

**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
 Behavioral Science Research
 2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 240
 Coral Gables, FL 33134
 October 28, 2022**

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

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 9:41 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. Marlen Meizoso requested the addition of Membership as the first item under Standing Business. The Subcommittee accepted the amended agenda.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Second: Dr. Darren Thornton

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of September 23, 2022

Members reviewed the minutes of September 23, 2022. There was a question regarding the Part A carryover total, which was clarified as being the correct total. The Subcommittee made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of September 23, 2022, as presented.

Moved: Dr. Johann Torres

Second: Dr. Darren Thornton

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk referenced the August 2022 report (copies on file). The Ryan White Program had served 7,370 clients as of the August report. Expenditures are still a little low since there are some pending contracts to execute. The 2022 – 2026 Integrated Plan is being worked on. As of November 1, the Residential Substance Abuse bed reimbursement rate will be raised to \$250 a day and the maximum days on site will be increased from 120 days to 180 days. Food bank will allow for an extra bag round the holidays. Sweeps #3 will be taking place next week at the meeting of the Care and Treatment Committee. Changes to the Oral Health Care formulary and paperwork are a little overdue but will be released shortly. Starting November 1, reciprocal eligibility between Parts A, B and ADAP will take place. Recertification will take place annually (366 days). Viral loads should be done annually. The allowable documentations list is being revised. There is a new Test and Treat/Rapid Access requirement to conduct a genotype test. At the FCPN meeting last month, the new DOH medical director, Dr. Andrea Sciberras, was introduced.

▪ **ADAP Program**

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the September 2022 report (copy on file) including enrollments, expenditures, prescriptions, premium payments, and program updates. The 2023 ACA insurance plans were just released but these are being analyzed by DOH. The pharmacy benefits manager (Magellan) has expanded their pharmacy network and now includes some Ryan White pharmacies (copy on file). Along with the change previously mention, as of November 1 the requirement to have an ARV for eligibility to ADAP has been removed. Some clarification needs to be added to the formulary. Viral loads less than 6 months and CD4 less than 12 months are not needed for eligibility but will be needed for reporting.

▪ **Vacancy Report**

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report (copy on file) and indicated that there were now 14 vacancies on the Subcommittee since Dallas Bauman resigned. There is a pharmacist applicant interested, but further discussion will be had on membership later in the agenda. Meanwhile, if anyone knows of individuals interested in membership, they may contact staff.

VIII. Standing Business

Membership

Mrs. Meizoso explained that at the last meeting the Subcommittee had voted to organize themselves based on the current membership categories modified to the reduced size of the group (copy on file). The physician (APRN, physician assistant) category would have five members. There is a pharmacist applicant interested in joining, but under the proposed reorganization, there is no seat. The Subcommittee was queried if they wanted to alter seat assignments. They suggested reducing physician category seats to four and keeping the general seat instead of deleting the seat. The general seat would allow for an additional member regardless of classification. This change would allow for the application currently on hold to move forward. The Subcommittee made a motion to amend the revised seat assignments as discussed.

Motion to amend the Medical Care Subcommittee seat assignments, as discussed.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Seconded: Juliet Miller

Motion: Passed

OHC items (codes, service description, standards)

Appropriateness of D5421 (Adjustment to Dentures) and D5225 (Maxillary partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth]) billing

There is currently no restriction in the Ryan White Oral Health Care formulary or in Provide® Enterprise Miami to prevent code D5421 (Adjustment to Dentures) and code D5225 (Maxillary partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth]) from being billed together. There have been instances in which the codes have been billed within a few days of each other. Based on the description on the formulary of D5225, a restriction maybe requested in the Comments section of the formulary to clarify when it is appropriate to provide and bill separately for the adjustment codes. Medicaid's DentaQuest and MCNA plan benefits allow billing of the adjustment code **after 6 months** of the initial service. The former Oral Health Care Subcommittee practitioner members were asked if there was an appropriate reason for a client to receive this adjustment and the agency to bill for the adjustment sooner. They indicated that dentures require adjustments and clients are made aware of this. In addition, the visit requires staff and materials to be used. The Subcommittee requested staff to reach out to AETC to clarify code usage.

Oral Health Care Service Description

This service description was shared with the former Oral Health Care Subcommittee practitioners who were okay with the redline updates for 2023 (copy on file). The Subcommittee reviewed the service description and made several additional suggestions:

Change "requirement" to "definition"

Add "limited" in front of "implants"

Change "e.g.," to "i.e.," strike "limited to"

Reword i.e. section to "remove, repair, and placement (restricted for edentulous clients only) of implants"

Add after County "under special circumstances (implants), restorative and"

Strike "the," "limited" and "case-by-case for the provision"

Change under section E to "366 days" instead of "6 months" and add "Medicare" after LTC

The recommended changes will be made and brought back for review at the next meeting.

Oral Health Care Standards

This service description was shared with the former Oral Health Care Subcommittee practitioners who were okay with the redline updates for 2023 (copy on file). The Subcommittee reviewed the document and made additional recommendations:

Update the footer

Remove “not > 6 months” and “internal”

Change “Consent to Release” clause to “Ryan White Consent in the Data Management system”

Add at least annually to standard 4.3

Check if full mouth radiographs should be conducted annual

The recommended changes will be made and brought back for review at the next meeting.

Minimum Primary Care Standards Items #1-15 and #16-24

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the revisions for items #1-15 and #16-24 of the Minimum Primary Care Standards (copy on file). The entire document was formatted, and a crosswalk of changes was provided. All items are now alphabetized by section.

The following additional suggestions were made to the document:

- Correct reference to APRN (spelled out)
- Deleted “females-may need to be scheduled if done by telehealth, should be done in office”
- Delete “and stool guaiac ...;” replace with as clinically indicated
- Delete “may not occur every time with telehealth...”
- Delete under w. “referral offered...;” replace with as appropriate
- Delete “for females need consent pursuant....”
- Add “behavioral” in front of risk reduction
- Replace “assessment” with “screening” under sexually transmitted infection and add “per guidance”
- Under III, #5, change to every 3 months and strike 6 and 12 months
- Add “genotype” to #23
- Add monkeypox to immunizations section

The items in grey will be updated for the next meeting along with the recommended changes.

Allowable Medical Conditions including Breast Cancer and Neutropenia

Mrs. Meizoso presented two versions of the revised allowable conditions list (copies on file). Both versions include the recommended revision from the last meeting adding breast cancer and neutropenia conditions. The Subcommittee preferred the draft with the text in italics boxed (shaded light blue) and a reduce footer with an original and last revision date only. The Subcommittee suggested the following two changes:

- Move the “important note” to the bottom of the specialty section
- Breakout the cancers under oncology in bullet form

The revised document will be presented at the next meeting to the Subcommittee.

IX. New Business

Service Descriptions: AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance and Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services

Eligibility and CD4 requirements will be updated in the document but additional discussion was deferred since time was running short in the meeting. These items will be brought back to the next meeting.

2023 Meeting Dates

Mrs. Meizoso shared the scheduled for 2023 meeting dates (copy on file) and a blank copy of the annual activities for discussion at the next meeting.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso requested of members to please forward any comments on the items distributed today in advance of the meeting and RSVP for the November meeting early.

XI. Next Meeting

The next Subcommittee meeting will be held Friday, November 18, 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 11:26 a.m.