



**Care and Treatment Committee Meeting
Miami-Dade Public Library, Auditorium
101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130
July 7, 2022**

Approved August 4, 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	
Mester, Brad	
Poblete, Karen	
Romero, Javier	
Tramel, Alecia	
Valle-Schwenk, Carla	
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 10:16 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

registration will be closing soon. With the recent changes of joint eligibility, the Ryan White Medical Case Management eligibility list is being updated and once completed it will be shared with Dr. Romero. The County is trying to piggyback on the State's quarterly Medicaid client lookups but since this component is not part of the current data sharing agreement the County may need to pay to have it done twice a year.

- *Part B* *Marlen Meizoso for David Goldberg*

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

- *ADAP* *Dr. Javier Romero*

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the June 2022, as of July 5, 2022, ADAP report (copy on file). Enrollments, expenditures, and payments were reviewed. Magellan is supposed to start October 1. On July 16, a number of pharmacies will start participating in the program, but details have yet to be shared by the State. Cabreuva utilization as of July 5 is at 127, 56% direct dispense and 44% insured. Broward Regional will be contacting insured clients to reconcile tax forms and credits. Clients will first be contacted by email then by phone. An estimated 2,300 clients will be contacted in Miami-Dade County.

- *General Revenue* *Angela Machado*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the May 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 12 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.

- *Medical Care Subcommittee Report* *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the Medical Care Subcommittee (copy on file).

The Medical Care Subcommittee:

Met on June 24 and July 5, 2022.

Heard updates from the Ryan White Program and the ADAP Program.

Continued discussing topics related to HIV and aging.

Reviewed, edited, and finalized a draft "Dear Colleague" regarding gender affirming care.

**Motion to accept the “Dear Colleague” letter regarding gender affirming care with changes.
(as presented in attachment 1)**

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Dan Wall

Motion: Passed

Because carryover funds have been added to the oral health care service category, the Subcommittee discussed adopting new dental implant codes based on prior discussions. Input was gathered from oral health care providers limiting the scope of the implant codes and this information was shared. A letter of medical necessity was generated and revised, and the Subcommittee approved the five oral health codes for implants limited to patients who had no teeth and could not keep dentures in place. An effective start date for use of the codes and letter of August 1, 2022, was suggested, pending Partnership approval.

Motion to add D6010 (Surgical placement of implant body, second-stage surgery, placement of healing cap), D6191 (Semi-precision abutment-placement), D6192 (semi-precision attachment-placement), D6110 (Implant/abutment supported removal denture for edentulous arch-maxillary), and D6111(Implant/abutment supported removal denture for edentulous arch-mandibular) to the Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary as detailed in the Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants for edentulous patients with insufficient bone support for conventional complete dentures; advanced resorption of the bone that supports dentures, so they have difficulty keeping them in place; the implants are not cosmetic; and limited to 8 units.

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Rick Siclari

Motion: Passed

**Motion to accept the Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants as amended.
(as presented in attachment 2)**

Moved: Rick Siclari

Seconded: Dan Wall

Motion: Passed

Motion to have an effective start date of August 1, 2022, pending approval of Partnership for Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants.

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Dan Wall

Motion: Passed

The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2022.

- *Sweeps 2 Part A and MAI*

All

Members reviewed the Sweeps 2 for MAI. Under MAI, recommended reductions totaled \$18,179 to two categories (outpatient medical and emergency financial assistance) and the only request was \$6,883 under clinical quality management. The Committee voted to allocate the requested funds.

Motion to allocated MAI funds of \$6,883 to clinical quality management.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

Under Sweeps 2 for Part A, recommended reductions totaling \$1,045,848 and requests totaled \$3,583,631. While the full request could not be met, when the carryover funding that is pending is received most of the requests can be fulfilled for direct services. The clinical quality management

program requested additional funding also. Emergency financial assistance funds have been requested since a provider has exhausted funding from General Revenue. Food bank allocations were separated due to subrecipient conflict of interest. Rick Siclari is a conflicted member for the food bank 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. Upon conclusion of the vote, Mr. Siclari returned to the room. The rest of the allocations are as indicated below.

Motion to allocate under Part A \$766,083 to the food bank service category.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Maria Henriquez

Motion: Passed

Motion to allocate under Part A \$5,815,461 to medical case management; \$8,577,172 to outpatient/ambulatory health; \$132,385 to mental health service; \$84,492 to AIDS pharmaceutical assistance; \$3,088,975 to oral health care; \$335,776 to health insurance services; \$1,969,744 to substance abuse residential; \$44,128 substance abuse outpatient care; \$194,149 to medical transportation; \$9,853 to emergency financial assistance; \$264,696 to outreach services; and \$154,449 to other professional services (legal).

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

VIII. Standing Business

- *Legal Services and Gender Affirming Care*

All

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that based on conversations over the prior two meetings, revisions were added to the language to allow for a name change (copy on file) under legal services description marked draft. The County has issued a revised service description and the committee adopted that version with language since it would allow for the service to be provided without disclosing a client is transgender, rather than the suggested draft.

Motion to accept the legal services description as presented with gender-affirming language.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Rick Siclari

Motion: Passed

IX. New Business

- *CY 2020 and CY 2021 EIIHA Comparison*

Dr. Robert Ladner

Dr. Robert Ladner reviewed the calendar year 2020 and 2021 Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) presentation (copy on file). The data provided are from the Department of Health HIV/AIDS testing program which indicated that in calendar year 2021, 22% more tests were conducted than in 2020. The positivity rate is 0.9% and unlike previous years the Black male to male sexual contact risk group had the highest linkage to care rates. Data from this presentation are online at www.aidsnet.org.

- *FY 31 Ryan White Program HIV Care Continuum*

Dr. Robert Ladner

Dr. Ladner presented the Ryan White Program HIV Care Continuum Fiscal Year 31 (copy on file). The 2020 and 2021 Ryan White continuum graphs are similar for four of the five measures. In 2021, the EIIHA linked to care figures were lower than in 2020. Continuum data were presented by race/ethnicity, gender, and exposure categories for three measures in medical care, retained in medical care, and suppressed viral load. Black non-Hispanics, transgenders, and those who identified other risks had the lowest suppressed viral load rates.

- *Client Satisfaction Survey Results*

Dr. Robert Ladner

Dr. Ladner reviewed the Client Satisfaction Survey results (copy on file). The 2021 survey was conducted differently than in the past, both in methodology and scope. Interviews were conducted via phone and a quota sample by medical provider based on the top 50 providers for which outpatient ambulatory health services and oral health care were evaluated. A total of 517 outpatient ambulatory clients were interviewed and 205 qualified under oral health. Overall, 56% of those sampled worked either full-time (34%) or part-time (22%) so their biggest obstacle was work conflicts for appointments. Sixty-two percent (Spanish 55% and Creole 7%) spoke a language other than English so it important for providers to have multilingual staff at provider sites. Service satisfaction is higher for outpatient ambulatory health services and continues to decline for oral health.

- *FCPN Nominations*

All

Mrs. Meizoso announced that FCPN nominations are due for area 11A (copy on file) and shared the FCPN bylaws. Anyone interested in being the representative or alternate should contact her prior to the next meeting. Appointments are for three years and once approved will need to submit an application. Prior representatives can serve again but will need to be voted on. At the next meeting, a vote will need to take place.

X. Announcements

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that it was especially important that members RSVP in advance to the meetings. Mrs. Meizoso indicated two flyers (copies on file) that should be shared with others. The first flyer announces a monthly symposium (June-September) presented by FIU/BSR on research conducted on the Ryan White Program. The second flyer promotes the Community Coalition Roundtables being held at three provider sites (Jessie Trice, Empower U, and Borinquen).

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 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 12:25 p.m.