation is scheduled for December 7, 2021.

Mrs. Meizoso indicated the next Housing Committee meeting is the week before Christmas, and input may not be available until the January meeting. The Committee decided to cancel the meeting.

Motion to cancel the December 16, 2021, Housing Committee meeting

Moved: Rose Ade

Second: Kytaina Gabriel

Motion: Passed

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022, at the BSR offices at 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables..

XII. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.