



**Care and Treatment Committee Meeting
Miami-Dade Public Library, Auditorium
101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130
June 2, 2022**

Approved July 7, 2022

#	Committee Members	Present	Absent
1	Alcala, Etelvina	X	
2	Downs, Frederick		X
3	Grant, Gena		X
4	Henriquez, Maria	X	
5	Iadarola, Dennis		X
6	Mills, Vanessa	X	
7	Neff, Travis		X
8	Roelans, Ryan		X
9	Siclari, Rick	X	
10	Shmuels, Diego	X	
11	Trepka, Mary Jo	X	
12	Wall, Dan	X	
Quorum = 5			

Guests	
Louvens Fils Aime	
Angela Machado	
Brad Mester	
Javier Romero, MD	
Staff	
Robert Ladner	
Marlen Meizoso	

Note that 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.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Diego Shmuels, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

II. Meeting Housekeeping and Rules

Marlen Meizoso reviewed a Housekeeping and Rules presentation (copy on file), which reviewed the environmental reminders, parking, and meeting decorum for all participants.

III. Introductions

Members and guest introduced themselves around the room.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Dr. Shmuels read the following:

Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any items 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 line for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received.

There were no comments, so the floor was closed.

Dan Wall indicated he would like to see more members of the affected community participate in meetings. He volunteered to make a presentation at Community Coalition to get more participants. Some members suggested making the information more digestible. Attendance has suffered at all meetings between member health issues, COVID-19, and scheduling conflicts.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. Sweeps 1-Carryover Request of Available YR 31 Funds was added as the first item of New Business.

Motion to accept the agenda, with the discussed addition.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of May 5, 2022

The committee reviewed the minutes of May 5, 2022, and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes from May 5, 2022, as presented.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

• *Part A*

Dan Wall

Dan Wall reported that FY 2021 (March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022), has been closed out. For FY 2021, 8,418 unduplicated clients were served, an increase from pre-pandemic levels, although expenditures have not followed suit. FY 2021 expenditure reports are included in meeting handouts and posted on www.aidsnet.org. The State of Florida has hired consultants to review the Part B allocation process. Part A was asked to provide input. The FY 2022 award notice was received yesterday, and indicates a 3.07% increase from last year, from \$26,432,895 to \$27,245,345. A TTRA provider meeting (joint Part A and B) is being planned for June 2022. Federal reports have been completed. The Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) meetings continue and are scheduled to meet to review the Integrated Plan the third week of August. The Medication Access Committee has made a motion requesting that EHE funds be used to assist clients through ADAP for clients above the current FPL. Miami-Dade County Part A, Part B, and EHE recipients were invited by HRSA to present on Community Engagement efforts at the 2022 National Ryan White Conference scheduled for August 23-26.

• *Part B*

Marlen Meizoso for David Goldberg

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the March 2022 Part B report (copy on file) which listed the expenditures, budgets, and funded categories.

- *ADAP*

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the May 2022, as of June 1, 2022 ADAP report (copy on file). Enrollments, expenditures, and payments were reviewed. Currently there is only one participant with Magellan, CVS Specialty Pharmacy whose contract has been expanded to September 30. As of June 1st, Cabreuva utilization is 52% direct dispense and 48% insurance. There is a special enrollment period monthly for clients to sign up for marketplace plans for clients between 100-150% FPL, contingent on meeting marketplace rules.

There was a question if there was any data on client preference since there currently is only one option to pick up medications from ADAP. Clients were offered surveys for the last 6-7 years when they picked up medications at ADAP and they indicated they prefer to stay at the current location (89%). Responses are 6% of those who replied to the survey. If a client wishes to not use ADAP, the only option is CVS Specialty Pharmacy which has a series of processes. The program anticipates that additional pharmacies will be included in the ADAP program (via Magellan). Clients have been informed that there is another option, they receive a 90-day supply but will need to get new prescriptions for the program. There is short window (per quarter) for pharmacies to apply and be approved for the 340B program. Once agencies are in the program, promotion of the location can be done. For those clients who have been served by CVS Specialty Pharmacy to date, it has been slightly challenging because the pharmacy requires to speak to the client and clients are reluctant to pick up the phone from an unknown number. ADAP staff has had to work with those clients to facilitate the access to CVS Specialty Pharmacy. The Part A program will query the agencies that applied to the Magellan program and been approved, to request if a one-page document could be developed to provide to clients with the requirements to receive services. Once all the one pagers have been collected, a possible composite document could be developed to streamline the process.

- *General Revenue*

Angela Machado

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the March 2022, General Revenue report (copy on file) which indicated the number of clients served, categories funded, expenditures, and overall budget.

- *Vacancies*

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the May 2022, vacancy report (copy on file). There are twelve vacancies on the Care and Treatment Committee. If anyone knows of interested individuals, they may invite them to a meeting or have them contact staff.

- *Report to Committees (reference only)*

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso referenced the report to committees (copy on file) which details the Partnership motions from the last meeting. If anyone has any questions regarding the report, they can contact staff.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ *SFAN Jail Linkage Program*

Louvens Fils-Aime

Louvens Fils-Aime (MWS, MPH, CTTS) presented on the South Florida AIDS Network (SFAN) Jail Linkage (copy on file). He provided a brief introduction on the program, reviewed what is meant by linkage, the types of planning conducted, and some demographic information. Services are provided at three detention centers. In 2021, there were 318 unduplicated clients served. Most clients were Hispanic (38%) and Black/African American (35%). Fully 98% were male.

▪ *Legal Services and Gender Affirming Care*

All

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that based on conversations from the last meeting, revisions adding language to allow for a name change (copy on file) was included in the legal services description. A draft of the language was shared. The Committee decided to defer a vote until the next meeting. At the next meeting, a “Dear Colleague” letter regarding gender affirming care will be presented, which would tie in well with the service description change.

IX. New Business

• *Sweeps 1-Carryover Request of Available YR 31 Funds*

All

Dan Wall explained that FY 31 carryover funding was available to be requested for both Part A and MAI (copies on file). Under Part A, \$4,076,477 was available. The Recipient suggested allocating these funds as follows: \$400,000 to medical case management; \$600,000 to outpatient/ambulatory; \$300,000 to mental health services; \$1 million to oral health; \$259,924 to health insurance; \$200,000 to substance abuse residential; \$1 million to food bank, and \$316,553 to substance abuse outpatient. While mental health is always mentioned as a needed service category, utilization is low. Adding additional funds to the mental health service category would allow for the hiring of more full-time personnel. Under oral health, additional funds are being added because of the possible impact of the cost of the new implant repair codes.

Motion to allocate FY 31 Part A carryover funds as shown (\$400,000 medical case management; \$600,000 to outpatient/ambulatory; \$300,000 to mental health services; \$1 million to oral health; \$259,924 to health insurance; \$200,000 to substance abuse residential, and \$316,553 to substance abuse outpatient) except for food bank.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

Motion: Passed

Rick Siclari is a conflicted member for the food service category. He stepped out of the room while the vote on the item was being made. Form 8B will be completed and included with the

meeting minutes. Under food bank, \$1 million dollars was being allocated, which would bring the service category higher than in past years, but with rising inflation additional cost and utilization are likely. Upon conclusion of the vote Mr. Siclari returned to the room.

Motion to allocate \$1,000,000 of FY 31 Part A carryover funds to food bank.

Moved: Dan Wall Seconded: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka Motion: Passed

Under MAI, \$1,212,670 was available, with recommended allocations as follows: \$400,000 to medical case management, \$500,000 outpatient/ambulatory health; \$106,335 to mental health; \$106,335 to substance abuse outpatient, and \$100,000 to outreach services.

Motion to allocate FY 31 MAI carryover funds of \$400,000 to medical case management and \$500,000 to outpatient/ambulatory health.

Moved: Dan Wall Seconded: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka Motion: Passed

Dr. Diego Shmuels is a conflicted member for mental health, substance abuse, and outreach under MAI. He was asked to step out of the room while the vote on the item was being made. Form 8B will be completed and included with the meeting minutes. Dr. Mary Jo Trepka volunteered to chair the meeting in the chair's absence. Upon conclusion of the vote, Dr. Trepka relinquished chairing and Dr. Shmuels entered the room.

Motion to allocate \$106,335 to mental health, \$106,335 to substance abuse, and \$100,000 to outreach of FY 31 MAI carryover funds.

Moved: Dan Wall Seconded: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka Motion: Passed

- *Setting Priorities and Allocating Resources Process* *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the Setting Priorities and Allocation Resources Process document (copy on file). The document detailed the nine steps that the Committee will follow throughout the needs assessment process for 2022 which will run from June to September.

Motion to accept the setting priorities and allocating resources process.

Moved: Vanessa Mills Seconded: Dan Wall Motion: Passed

- *Summary of HIV Epi Profile Data, 2019-2020* *Robert Ladner*

Robert Ladner presented the Summary of HIV Epidemiology Profile Data, 2019-2020 (copy on file). The full 2020 Epi profile is posted online for reference and will be included in the needs assessment book. The numbers for 2020 because of COVID-19 issues are lower than usual, so data from CY 2019 was included. Information on prevalence was shared and indicated that approximately 27,214 were living with HIV in 2020, of whom 48% were Hispanic, 40% Black non-Hispanic, and 10% were White non-Hispanic. For incidence, males make up 85% of those with HIV and 72% of those with AIDS, most of whom have male to male sexual contact as a transmission category. Information on transgender transmission was included

under incidence; this group accounts for 0.5% and for prevalence 0.3%. Co-occurring conditions including hepatitis (B and C), tuberculosis, and sexually transmitted disease. Sexually transmitted infections continue to increase among persons with HIV. Since 2016, Gonorrhea cases co-infected with HIV have increased by 104%, early syphilis cases co-infected with HIV have increased by 53%, and chlamydia cases have increased by 73%.

- *2021 Ryan White Demographics*

Robert Ladner

Dr. Ladner reviewed the Ryan White Program Demographic Data FY 31 (copy on file). The presentation for the book will include summary slides at the beginning of the document. A total of 8,418 clients were served in FY 2021- 22, which is 4% higher than last year. There was a total of 1,540 new clients in the program, which is a 27% increase from last year. Demographic information on age, gender, race/ethnicity, language, income level, HIV status, and insurance status were reviewed for a five-year period and for the current year. Over 70% of Ryan White Program clients are age 35 and older. Males continue to dominate the client base. Information on transgender clients was included for new and established clients; these persons comprise 1.1% of clients. As in the past, the proportion of Hispanics continues to rise from year to year, with an 8% increase in FY 2021- 2022, and a 7% decrease in Black/African Americans. With the increase of Hispanic clients, Spanish language preference has increased 11%. There has been a marked increase in clients between 301%-400% of the Federal Poverty Level. There appears to be a decrease (2%) of clients identifying Medicaid from FY 27 to FY 31.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that it was especially important that members RSVP in advance to the meetings. Annual financial disclosure forms can be found in member packets and should be completed and returned at the end of the meeting. All financial disclosure forms are due by the end of June.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2021, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library, Auditorium, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Shmuels adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.