



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 230, Coral Gables, FL 33134 and Zoom
November 19, 2021**

Approved January 28, 2022

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests		
1	Baez, Ivet	x		Candy Churchill*		
2	Bauman, Dallas	x		Kimberly Clark*		
3	Cortes, Wanda	x		Jeannette Iriye*		
4	Dougherty, James	x		Brad Mester*		
5	Goubeaux, Robert	x		Angela Ortiz*		
6	Palacios, Carlos		x	Karen Poblete*		
7	Pinero, Carmen		x	Carla Valle-Schwenk		
8	Romero, Javier	x*				
9	Thornton, Darren	x*	x			
10	Torres, Johann	x				
11	Vasquez, Silvana		x	Staff		
Quorum: 5				*virtual attendance	Christina Bontempo	Marlen Meizoso

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

Dr. Robert Goubeaux, the Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

II. Meeting Rules and Housekeeping

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the meeting rules and housekeeping presentation (copy on file), which provided the ground rules and reminders for the meeting. She also identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource persons for the meeting. If anyone had any questions, they could speak to BSR after the meeting.

III. Roll Call and Introductions

Dr. Goubeaux requested members and guests introduce themselves around the room. Staff introduced those members and guests participating via Zoom.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Dr. Goubeaux 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.”*

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

There were no comments, so the floor was closed.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

The Subcommittee reviewed the agenda.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved: James Dougherty

Second: Dallas Bauman

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of October 22, 2021

Members reviewed the minutes of October 22, 2021 and accepted them with no changes.

Motion to accept the minutes of September 24, 2021.

Moved: James Dougherty

Second: Ivet Baez

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Membership Vacancies**

All

Mrs. Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report (copy on file) and reviewed the vacancies on the Subcommittee. Ms. Valle-Schwenk resigned as a member but will still attend all meetings. Attendees were encouraged to direct any persons interested in joining the Subcommittee to contact staff or attend the new member orientation in December.

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Ms. Valle-Schwenk presented the Ryan White program report, compiled November 2021 (copy on file). As of September 2021, the RWP had served 7,611 unduplicated clients. The expenditure sheets have been modified to include the priority number for each service category and the number of clients served. All contracts have been executed and payments are being completed. The County submitted the grant application on time. The County is in discussions with the Florida Department of Health (DOH) regarding several issues, including having reciprocal eligibility for DOH programs. HRSA issued a new policy notice that will change recertification timing.

There has been an expansion in the number of eligible ACA plans for 2022 to 47 in Miami-Dade County. Clients are encouraged to enroll by the end of the month to ensure premiums are paid on time by the ADAP program. Covered clients could then receive Part A assistance for paying for wrap around services.

▪ **ADAP Program**

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero referenced the October 2021 report (copy on file). He noted some of the data did not transfer correctly and a correction will be forwarded to staff for posting. He reviewed the number of clients enrolled and expenditures for both ADAP Pharmacy and Premium Plus. Premium Plus payments are over \$2.3 million. Open enrollment started November 1 for all 47 plans being offered. Early enrollment is encouraged to ensure an active policy in place by January 1. Clients must be open in ADAP to receive copay assistance. In 2022, eligibility for ACA insurance premium reimbursement will be expanded for clients between 75% - 99% FPL. ACA marketplace requires clients must be documented and have a valid Social Security number. There have been some changes to the ADAP formulary, with 54 new medications added and 5 ARVS being removed. Atripla is being discontinued at the end of the year, but the pharmacy currently has some inventory. There are only 20 clients on Atripla.

A question was asked as to how a medication could be added to the formulary. Doxycycline is not on the formulary and would be very beneficial to clients being treated for an STI. Information is available on the DOH website. Staff will forward the link with the location on the website to access the drug request form.

VII. Standing Business

▪ Conclusion of Cabenuva Barriers Discussion

All

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the replies submitted since July (copy on file). Some Subcommittee members indicated that the buy and bill option is still having problems and CVS specialty is still having issues. Information regarding the ViiV reimbursement manager and five barriers sheet were shared via chat (copy on file). Dr. Goubeaux indicated that they have not had any problems and will inquire what steps they are taking. Staff will compile the responses from today's meeting and any information shared by Dr. Goubeaux and forward the document to the County and Department of Health.

▪ ADAP formulary additions and Ryan White Program (RWP) review

All

The Subcommittee reviewed the Ryan White Program review of ADAP formulary additions (copy on file), which included the 340B pricing, if items were on the General Revenue formulary, and if there were any similar medications on the current Ryan White formulary. Based on the information, the Subcommittee agreed all the medications would be beneficial to clients who have insurance since co-pay assistance would cover the medications and for uninsured clients with a variety of co-occurring conditions would benefit. The exclusion would be the two Hepatitis C medications (#8 and #9) since these are very expensive.

Motion to recommend to the Ryan White Prescription Drugs Formulary the medications on the Florida AIDS Drug Assistance (ADAP) Formulary September 2021 list except for numbers 8 and 9, and to add a notation to naltrexone.

Moved: Dallas Bauman

Second: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

▪ Primary Medical Care Standards

All

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed updates requested at the last meeting to the Primary Medical Care Standards (copy on file). Corrections were made to the number numbering and pagination. The only comments were:
On pg. 5, item 19, the anal dysplasia screening section was expanded.
On pg. 7, item 21, typographical errors need correction.

Motion to accept the Miami-Dade County Ryan White Program Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards, as presented.

Moved: James Dougherty

Second: Dallas Bauman

Motion: Passed

▪ Service Descriptions-Mental Health and Substance Abuse

All

The service delivery descriptions for Mental Health Therapy, Substance Abuse, and Outpatient Ambulatory Health (copies on file) were reviewed. It was suggested to add to top of the page a statement clients also be identified as (individuals served) which aligns with Department of Children and Families terminology. The updates to date, priority, and verbiage were reviewed. The Subcommittee requested to continue the review at the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

▪ 2022 Draft Workplan

All

The draft workplan for 2022 was reviewed (copy on file). Since the oral health care items had to be moved to January, the quarterly agenda item will be adjusted.

▪ Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices

All

The County requested discussion of continuous glucose monitoring devices. There are two continuous glucose monitoring devices on the market, Dexcom and FreeStyle Libre 2. These devices offer a three-part system for blood glucose monitoring. The pharmacist at the meeting volunteered to review the benefits and challenges offered by the products, costs, options, limitation from other payor sources, required testing to qualify, and number of clients on insulin. This will be added to the February meeting agenda.

▪ **Potential Needs of Aging Population**

All

The Subcommittee briefly began to discuss the potential needs of the aging population. Staff shared a HRSA article listing some issues (copy on file). A roundtable on aging will also be forwarded after the meeting. For the next few meetings, staff can theme/group discussions on aging and place them on the agenda.

▪ **Elections 2022**

Marlen Meizoso

Elections will be held in January. Both Carlos Palacios and Dr. Goubeaux qualify for another term. Staff will forward a memo regarding the elections in January.

IX. Announcements

It was announced that Atripla brand is being discontinued by the end of the year. The generic medication will be available.

X. Next Meeting

The next Subcommittee is scheduled for January 28, 2022, which will feature oral health care items the first half of the meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Dr. Johann Torres

Second: Dallas Bauman

Motion: Passed

Dr. Goubeaux adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.