



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 240
Coral Gables, FL 33134
July 22, 2022**

Approved September 23, 2022

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Baez, Ivet		x	Ana Nieto	
2	Bauman, Dallas		x	Carla Valle-Schwenk	
3	Cortes, Wanda	x		Christian A. Ysea	
4	Dougherty, James	x			
5	Friedman, Lawrence		x		
6	Goubeaux, Robert	x			
7	Romero, Javier	x			
8	Miller, Juliet		x		
9	Thornton, Darren	x			
10	Torres, Johann	x			
11	Vasquez, Silvana		x	Staff	
Quorum: 5				Marlen Meizoso	Robert Ladner

Note that all documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to both members and the general public prior to (and during) the meeting, at www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Robert Goubeaux, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

II. Meeting Rules and Housekeeping

James Dougherty reviewed the meeting rules and housekeeping presentation (copy on file), which provided the ground rules and reminders for the meeting. He identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource persons for the meeting. If anyone had any questions, BSR would be available to answer them after the meeting.

III. Roll Call and Introductions

Dr. Goubeaux requested members and guests introduce themselves around the room.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Dougherty read the following: *“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 phone line and email for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received.”*

There were no comments, so the floor was closed.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

The Subcommittee reviewed the agenda and accepted it as presented.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented

Moved: Dr. Johann Torres

Second: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of June 26, 2022 and July 5, 2022

Members reviewed the minutes of June 26, 2022 and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of June 26, 2022, as presented.

Moved: Dr. Johann Torres

Second: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

Members reviewed the minutes of July 5, 2022 and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of July 5, 2022, as presented.

Moved: Dr. Johann Torres

Second: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk referenced the final expenditures for FY 2021, clients served in FY 2021, and clients served to date in FY 2022 (copies on file). Contracts are still being worked on with the hope to have all out by the end of next week. Once contracts have been executed, payments can be made. A FY 2022 expenditure report should be available next month. The Partnership approved several of the motions from the Subcommittee. The service delivery guidelines for this year have been released but the updated allowable conditions list is pending release. The eligibility check list is being updated and a draft will be forwarded to Dr. Romero. Several DOH advisory sheets have been distributed including a monkeypox fact sheet. Vaccines are available to providers via FL Shots and administration can be charged to the program.

▪ **ADAP Program**

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the June 2022 report (copy on file). The report reflects expenditures of \$2,561,946.62 for uninsured clients and \$2,797,011.67 for insured clients. Expenditures are up from last year with \$60 million spent in quarter 1. Graphs reflect the differences between 2021 to 2022. Magellan started as the new pharmacy benefits manager October 1. The State will be releasing the names of the pharmacies participating (as of the end of quarter). There has been a high number of requests for monkeypox vaccinations, and these requests are handled by the Epi Department at FDOH located at 1350 NW 14th Street. The Epi Department handles distribution of the national stockpile. The department can be reached at 305-470-5660 or by calling the main line at DOH, 305-324-2400 and requesting to be contacted to the Epi Department. If there are any written protocols to access the vaccine or medications, Ms. Valle-Schwenk requested these be forwarded to her for distribution to providers.

▪ **Membership Vacancies**

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report (copy on file) and indicated there were 13 vacancies on the Subcommittee. If anyone knows of interested individuals, they may contact staff. The Executive Committee is looking into reducing the number of seats on the committees to possible a total of 16 seats. If the Subcommittee size is reduced some seats may need to be reassigned.

▪ **Partnership Report (reference only)**

Dr. Robert Goubeaux

Dr. Goubeaux indicated the Partnership Report (copy on file) detailed the items approved at the July 18 Partnership meeting including sweeps, the approval of the letter on gender affirming care, and the dental implant items. Any questions can be directed to staff.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ **Remaining HIV and aging topics**

All

The last five topics (depression, eyesight/hearing diminishes, cardiovascular disease, liver disease and STIs) were discussed along with two articles from HRSA on HIV and Aging (copies on file). Substance Abuse and Mental Health are two underutilized service categories which need to be better promoted. Underutilization may be due to lower reimbursement rates. In addition, there is a shortage of mental health providers and psychiatrists who work with the program, so wait times are often very long for clients. For depression specifically, there are few medications on the formulary and revising the mental health formularies may be in order. For eyesight or hearing diminishment, there is less of direct connection between HIV and the conditions, particularly for hearing loss, although clients who have uncontrolled HIV or an additional STI may have problems with eyesight. Resources for glasses and hearing, as available, should be shared. Cardiovascular disease does have a documented connection to HIV and some new medications that have dual function may be advisable to add to the formulary. Additional cardiac conditions may need to be added to the conditions list. STIs are still an issue with those aging, as are long term complicators of HIV treatment. Staff will compile the results to share at the upcoming Needs Assessment meeting. With the problems identified, the next step is to find solutions, such as updating the standards to make a notation on aging, revising the allowable conditions list, as applicable, and reviewing the formulary to see if any medications should be added. Ms. Valle-Schwenk will seek clarification from the HRSA project officer as to what is allowable to address the HIV and aging topics.

▪ **August meeting**

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso indicated that the August 26, 2022, meeting is on the last day of the Ryan White Conference. The next item the Subcommittee will be working on is the Minimum Primary Care Standards. The draft standards, IDSA update, and CDC Immunization guidelines were shared with the Subcommittee (copies on file). If the Subcommittee decided to cancel the meeting, items #1-15 could be reviewed with comments forwarded for the September meeting. Mrs. Meizoso also indicated she would forward the information electronically along with the DHHS guidelines. The Subcommittee indicated that they were amenable to canceling the meeting.

Motion to cancel the August 26, 2022, meeting.

Moved: Wanda Cortes

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

IX. New Business

Addition to ADAP Formulary

All

Mrs. Meizoso shared a communication from ADAP indicating the addition of two new pneumococcal conjugate vaccines PDV15 and PCV20 to the ADAP formulary (copies on file). Vaccines are allowable under the Part A program under the outpatient ambulatory health category, but Ryan White is the payor of last resort. So, for those clients on ADAP, the vaccines must be accessed via ADAP. Dr. Romero indicated that the SAME DAY card could be used to access the vaccines at approved local pharmacies.

X. Announcements

Dr. Goubeaux indicated that any announcements should be forwarded to staff for posting online. All members are urged to RSVP for the September meeting. Mrs. Meizoso indicated two flyers (copies on file) are included in the

meeting materials and additional copies are available and 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 which this month is being hosted at Jessie Trice. The Ryan White Conference is scheduled for August 23-26, 2022, online but registration closes August 9. The Executive Committee revised the Code of Conduct. Members were provided a copy (copy on file) and requested to sign the attestation.

XI. Next Meeting

The next Subcommittee meeting will be held Friday, September 22, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at BSR.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Goubeaux adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.