

I. Call to Order

Partnership Chair, Dennis Iadarola, called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

II. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping/Meeting Rules

Mr. Iadarola briefly reviewed the PowerPoint presentation, *Partnership Meeting Housekeeping*, including code of conduct, “people first” language, resource persons, and attendance. Members and guests were reminded that the meeting was being recorded and will become part of the public record.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Iadarola 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 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 telephone line as well as a general email address for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received via the telephone line or email.”

There were no comments; the floor was then closed.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda; Standing Business was moved to the beginning of the agenda, prior to the Membership Report.

Motion to approve the agenda with the noted change.

Moved: Miguel Puente

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of November 21, 2022

Minutes of November 21, 2022 were distributed to members. A question was raised regarding funding for Food Bank. Staff reminded members that at the November meeting, one member had a conflict of interest in the Food Bank category and needed to leave the meeting for the vote. However, by leaving the meeting, quorum would have been lost. Therefore, member Daniel T. Wall proposed skipping to the motion authorizing the Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget-Grants Coordination (OMB) to make last minute allocations prior to the close of the fiscal year to maximize expenditures, the spirit of which was to incorporate the Sweeps #3 recommendations into the end of year allocations. Mr. Wall confirmed the service categories were funded to the levels indicated on the Sweeps #3 recommendations (copy on file).

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022, as presented.

Moved: Miguel Puente

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

VII. Standing Business

A. Review/Approval of Integrated Plan Evaluation Workgroup Slate of Applicants

Staff presented the slate of applicants who expressed interest in serving on the newly formed Integrated Plan Evaluation Workgroup. Staff advised there were 16 member openings and 16 applicants; therefore, there are no vacancies at this time. If any members decide not to participate, staff will reopen the survey to gain additional members. In that case, the Workgroup would vote on those members at their regularly scheduled meetings.

Integrated Plan Evaluation Workgroup Slate of Applicants

#	Name	Company / Affiliation
1	Alberto Perez Bermudez	Latinos United Against HIV Stigma
2	Luigi Ferrer	Florida Health Department in Miami Dade County
3	David Goldberg	Florida Health Department in Miami Dade County
4	Amaris Hess	New Hope CORPS
5	Trillion Ingram	Empower U Community Health Center
6	Karen Hilton	University of Miami
7	LaQuanna Lightfoot	Public Health Trust/South Florida AIDS Network
8	Stephanie Llambes	AIDS Healthcare Foundation
9	Camille Lowe	Florida Health Department in Miami Dade County
10	Jamie Marques	Project Access Foundation
11	Angela Machado	Public Health Trust/Jackson Hospital System
12	Angela Mooss	Behavioral Science Research Institute
13	Ann Pasquale	University of Miami Adolescent Medicine
14	Joanna Robinson	Unaffiliated
15	Abril Sarmiento	Florida Health Department in Miami Dade County
16	Sarah Suarez	Latino Commission on AIDS

Members were asked to vote on the slate or to vote on each applicant individually.

Motion approve the Integrated Plan Evaluation Workgroup Slate of Applicants as presented.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Seconded: Alecia Tramel

Motion: Passed

VIII. Reports

B. Membership

Staff presented updates as detailed in the January 11, 2023, Get on Board! Training, including a push for increased involvement by people with HIV, changes to reimbursements, meeting participation vouchers for Partnership members of the affected community, and additional assistance.

Staff advised the Partnership is still in need of Ryan White Program client members and requested assistance in identifying candidates for membership.

C. Committee Reports

Committee Reports to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership were projected on the shared screen and distributed to members. The Executive Committee, Care and Treatment Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee presented motions for approval. Other committee business was included on the report for reference.

▪ **Executive Committee**

The committee approved edits to the *Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Bylaws*, including modification of membership structure and general editorial corrections. Assistant County Attorney, Terrence A. Smith, had reviewed and approved the revisions for legal sufficiency, as indicated in the draft which was sent to members in advance and available for review at the meeting.

Motion to approve the revised *Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Bylaws*, as presented.

Moved: Miguel Puente

Seconded: Maria Henriquez

Motion: Passed

▪ **Care and Treatment Committee**

The committee reviewed service description revisions for Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services (Medical Case Management); Emergency Financial Assistance; Food Bank; Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance For Low-Income Individuals (Health Insurance Assistance); and Outreach. Additional discussion is pending for Outreach.

The committee made a change to the Medical Case Management service description to strike the statement, “Clients limited to only ‘situational needs’ should not be included in the ‘active’ caseload count.”

Motion to strike the statement from the Medical Case Management service description, “Clients limited to only ‘situational needs’ should not be included in the ‘active’ caseload count.”

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

Opposed: Miguel Puente

Motion to accept updates to the Medical Case Management, Emergency Financial Assistance, Food Bank, and Health Insurance Assistance service descriptions as presented.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

The committee heard recommendations from the Medical Care Subcommittee including:

- Restricting the Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary to prevent codes D5421 (Adjustment to Dentures); D5225 (Maxillary partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth]); and D5226 (Mandibular partial denture), from being billed together; and
- Suggested updates to service descriptions for Oral Health Care, AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance, and Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services.

In some commercial health plans, separate billing of an adjustment code for dentures is allowable only after six months of the initial service. The committee agreed that adjustments to dentures within the first 180 days of fabrication should be included in the cost of the denture and not billed separately unless necessary after 180 days.

Motion for D5225 (Maxillary partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth]) to include adjustments up to 180 days.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Miguel Puente

Motion: Passed

Motion for D5226 (Mandibular partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth]) to include adjustments up to 180 days.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Stephen Herz

Motion: Passed

Motion to restrict D5421 (Adjustment to Dentures) billing within 180 days of D5225 and D5226 billing.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: David Goldberg

Motion: Passed

Motion to accept changes to the Oral Health Care, AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance, and Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services service descriptions, as presented in the highlighted and red-lined drafts.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

▪ **Joint Integrated Plan Review Team (JIPRT)**

The committee reviewed, revised, and approved the survey tools for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Assessment of the Ryan White Program Recipient. Minor changes were made and were reflected in the drafts available for review at the meeting.

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Assessment of the Ryan White Program Recipient: Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Member Survey, as presented.

Moved: David Goldberg

Seconded: Miguel Puente

Motion: Passed

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Assessment of the Ryan White Program Recipient: Ryan White Program Part A/MAI Subrecipient Survey, as presented.

Moved: David Goldberg

Seconded: Miguel Puente

Motion: Passed

D. Grantee/Recipient Reports

▪ **Ryan White Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)**

Daniel T. Wall

Daniel T. Wall, OMB, reported on Ryan White Program (RWP) Part A/MAI updates. The latest expenditure reports and client count were available at the meeting and projected on the screen. In the Fiscal Year beginning March 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022, the RWP has served 8,030 unduplicated clients.

All RWP contracts have been executed. A partial Part A/MAI award of just over \$4 million of the anticipated \$27 million total award was received. Provisional award letters for continuation contracts are being sent to subrecipients for the third year of the five one-year options to renew.

All Ending the HIV Epidemic contracts have been executed.

The statewide Integrated Plan is due to be released soon. The Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) Prescription Drug Access Committee is meeting with Part A and Part B recipients throughout Florida to develop a reciprocal eligibility and self-attestation form.

The FCPN and Florida Health Department (FDOH) Needs Assessment Survey is lacking in replies from Miami-Dade County. The County is expected to return 2,700 surveys; only 106 have so far been collected. Staff will continue to promote the survey.

▪ **Ryan White Part B**

David Goldberg

David Goldberg, FDOH in Miami-Dade County, noted the full reporting of expenditures had not been received as of the time of the meeting. The report will be posted as soon as it is available.

Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) funds which were expected to offset prescription drug costs associated with the Test and Treat/Rapid Access protocol have been underspent. Instead, clients are

accessing prescription drug samples and Patient Assistance Programs. In order to spend down the EFA funds, increased access to EFA funds for food and housing assistance are being made available. Housing funds, in general, are still insufficient for the long term needs of people with HIV.

Presumptive eligibility is no longer sufficient to receive RWP Part B services.

▪ **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Miami**

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero, FDOH-Miami-Dade County, reported on the clients served, number of prescriptions, and program notes as detailed in the December 2022 ADAP Report. To date, for the Fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022, pharmacy expenditures totaling \$20,818,217, and Affordable Care Act premium payments totaling \$24,992,495, were reported.

As of January 6, 2023, Cabenuva has been prescribed to 134 persons in Miami-Dade County.

▪ **General Revenue at SFAN**

Angela Machado

Angela Machado, South Florida AIDS Network, reviewed the General Revenue (GR) Report for November 2022. As of the GR Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, 1,340 unduplicated clients were served. Home Health Care services received a budget revision and additional dollars were approved for this service.

The Salvation Army has GR-funded beds available; contact (305) 585-5241 for details.

▪ **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**

Roberto Tazoe, City of Miami, was not at the meeting. He submitted a consolidated report of the 2021 *HOPWA Program Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Measuring Performance Outcomes*. All attendees received a copy of the report. Members requested an update on the HOPWA waitlists. Mr. Tazoe is expected to be at the next meeting to provide further information.

E. Approval of Reports

Mr. Iadarola called for a motion to approve all reports.

Motion to accept the Membership, Grantee/Recipient, and Committee Reports as presented.

Moved: Miguel Puente

Seconded: Alecia Tramel

Motion: Passed

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

X. Announcements

There were no announcements.

XI. Next Meeting

Mr. Iadarola announced the next meeting date is Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at the Miami-Dade County Library.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Iadarola called the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.