



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 240
Coral Gables, FL 33134
June 24, 2022**

Approved July 22, 2022

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Baez, Ivet	x		Juliet Miller	
2	Bauman, Dallas		x	Ana Nieto	
3	Cortes, Wanda	x		Carla Valle-Schwenk	
4	Dougherty, James	x		Christian A. Ysea	
5	Friedman, Lawrence	x			
6	Goubeaux, Robert		x		
7	Romero, Javier	x			
8	Thornton, Darren		x		
9	Torres, Johann		x		
10	Vasquez, Silvana		x	Staff	
Quorum: 4				Marlen Meizoso	

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

I. Call to Order

James Dougherty, the Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

II. Meeting Rules and Housekeeping

Mr. Dougherty reviewed the meeting rules and housekeeping presentation (copy on file), which provided the ground rules and reminders for the meeting. He identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource persons for the meeting. If anyone had any questions, BSR would be available to answer them after the meeting.

III. Roll Call and Introductions

Mr. Dougherty requested members and guests introduce themselves around the room.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Dougherty 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 and accepted it as presented.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Second: Wanda Cortes

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of April 22, 2022

Members reviewed the minutes of April 22, 2022 and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of April 22, 2022, as presented.

Moved: Ivet Baez

Second: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk indicated the March 1, 2021, to February 28, 2022, year has been closed. Expenditures are located in the meeting packets (copies on file) and about 83% was spent in Part A and 55% was spent in MAI. In FY 2021, 8,418 unduplicated clients were served. There was money unexpended and has been requested as carryover. The FY 2022 award notice was received and indicates a 3.07% increase from last year, from \$26,432,895 to \$27,245,345. Under TTRA from July 2018 to May 4, 2022, the program has served 2,769 (72 % viral suppression). Federal reports have been submitted. Stakeholders are working on Joint Integrated Planning Review activities with a December 2022 submission date. The County has been in communication with Magellan regarding having providers participate in their program. There has been a change in process and documents should be loaded online: the new start date for this cycle will likely be October 1. BSR has been in communication with TransSocial who has provided some guidance on needs for transgenders. The County is also adding language to the service descriptions regarding gender affirming care including legal name change under Other Professional Services. The Ending the Epidemic funding has been received and totals \$3.5 million (20% more than last year).

▪ **ADAP Program**

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the May 2022 report (copy on file). The report reflects expenditures of \$2,428,021.98 for uninsured clients and \$2,844,770.69 for insured clients. Graphs reflect the differences between 2021 to 2022. Magellan started as the new pharmacy benefits manager but will have a new implementation date of October 1 and the CVS specialty contract has been extended until September 30. Information on Cabenuva was reviewed and there are 107 clients using this medication as of June 1, 2022. A special enrollment period for clients with a max 150% FPL is available for ACA coverage under ADAP/RWP and can be applied for directly on the marketplace. Starting today, the Broward Regional Health Council will be contacting all insured clients to collect tax credits and IRS forms for the annual reconciliation process. They will first try to contact clients via email then by phone. Information on this will be shared with Part A to share with Case Managers.

▪ **Membership Vacancies**

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report (copy on file) and reviewed the vacancies on the Subcommittee. Carlos Palacios resigned at the end of April and Carmen Pinero has been removed for non-compliance. She indicated that an application for Juliet Miller had been received. Ms. Miller, a Medical Case

Manager at SFAN, introduced herself and indicated her interest in the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee moved to accept her as a member.

Motion to accept Juliet Miller as a member of the Medical Care Subcommittee.

Moved: Dr. Javier Romero

Seconded: Ivet Baez

Motion: Passed

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Oral Health Care: Restrictions on Restoration Implants

All

Mrs. Meizoso indicated the restoration implant codes had been approved by the Partnership and had queried former oral health care subcommittee members if any restrictions should be in place for these new codes. They indicated no restrictions would be needed. Carla Valle-Schwenk indicated that the restriction review should have been made with the as-yet-to-be-approved codes to get dental implants. Ms. Meizoso indicated there had been a misunderstanding and would follow-up with the dental providers with the revised query. The issue was time sensitive since additional carryover funding had been requested and needed to be spent. The Subcommittee indicated they could call an emergency meeting to address the oral health care issue prior to the next Care and Treatment meeting in July. The Subcommittee selected Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.; meeting time would be one hour.

Motion to hold an emergency meeting on July 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Moved: Dr. Romero

Seconded: Juliet Miller

Motion: Passed

▪ Gender Affirming Care Letter

All

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed revised “Dear Colleague” letter on gender affirming care (copy on file) which included all the requested revisions from the last meeting including the links to resources. The Subcommittee made the following recommended changes:

- Start letter “On behalf of the...”
- Add “I offer this correspondence for consideration” with new sentence now reading “On behalf of the Medical Care Subcommittee, I offer this correspondence for consideration.”
- Add “s” to drugs
- Change “we affirm” to “we agree” to be less redundant
- Strike “the” from “care for”
- Strike “client” and leave “positive outcomes”
- Reorder the bullets under training with front office first, continuous training second, and recipient third.
- Reword recipient bullet to “The Recipient shall identify an entity to provide guidance, training, and/or educational resources to support staff to raise awareness and increase competency around transgender care.”
- Correct name of Department of Health
- Reword last bullet under non-match and changed names section to “The service delivery manual for the Ryan White program reflects name and gender identity changes as an allowable service under the other professional services category.”
- Add closing sentence” We appreciate your consideration of these recommendations.”
- Strike “Members of the Medical Care Subcommittee” but leave only signature for chair of Medical Care and write out his name/position underneath

The letter will be formatted to keep text on first page and attachments (links) on second page.

Motion to accept the “Dear Colleague” letter on gender affirming care with changes.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Seconded: Juliet Miller

Motion: Passed

▪ **HIV and Aging: Four Topics**

All

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the HIV and aging topics for June, including dementia and other neurocognitive disorders, depression, diminished eyesight/hearing and cardiovascular disease. The three questions to ask were sent to members and replies were shared (copy on file). Because of time constraints only the first topic was fully addressed, and the remaining items will be addressed in the next meeting. Dementia is a large concern for older HIV patients particularly because of adherence issues. Under General Revenue, nurses are sent out to patients to ensure medications are being taken. Alzheimer is complicated since there may not be enough providers who know how to treat the condition. There are also few if any medications to treat the condition. The Part A program does not currently fund home health care. The ADAP program or General Revenue may need to revise their formularies to include medications to treat neurocognitive conditions. Depression is an issue since there are limited medications on the formulary and a shortage of mental health professionals. The mental health provider shortage may be due to low reimbursement rates.

IX. New Business

No new business.

X. Announcements

Mr. Dougherty indicated that any announcements should be forwarded to staff for posting online. All members are urged to RSVP for the July meeting. Mrs. Meizoso indicated two flyers (copies on file) that should be shared with others. The first flyer announces a monthly symposium (June-September) presented by FIU/BSR on research conducted on the Ryan White Program. The second flyer promotes the Community Coalition Roundtables.

XI. Next Meeting

The next regular Subcommittee will be July 22, 2022, at BSR. But the one-hour Emergency Medical Care Subcommittee meeting will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at BSR.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Seconded: Dr. Javier Romero

Motion: Passed

Mr. Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.