



**Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Clinical Quality Management Team  
Zoom Virtual Meeting  
April 26, 2022**

Agency	Members
Borinquen Medical Centers (BMC)	Rhonda Wright
BMC	Diego Shmuel
BMC	Rosemonde Francis
BMC	Nelly Belladent
Care Resource Community Health Center (CRCHC)	Rafael Jimenez
CRCHC	Edgar Mojica
CRCHC	Chris Varela
Empower U Community Health Center (EUHC)	Rose Marcia

Agency	Members
EUHC	Kirk Palmer
University of Miami – Comprehensive AIDS Program (UM-CAP)	Sonya Boyne
UM CAP	Karen Hilton
UM CAP	Samantha Ross
<b>Behavioral Science Research (BSR) Staff</b>	
Robert Ladner	
Barbara Kubilus	
Susy Martinez	
Frank Gattorno	

Note that documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the meeting, at <http://aidsnet.org/cqm-documents/>

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Robert Chavez, the vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Members noted their presence by indicating "Here" or "Present" in the chat box.

**III. Review Agenda/Minutes**

The committee reviewed today’s agenda and the meeting minutes from February 22, 2022. No changes were made, both items were approved. Next steps from the last meeting minutes were reviewed.

#### IV. **Icebreaker activity**

*Susy Martinez*

Barbara Kubilus engaged the MAI CQM Team members in an icebreaker activity. The members reviewed unique/strange emojis and discussed what they perceived the emoji to mean. Dr. Robert Ladner agreed to provide gift cards to those with the most correct answers.

#### V. **MAI Innovation Presentations**

*Borinquen Medical Centers (BMC)* –Diego Shmuels, presented Borinquen Medical Center’s MAI innovation update (copy on file). Mr. Shmuels stated that they are targeting 292 MCM clients who have not accessed mental health services. The target population includes:

- Hispanic MMSC
- Black MMSC
- Black Female
- Black Male Heterosexual

BMC’s innovation includes integrated mental health and primary care services to reduce stigma related to mental health and facilitate access to the mental health service. BMC has encountered several challenges in the past fiscal year because of site closure, loss of primary provider and shortage of appointment slots available with the hybrid provider. They are hoping to improve the rate of mental health visits and viral load suppression rates among their target population with improvements in place that include the re-opening of a clinic location and telehealth and telemental health visits.

#### VI. **Aidsnet.org website overview**

Ms. Martinez reviewed the improvements and updates made to the Ryan White Program CQM webpage located at <http://aidsnet.org/cqmhome/>. The MAI CQM Team members were asked to provide feedback and recommendations to enhance the website. The following guidance was provided:

- Sending out a survey to the CQM Committee, MAI CQM Team, and RWP subrecipients for their feedback and recommendations.
- Adding the RWP Service Delivery Guidelines to the main CQM webpage for easier access.
- Adding a search bar function to the main page for a quick search within the CQM webpage website updates.

MAI CQM Team members were encouraged to share the link with their colleagues and clients.

#### VII. **Next Steps**

- BSR will send the Spearman's Rho calculator (a non-parametric test used to measure the strength of association between two variables).
- BSR will send out a survey regarding aidsnet.org improvements.
- BSR will add the Service Delivery Guidelines to the main page of aidsnet.org.

### **VIII. Evaluation**

Participants completed evaluation questions via a Zoom poll. One hundred percent of meeting participants were satisfied with the amount of information presented in the meeting, 100% indicated that they learned something new at the meeting and 93% are looking forward to the next meeting.

### **IX. Announcements**

Dr. Shmuels introduced Ms. Nelly Belledent, Quick Connect coordinator from BMC. The program aims to educate physicians on the importance of testing patients for HIV and linking clients to care.

**Next Meeting -Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31, 2022, via Zoom.**