



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting  
Behavioral Science Research  
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 240  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
November 18, 2022**

*Approved January 27, 2023*

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Baez, Ivet	X		Francisco Benito	
2	Cortes, Wanda		X	Stephanie Llambes	
3	Dougherty, James	X		Ana Nieto	
4	Friedman, Lawrence		X	Carla Valle-Schwenk	
5	Goubeaux, Robert	X		Christhian A. Ysea	
6	Romero, Javier	X			
7	Miller, Juliet	X			
8	Thornton, Darren	X			
9	Torres, Johann	X			
10	Vasquez, Silvana		X	<b>Staff</b>	
<b>Quorum: 4</b>				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](http://www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents).

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Robert Goubeaux, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:39 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 personnel 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 and accepted the agenda.

**Motion to accept the agenda as amended.**

**Moved: James Dougherty**

**Second: Javier Romero**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Review/Approve Minutes of October 28, 2022**

Members reviewed the minutes of October 28, 2022 and moved to accept the minutes as presented.

**Motion to accept the minutes of October 28, 2022, as presented.**

**Moved: Dr. Javier Romero**

**Second: Ivet Baez**

**Motion: Passed**

**VII. Reports**

▪ **Ryan White Program**

*Carla Valle-Schwenk*

Carla Valle-Schwenk referenced the September 2022 allocations and expenditures report detailing Ryan White Part A/MAI Program expenditures as of November 16, 2022 (copies on file). As of the date of the report, the Ryan White Program had served over 7,700 clients. Expenditures continue to be lower than usual because of billing delays caused by delays in entering into contracts with subrecipients, but expenditures should catch up by next month as only three contracts remain to be executed. The 2022 – 2026 Integrated Plan is being worked on and should be submitted by December 9. The Partnership will be voting on the document at its meeting next week.

▪ **Aids Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**

*Dr. Javier Romero*

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the October 2022 ADAP report as of November 2 (copy on file), including enrollments, expenditures, prescriptions, premium payments, and program updates. The 2023 Affordable Care Act marketplace open enrollment period is open from November 1 through January 15, 2022. Extended eligibility and reciprocity program changes begin November 1, with the effects that (1) re-qualifying for ADAP is now only needed once every 366 days, instead of the former 180-day eligibility period, and (2) client documentation establishing eligibility for Ryan White Part A/MAI, Part B, ADAP or General Revenue will be accepted across funding programs, instead of the need to re-establish eligibility for each programs. Prescriptions for anti-retroviral medications (ARVs) are no longer needed to enroll in ADAP. Additional pharmacy choices are available for ADAP clients to pick-up in Miami-Dade County.

▪ **Vacancy Report**

*Marlen Meizoso*

Marlen Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report (copy on file) based on the revised membership configuration for the Subcommittee. There are six vacancies on the Subcommittee, including five vacancies for members of the affected community and one vacancy for an at-large member. Stephanie Llambes, pharmacist, has applied and can fill the at-large seat. She introduced herself and expressed her interest. The Subcommittee voted on her membership. Upon approval, Ms. Llambes must complete new member orientation, ethics training, and comply with disclosure requirements. Staff will forward a welcome packet with details. If anyone knows of other individuals interested in membership, they may contact staff.

**Motion to recommend Stephanie Llambes as a member of the Medical Care Subcommittee.**

**Moved: James Dougherty**

**Seconded: Dr. Johann Torres**

**Motion: Passed**

▪ **Report to Committees (reference only)**

*Marlen Meizoso*

Dr. Goubeaux indicated that the Partnership's Report to Committees is posted online. The report details the items approved at the October 31, 2022, Partnership meeting including needs assessment items and letters. Any questions can be directed to staff.

**VIII. Standing Business**

• **OHC items (codes, service description, standards)**

*Appropriateness of D5421 (Adjustment to Dentures) and D5225 (Maxillary partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth]) billing*

As indicated at the last meeting, there is currently no restriction in the Ryan White Oral Health Care formulary or in Provide® Enterprise Miami to prevent code D5421 (Adjustment to Dentures) and code D5225 (Maxillary partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth]) from being billed together. Medicaid's DentaQuest and MCNA plan benefits allow billing of the adjustment code only **after six months** of the initial service. The information provided by the former Oral Health Care Subcommittee practitioner members did not provide the clarity needed for decision making. Staff reached out to Dr. Mark Schweizer, Assistant Dean of Community Programs at Nova Southeastern University, who works with AETC on oral health care issues, and requested more information. He stated that charging separately for an adjustment on any type of denture close to the time of fabrication is not the usual practice. HIV positive clients may need more adjustments due to oral health care conditions such as dry mouth. In the Broward County program, there is no charge for the denture adjustment, but six months is a reasonable time after placement to charge just one time. Well-made dentures should need 2-3 adjustments at most.

Based on the information received the Subcommittee made several motions regarding the codes.

**Motion for D5225 (Maxillary partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth] to include adjustments up to 180 days.**

**Moved: James Dougherty**

**Seconded: Juliet Miller**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion for D5226 ((Mandibular partial denture-flexible based [including any clasps, rests, and teeth] to include adjustments up to 180 days.**

**Moved: Juliet Miller**

**Seconded: James Dougherty**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to restrict D5421 (Adjustment to Dentures) billing within 180 days of D5225 and D5226.**

**Moved: James Dougherty**

**Second: Juliet Miller**

**Motion: Passed**

• **Oral Health Care Service Description**

The revisions requested at the last meeting were incorporated into the draft and shared with the Subcommittee (copy on file). The Subcommittee reviewed the service description and made four changes:

- Move paragraph on pg. 76 "Clients referred for Oral Health Care..." to pg. 78
- Change not more than 6 months old to "as clinically indicated"
- Add line "Labs maybe requested of physicians as clinically indicated" before "All referrals" paragraph
- Strike "Additional" from letter E.

**Motion to accept the changes to the Oral Health Care service descriptions, as discussed.**

**Moved: James Dougherty**

**Seconded: Juliet Miller**

**Motion: Passed**

- **Oral Health Care Standards**

The revisions requested at the last meeting were incorporated into the draft and shared with the Subcommittee (copy on file). On page 4, the Subcommittee requested to change “required” to “indicated.”

**Motion to accept the changes to the Oral Health Service Standards, as discussed.**

**Moved: Ivet Baez**

**Seconded: James Dougherty**

**Motion: Passed**

- **Minimum Primary Care Standards Items**

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed provided the latest version of the Minimum Primary Care Standards (copy on file). Final edits are being done but clarification is needed on two items. The Subcommittee agreed that for the sake of consistency, proper names are to be followed by acronyms, rather than the inconsistent use in the existing Standards. The second item is whether to use the American Cancer Society (annual) or IDSA (every two years) guidance for mammograms. The Subcommittee opted to follow the American Cancer Society. Members were requested to review the document and forward any additional changes before the next meeting.

- **Allowable Medical Conditions including Breast Cancer and Neutropenia**

The revisions requested at the last meeting were incorporated into the draft and shared with the Subcommittee (copy on file) to review. On pg. 5 a comma is needed after lymphoma and oral and the comma should be removed after vera. There was a question regarding the need to include the large description under mental health since some of the language belongs in the service description only and not the list to access services. A revised document will be presented at the next meeting to the Subcommittee.

- **Service Descriptions: AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance and Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services**

The Subcommittee reviewed the service descriptions for AIDS pharmaceutical assistance and outpatient ambulatory health services (copy on file). Both service descriptions include redline updates. Under AIDS pharmaceutical assistance, areas in yellow were items that needed to be reviewed, as to whether to leave as is or change. The Subcommittee suggested leaving the items as they are. Under outpatient ambulatory health service, the items in yellow will be updated later in the year by the County. The Subcommittee made a motion to approve the items.

**Motion to accept the changes to the AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance service description, as presented.**

**Moved: Stephanie Llambes**

**Seconded: Dr. Darren Thornton**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to accept the changes to the Outpatient Ambulatory Health service description, as presented.**

**Moved: James Dougherty**

**Seconded: Juliet Miller**

**Motion: Passed**

## **IX. New Business**

- **Formulary Request: Methadone**

A request to add methadone to the Ryan White Prescription drug formulary was received for clients experiencing opioid use disorder (copy on file). The policy and procedure for prescription drug formulary review and a literature review were also provided and reviewed by the Subcommittee (copy on file). Ivet Baez walked the Subcommittee through the existing restrictions for methadone when used as a medication for opioid use disorder. Methadone is governed by specific state and federal laws which require special certifications and accreditations and the necessity to administer the drug in the presence of a witness. There are only a few facilities in Miami-Dade County which have

access to the medication for opioid use disorder, none of which are Ryan White agencies. The Subcommittee indicated it could not fulfil the request because of these legal barriers.

- **Planning for 2023**

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the tentative items and dates for 2023 (copy on file). The Subcommittee agreed to the items suggested and requested the Letters of Medical necessity be reviewed at the January meeting. Formulary updates will be placed on the March agenda.

- **2023 Elections**

Mrs. Meizoso shared the 2023 elections memo (copy on file). Both the chair and vice-chair are eligible and interested in a second term. The election will take place at the next meeting.

**X. Announcements**

- **HIV Section Medical Formulary Workgroup**

Mrs. Meizoso shared information on behalf of the State of Florida HIV Section, which is seeking members for the Medical Formulary Workgroup (copy on file). Electronic copies of the documents distributed today will be emailed after the meeting. Please share as appropriate. The application is due by December 1, 2022.

**XI. Next Meeting**

The next Subcommittee meeting will be held Friday, January 27, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at BSR.

**XII. Adjournment**

Dr. Goubeaux adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and wished everyone happy holidays.