

I. Call to Order

Partnership Chair, Dennis Iadarola, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

II. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping/Meeting Rules

Mr. Iadarola briefly reviewed the PowerPoint presentation, *Partnership Meeting Housekeeping*, including code of conduct, “people first” language, 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. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: David Goldberg

Seconded: Miguel Puente

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of January 27, 2023

The minutes of January 27, 2023 were reviewed. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2023 as presented.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Seconded: Angela Machado

Motion: Passed

VII. Special Presentation

Dr. Hansel E. Tookes, Associate Professor at University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, presented *Tele-Harm Reduction for Rapid Initiation of Antiretrovirals in People who Inject Drugs: a Randomized Controlled Trial*. The presentation detailed the trial overview of Project T-SHARP (Telehealth Solution to HIV and Addiction-Related Problems among People Who Inject Drugs); HIV incidence in Florida; the impacts of HIV outbreaks among people who inject drugs; the history and efficacy of the Infectious Diseases Elimination Act (IDEA Exchange); Miami’s response, including collaboration with the Florida Department of Health and creating a pathway to HIV care for people experiencing homelessness and injecting fentanyl and stimulants; reasons why the traditional healthcare model does not work for people who inject drugs; and the many psychosocial and syndemic health barriers that exist for people who inject drugs.

Dr. Tookes explained tele-harm reduction, including how it is implemented, successes of using the tele-harm model, published studies on harm reduction research, and why this model is the logical step for transforming the way we practice medicine. He also called for help in recruiting new clients to the ongoing study.

VIII. Reports

A. Membership

Members thanked outgoing member Miguel Puente for his service and dedication to the Partnership.

B. Committee Reports

Committee Reports to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership were projected on the shared screen and distributed to members. The Executive Committee and Community Coalition presented motions for approval. Other committee business was included on the report for reference.

▪ Executive Committee

The committee approved edits to the Policy and Procedure Manual, as attached to this report, including: modification of committee, subcommittee, and workgroup membership from 24 to 16 members, with the exception of the Prevention Committee; corrections to the introduction and reimbursements sections; and general editorial corrections.

Motion to approve Policy and Procedure Manual changes as presented.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Seconded: Miguel Puente

Motion: Passed

▪ Community Coalition

The committee reviewed Partnership applications from James Dougherty for the Community-Based AIDS Service Organization Representative seat; and from Barbara Kubilus for the Representative from Agencies Receiving Grants Under Ryan White Part D, or from Organizations with a History of Providing Services to Children, Youth, and Families seat. Mr. Dougherty will take the place of Amaris Hess whose term will expire upon his appointment. Ms. Kubilus will take the place of Ana Garcia who has retired.

Motion to recommend to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County the appointment of James Dougherty for the Community-Based AIDS Service Organization Representative seat on the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Seconded: David Goldberg

Motion: Passed

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Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Seconded: David Goldberg

Motion: Passed

C. 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 Program (RWP) Part A/MAI updates. The latest expenditure reports and client count were available at the meeting and projected on the screen. In the Fiscal Year beginning March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, the RWP has served 8,312 unduplicated clients.

Test and Treat/Rapid Access (TTRA) protocol includes 3,334 TTRA clients enrolled between the protocol start date of July 2, 2018 through February 16, 2023.

All RWP contracts have been executed and amendments are being processed. All Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) contracts have been executed and EHE data reporting is live in the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system.

OMB is current with all reports to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services Report (RSR) instructions were received; the local deadline is February 27, 2023.

The RWP provisional award letters were received.

Members were urged to have clients complete the Florida HIV Needs Assessment.

The Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) meeting is scheduled for February 27-28, 2023. RWP Parts A and B will meet to discuss statewide data sharing, self-attestation forms, and a standardized notice of eligibility.

▪ **Ryan White Part B**

The Part B billing cycle had not closed so there were no updates since the previous meeting.

▪ **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Miami**

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero, FDOH-Miami-Dade County, reported on the clients served, number of prescriptions, and program notes as detailed in the January 2023 ADAP Report. To date, for the Fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022, pharmacy expenditures totaling \$22,690,810, and Affordable Care Act premium payments totaling \$28,547,945, were reported.

As of February 6, 2023, Cabenuva utilization was reported for 119 persons in Miami-Dade County.

▪ **General Revenue at SFAN**

Angela Machado

Angela Machado, South Florida AIDS Network, reviewed the General Revenue (GR) Report for December 2022. 760 unduplicated clients were served. A change in the number of people seeking transportation was noted.

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

Roberto Tazoe, City of Miami, was not at the meeting. A consolidated report of the 2021 *HOPWA Program Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Measuring Performance Outcomes* was available for review.

D. Approval of Reports

Mr. Iadarola called for a motion to approve all reports.

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

Moved: Miguel Puente

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

IX. Standing Business

A. Officer Nominations

Alicia Tramel and Alberto Perez-Bermudez were slated to be nominated as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. However, since neither member was present, the item was tabled. Members were in favor of the nominations but wished to wait until both members were present to make a motion on nominations. Staff was asked to contact all eligible members again prior to the next meeting.

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 Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Miami-Dade County Library.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Iadarola adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.