



**Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Meeting Minutes**  
**Miami-Dade County Main Library**  
**101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130**  
**May 16, 2022**

*Approved July 18, 2022*

#	Partnership Members	Present	Absent
1	Burks, Laurie Ann	x	
2	Downs, Frederick		x
3	Duberli, Francesco		x
4	Forrest, David	x	
5	Garcia, Ana	x	
6	Goldberg, David	x	
7	Henriquez, Maria	x	
8	Herz, Stephen	x	
9	Hess, Amaris	x	
10	Hunter, Tabitha		x
11	Iadarola, Dennis	x	
12	Laso, Carlos	x	
13	Machado, Angela	x	
14	McIntyre, Harold	x	
15	Neff, Travis		x
16	Perez Bermudez, Alberto		x
17	Puente, Miguel		x
18	Romero, Javier		x
19	Sarmiento, Abril	x	
20	Shmuels, Diego	x	
21	Siclari, Rick	x	
22	Tazoe, Roberto		x
23	Tramel, Alecia*	x	
24	Wall, Daniel T.	x	
25	<b>Vacant</b> Representative of the Affected Community		
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34	<b>Vacant</b> Representative Co-infected with Hepatitis B or C		
35	<b>Vacant</b> Other Federal HIV Program Grantee Rep. (SAMHSA)		
36	<b>Vacant</b> Hospital or Health Care Planning Agency Representative		
37	<b>Vacant</b> Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Representative		
38	<b>Vacant</b> Mental Health Provider Representative		
39	<b>Vacant</b> Miami-Dade County Public Schools Representative		
<b>Quorum = 13</b>			
<b>*Non-Voting</b>			

#	Alternate Representatives of the Affected Community	Present	Absent
1	<b>Vacant</b>		
2	<b>Vacant</b>		
3	<b>Vacant</b>		
#	Ex-Officio Members	Present	Absent
1	<b>Vacant</b> MDC Mayor Office		
2	<b>Vacant</b> Board of County Commissioners		
Guests			
	Gallo, Giselle		
	Mester, Brad		
	Singh, Hardeep		
	Valle-Schwenk, Carla		
	Vaughn, Sannita		
	Villamizar, Kira		
	Willacy, Kwesi*		
Staff			
	Bontempo, Christina		
	Kubilus, Barbara		
	Smith, Esq., Terrence A.		

Note: All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the meeting, at [www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents](http://www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents). The meeting agenda and calendar were distributed to all attendees. Meeting documents related to action items were distributed to members. Reference copies of reports, minutes, and flyers were available. All meeting documents were projected on the meeting room projection screen.

## **I. Call to Order**

Committee 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 presented the PowerPoint, *Partnership Meeting Housekeeping – Hybrid Meetings*, including code of conduct, 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. The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Miami item was removed from Reports since Dr. Javier Romero was not present. The ADAP report is posted on AIDSNET.org; any questions should be directed to staff.

The next meeting date indicated June 20, 2022; however, the County offices are closed that day. Staff suggested indicating the next meeting date as “pending” in order to confirm availability of the Library on a different date.

**Motion to approve the agenda, as amended.**

**Moved: David Goldberg**

**Seconded: Angela Machado**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VI. Review/Approve Minutes of April 18, 2022**

Minutes of April 18, 2022 were posted for review and shown on the screen at the meeting; there were no changes or corrections.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, as presented.**

**Moved: Daniel T. Wall**

**Seconded: David Goldberg**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VII. Membership**

Mr. Iadarola noted the Vacancy Report was in the meeting packet and there are many vacancies on all committees and the Partnership.

## VIII. Reports

### A. Grantee/Recipient Reports

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

*Daniel T. Wall*

Daniel T. Wall, Office of Management and Budget – Miami-Dade County (OMB), reported on Ryan White Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Program (RWP) updates. The latest expenditure reports and client count were projected on the screen.

The number of clients served continues to increase since the post-COVID slow down. There will be a sizable carryover of Part A funds due to the COVID-19-related impacts on expenditures.

The final RWP award for Year 32 (beginning March 1, 2022) is still pending from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). A partial award was issued; contracted providers have been advised and contract finalization is in process.

All HRSA reporting from the County is up to date.

The HRSA Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) regarding timing of reassessment for RWP clients is pending implementation. The eligibility period is expected to be extended to 366 days. This will cut down on paperwork for clients and should help mitigate ADAP disenrollment.

The Test and Treat/Rapid Access protocol has connected 2,716 persons to care as of May 9, 2022.

Florida Part A-funded and Ending the HIV Epidemic-funded jurisdictions and the HIV Section in Tallahassee are working on a data-sharing agreement (data-to-care matching) for the state to identify clients who have fallen out of care and why they have fallen out of care.

The County is engaged in statewide and local integrated planning. At the state level, the Florida Comprehensive Training Network (FCPN) has developed a statewide plan and has asked for commentary from the County. The Prevention and Strategic Planning Committees are working on writing the local Integrated Plan.

#### ▪ Ryan White Part B

*David Goldberg*

David Goldberg, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH), reviewed the *Florida Department of Health Expenditure/Invoice Reports* for March 2022, which is the latest completed month of data.

Mr. Goldberg noted the number of clients served and service units per category. The Outpatient Ambulatory Health Service category will not be funded next year since the contracted provider is not renewing the contract. The Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) service category covers the 30-day Test and Treat/Rapid Access (TTRA) medication supply; and has been updated to include rental assistance, food vouchers, and utility assistance as a payor of last resort, which is starting to see some utilization. Underspensing of EFA is due in part to TTRA medications being available through Patient Assistant Programs and utilization of medication samples. Non-Medical Case Management Services expenditures are nearing pre-COVID levels.

Part B is converting their database system from Careware to Provide Enterprise Miami, which is the same database used by Part A. There is programming and training needed to be fully up and running on Provide; the conversion is expected to be completed in a couple of months.

▪ **General Revenue at SFAN**

*Angela Machado*

Angela Machado, South Florida AIDS Network, reviewed the General Revenue (GR) Report for March 2022. Contracts for the fiscal year beginning July 1 are under development. Client levels are continuing to increase though not yet back to pre-COVID levels. Transportation voucher usage has increased. Funds for 24 hour assistance under residential care is maxed out.

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

Roberto Tazoe was not present; the item was tabled.

**B. Committee Reports**

*Committee Reports to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership* were projected on the shared screen and distributed to members. Committee chairs read action items into the record and Mr. Iadarola summarized the activities of other committees.

▪ **Care and Treatment Committee**

*Dr. Diego Shmuels*

A target had not been adopted regarding the percent of clients receiving oral health care who received annual oral examinations within the past 12 months. Based on a data review and input, the Medical Care Subcommittee (MCSC) and Care and Treatment Committee moved to adopt a threshold of 75% for annual oral examinations:

**Motion to adopt the outcome threshold of 75% for annual oral examinations.**

**Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels**

**Seconded: Daniel T. Wall**

**Motion: Passed**

Regarding dental implants, data were reviewed on the estimated costs for new implants and for repairing existing implants. Repairing an implant would allow for the use of existing structures and improve quality of life while not being cost prohibitive. A motion to approve four dental implant repair codes: D6058, D6065, D6068, and D6075 was approved. Dr. Shmuels read the motion as presented. The County asked for the motion to include language the MCSC had discussed indicating the Recipient would specify the codes as restricted to repairing existing implants.

**Motion to add codes D6058 (Abutment supported porcelain/ceramic crown), D6065 (Implant supported porcelain/ceramic crown), D6068 (Abutment supported retainer for porcelain/ceramic Fixed Partial Denture), and D6075 (Implant supported retained for ceramic Fixed Partial Denture) to the Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary, with restrictions as defined by the Recipient.**

**Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels**

**Seconded: Daniel T. Wall**

**Motion: Passed**

The revised Letter of Medical Necessity for continuous glucose monitors for use by individuals with diabetes was presented.

**Motion to accept the revised Letter of Medical Necessity for Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Devices, as discussed. (Attachment 1)**

**Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels**

**Seconded: Daniel T. Wall**

**Motion: Passed**

The Allowable Medical Conditions list was revised to include osteoarthritis under the Bone and Joint Disease (e.g., Orthopedics/Rheumatology) category; and prostate cancer under the Genitourinary/Gynecology/Obstetrics category.

**Motion to add prostate cancer under Genitourinary/Gynecology/Obstetrics specialty; and osteoarthritis under Bone and Joint Disease (e.g., Orthopedics/Rheumatology), as medical conditions on the Allowable Medical Conditions list.**

**Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels**

**Seconded: Rick Siclari**

**Motion: Passed**

▪ **Prevention Committee**

*Abril Sarmiento*

Prevention Committee members nominated Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) representatives. Terms are for three years. Jamie Marqués of Project Access Foundation and Dr. Angela Mooss of Behavioral Science Research Institute were the nominees.

**Motion to elect Jamie Marqués as Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) Area 11a Prevention Committee Representative, and Dr. Angela Mooss as FCPN Area 11a Prevention Committee Alternate.**

**Moved: Abril Sarmiento**

**Seconded: Daniel T. Wall**

**Motion: Passed**

**C. Approval of Reports**

Mr. Iadarola called for a motion:

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

**Moved: Abril Sarmiento**

**Seconded: Daniel T. Wall**

**Motion: Passed**

**IX. Standing Business**

▪ **Source of Income Statements Due**

Staff reminded members to complete the Annual Source of Income statement if they had not done so already. Members were asked to see staff after the meeting if they need the form.

**X. New Business**

There was no new business.

**XI. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**XII. Next Meeting**

Mr. Iadarola announced the next meeting date is pending.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Iadarola called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Daniel T. Wall**

**Seconded: Angela Machado**

**Motion: Passed**

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.