



Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 240
Coral Gables, FL 33134
September 23, 2022

Approved October 28, 2022

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

Dr. Robert Goubeaux, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

II. Meeting Rules and Housekeeping

James 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

Dr. Goubeaux 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: Ivet Baez

Second: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of July 22, 2022

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

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

Moved: James Dougherty

Second: Dr. Johann Torres

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk referenced the July Part A/MAI expenditure report (copies on file). As of July, the Ryan White Program has 7,104 clients. Expenditures are still a little low since there are some pending contracts. By next month the expenditures should be higher. The carryover of \$5.3 million dollars was approved.

▪ **ADAP Program**

Marlen Meizoso for Dr. Javier Romero

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the August 2022 report (copy on file) in Dr. Romero’s absence including enrollments, expenditures, prescriptions, premium payments, and program updates. Any questions will be forward to Dr. Romero.

▪ **Vacancy Report**

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report (copy on file) and indicated there were 13 vacancies on the Subcommittee. If anyone knows of interested individuals, they may contact staff. The Executive Committee is looking into reducing the number of seats on the committees and subcommittee to 16 seats. Additional information on subcommittee size will be shared under new business

VIII. Standing Business

None.

IX. New Business

Subcommittee Composition

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the proposed medical care subcommittee seat assignments sheet (copy on file). As previously mentioned, the Executive Committee has recommended the reduction of the subcommittee to

16 members, but the current seat assignment is for 21 members. Based on current membership, staff provided suggested revisions. The Subcommittee reviewed the document and suggested deleting the nutritionist and general seat. Current representation under the physicians, ARNP, and physician assistant category is five. Psychiatrist/mental health providers would have one member, but is currently vacant. No members would be removed once the revision takes place. The Subcommittee made a motion to accept the revised revision to the seat assignments.

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

Moved: Dr. Johann Torres

Seconded: Wanda Cortes

Motion: Passed

Minimum Primary Care Standards Items #1-15

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the revisions for items #1-15 of the Minimum Primary Care Standards (copy on file). No additional changes were sent in advance of the meeting.

The following suggestions were made to the document:

- Change the weblink on the County reference
- Alphabetize all the items
- Check formatting and spacing
- Possibly add language suggesting newly diagnosed clients be referred to a nutritionist with language to be reviewed at next meeting
- Streamline the entry of item 14 and provide link instead of writing out the entire protocol

There was a question raised regarding the testing requirements in Provide Enterprises versus those suggested by DHHS. CD4 for stable clients after two years is every 12 months, but Provide request it every 6 months. Viral loads should be done at least every six months. Programming in Provide may need to be revised.

For the next meeting the Subcommittee can review the changes recommended at this meeting and the next group of items (#16-24) since there are oral health care items are on the agenda so time maybe restricted.

PHQ-2: Behavioral Health Assessment in O/AHS Setting

Dr. Robert Ladner reviewed information on the PHQ-2 which is a two-question health assessment that was suggested by a provider for use as a mental health screening device, with questions being asked by front office staff (copy on file). If positive answers are provided to the two-question survey, this triggers a nine-question survey (PHQ-9). The nine-question survey is already used at most of the FQHCs as an assessment for depression. Using the PHQ-2 raises several issues including when to give the survey (frequency), where the questions are being asked, who is eligible to provide the survey to the client, where the data is captured or stored (data system or EMR), and who has access to the information. If physicians suspect a client is depressed, they can administer the PHQ-9 to determine next steps with the client (medications, therapy, etc.). The Subcommittee -- while it supports mental health -- did not want to require the use of the two-question as a standard of care, preferring to leave the decision to use or not up to the individual agencies and providers who will direct next steps.

Allowable Medical Conditions-Breast Cancer and Neutropenia

Mrs. Meizoso indicated there were two requests to add breast cancer and neutropenia to the allowable medical conditions list. Articles on each condition was posted online and emailed in advance of the meeting. Currently the allowable conditions list several cancers (copy on file) since this may be a co-

occurring condition that needs to be addressed to treat the clients in an outpatient setting. The Subcommittee suggested adding breast cancer but separating it out from hematology and then cancers would be moved under oncology with a disclaimer statement. Neutropenia was also suggested for inclusion on the list which be added under hematology. The revised document will be presented at the next meeting to the Subcommittee.

Ketamine for Substance Use Disorder

Articles were shared regarding ketamine for substance use (copy on file) although it is not FDA approved for it. Spravato (esketamine) has been shown to help with major depressive disorder that is treatment resistant after failure on two medications. The medication is a nasal spray can only be given in a doctor's office and clients need to be observed. The pharmacy and physician have to be REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies) certified to receive and offer the product. No further action was deemed necessary for the Subcommittee on this item.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso announced that at the next meeting oral health care items will be addressed. Items to review will be send in advance of the meeting. Please review and comment on items within the deadlines and RSVP to the meeting.

XI. Next Meeting

The next Subcommittee meeting will be held Friday, October 28, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at BSR.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Juliet Miller

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

Dr. Goubeaux adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.