



Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Meeting Minutes

Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
July 17, 2023

Approved August 21, 2023

#	Partnership Members	Present	Absent
1	Burks, Laurie Ann		x
2	Dougherty, James	x	
3	Duberli, Francesco	x	
4	Forrest, David	x	
5	Goldberg, David		x
6	Henriquez, Maria	x	
7	Herz, Stephen	x	
8	Hunter, Tabitha	x	
9	Iadarola, Dennis	x	
10	Laso, Carlos	x	
11	Machado, Angela	x	
12	McIntyre, Harold	x	
13	Perez Bermudez, Alberto		x
14	Romero, Javier	x	
15	Sarmiento, Abril	x	
16	Shmuels, Diego		x
17	Siclari, Rick	x	
18	Tazoe, Roberto	x	
19	Tramel-McIntyre, Alecia	x	
20	Wall, Daniel T.	x	
21	Vacant Representative of the Affected Community		
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32	Vacant Part D Grantee Representative		
33	Vacant Substance Abuse Provider Representative		
34	Vacant Representative Co-infected with Hepatitis B or C		
35	Vacant Other Federal HIV Program Grantee Rep. (SAMHSA)		
36	Vacant Hospital or Health Care Planning Agency Representative		
37	Vacant Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Representative		
38	Vacant Mental Health Provider Representative		
39	Vacant Miami-Dade County Public Schools Representative		
Quorum = 13			

#	Alternate Representatives of the Affected Community	Present	Absent
1	Vacant		
2	Vacant		
3	Vacant		
#	Ex-Officio Members	Present	Absent
1	Vacant MDC Mayor Office		
2	Vacant Board of County Commissioners		
Guests			
	Belledent, Nelly		
	Cooper, Ruth		
	Fernandez, Chad		
	Gallo, Giselle		
	Kratofil, Keri		
	Mejias, Thaydee		
	Ocan, Yahima		
	Torrealba, Marco		
	Vazquez, Wanda		
Staff			
	Bontempo, Christina		
	Ladner, Robert		

Note: 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. The meeting agenda was distributed to all attendees. Meeting documents related to action items were distributed to members or available for review. Meeting documents were projected on the meeting room projection screen.

I. Call to Order

Partnership Chair, Alecia Tramel-McIntyre, called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

II. Moment of Silence

Members held a moment of silence in recognition of long-time member Frederick Downs. Jr., who passed away last month, and for all those we have lost.

III. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves. Ms. Tramel-McIntyre called for introductions again later in the meeting for those who arrived after this agenda item.

IV. Housekeeping/Meeting Rules

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre 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.

V. Floor Open to the Public

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre 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.

VI. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda. Ms. Tramel-McIntyre called for anyone to be added to announcements; staff was added to announcements.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Abril Sarmiento

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

VII. Review/Approve Minutes of May 15, 2023

The minutes of May 15, 2023 were reviewed. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2023 as presented.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Seconded: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

VIII. Reports

A. Membership

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre announced that the vacancy report is posted online. All committees and the Partnership are in need of members. Attendees were encouraged to promote membership opportunities, especially to Ryan White clients.

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre thanked outgoing Chair, Dennis Iadarola, and presented him with a plaque in recognition for his service and commitment to the planning council. Members applauded Mr. Iadarola and thanked him for his service.

B. Committee Reports

▪ Care and Treatment Committee

□ **RWP YR 33 Part A Sweeps and Carryover Allocations**

Members received a copy of the *Miami Dade County - Ryan White Part A FY 2023-24 (YR 33) Formula, Supplemental, and Carryover Grant Funding Allocations Sweeps 2 (SW2) – Funding Reallocations*, and considered the following motions:

Motion to reallocate FY 2023-24 (YR 33) Formula and Supplemental grant funding of \$1,179,244 to Food Bank.

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

Motion to allocate 100% of Part A Carryover funding (\$723,098) to Food Bank.

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

Motion to reallocate FY 2023-24 (YR 33) Formula and Supplemental grant funding for total proposed allocations as follows: \$6,174,853 to Medical Case Management; \$14,555 to AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance; \$8,503,003 to Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services; \$3,388,975 to Oral Health Care; \$345,700 to Health Insurance Services; \$107,844 to Mental Health Services; \$1,701,206 to Substance Abuse Residential; \$38,128 to Substance Abuse Outpatient; \$186,688 to Medical Transportation; \$230,896 to Outreach; and \$122,449 Other Professional Services (Legal).

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

Details: Part A funds were “swept” from eleven service categories totaling \$2,773,261. Requests totaled more than \$5.5 million. The Partnership approved the Committee’s recommendations to reallocate Formula and Supplemental funding for a total YR 33 allocation of \$21,993,541; and to allocate Carryover funding of \$723,098 entirely to Food Bank, which is underfunded at current expenditure levels. Three motions were made because there was expected to be a member with a voting conflict related to Food Bank; however, the conflicted member arrived after the Food Bank votes, therefore no conflict was noted.

□ **RWP YR 33 MAI Sweeps and Carryover Allocations**

Members received the *Miami Dade County - Ryan White Part A FY 2023-24 (YR 33) Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) & MAI Carryover Grant Funding Allocations Sweeps 2 (SW2) – Funding Reallocations*, and considered the following motions:

Motion to reallocate FY 2023-24 (YR 33) MAI funding for total proposed allocations as follows: \$943,920 to Medical Case Management; and \$1,241,041 to Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services.

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Daniel T. Wall

Motion: Passed

Details: MAI funds were “swept” from one service category. The Partnership approved the Committee’s recommendation to reallocate funds into Medical Case Management and Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, the two service categories with the greatest expenditure levels.

Motion to allocate MAI Carryover funds of \$537,152 to Medical Case Management; and \$537,152 to Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services.

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Rick Siclari

Motion: Passed

Details: A total of \$1,074,034 in MAI Carryover funds were available to be requested. The Partnership approved the Committee’s recommendation to distribute funds evenly between Medical Case Management and Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, the two service categories with the greatest expenditure levels.

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 current Fiscal Year (FY) which started on March 1, 2023, the program has served 6,827 unduplicated clients. Client levels are expected to reach pre-COVID levels by the end of the FY.

The Care and Treatment Committee will be discussing suggested updates to reporting of the Test and Treat/Rapid Access data at their next meeting.

The County’s Ending the HIV Epidemic Requests for Proposals due date has passed. Updates will be announced after the Cone of Silence is lifted.

Mr. Wall will attend the Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) meeting in Tampa from July 18-21, 2023.

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

Dr. Javier Romero, FDOH-Miami-Dade County, reported on enrollments, reenrollments, pharmacy expenditures and utilization, and premium payments and utilization as detailed in the June 2023 report. Dr. Romero noted additional medications have been added to the ADAP Prescription Drug Formulary. He also noted there are now 17 ADAP pharmacy locations which clients can access, but their choice must be documented at the ADAP-Miami Program Office.

- **General Revenue**

Angela Machado, South Florida AIDS Network, reviewed the General Revenue (GR) Report for May 2023, including unduplicated client count and expenditures to date. Ms. Machado indicated a need for more nursing home care. The number of GR-funded nursing home beds has expanded from five to seven, and clients are being assisted with getting their medications from ADAP.

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

Roberto Tazoe, City of Miami, announced that 20 people have been placed from the HOPWA Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) waiting list, which leaves a balance of approximately 235 people on the waiting list.

The program received funding of \$14 million which is a slight increase. Approximately 92% of funds will be distributed through TBRA providers, and approximately 2% to 4% will be distributed through Short Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility assistance and project-based housing, with the remainder going to administrative costs.

▪ **Ryan White Part B**

No one was present to give the Part B report; the Chair called for a motion to defer.

Motion to defer the Ryan White Part B report.

Moved: James Dougherty

Seconded: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

D. Approval of Reports

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre called for a motion to approve all reports.

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

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Seconded: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

IX. Standing Business

There was no standing business.

X. New Business

There was no new business on the agenda, however, a new item was proposed by Assistant County Attorney (ACA), Terrence A. Smith in recognition of Frederick Downs, Jr. many years of service to the community he would prepare a resolution to the Mayor to make a proclamation. Members were in favor of the suggestion. A draft of the resolution will be brought to the next meeting for the board's consideration.

XI. Announcements and Open Discussion

Staff announced the availability of Know Your Rights flyers on www.aidsnet.org regarding Florida's new immigration law (SB1718). Flyers are available in English and Spanish; Haitian-Creole is expected to be distributed later in the day. ACA Smith advised the flyers are not legal documents and that anyone with an immigration concern should seek legal counsel. Mr. Wall thanked ACA Smith and staff for creating the flyer and indicated he will share the three versions of the flyer at the FCPN meeting, noted above.

Staff announced upcoming Community Coalition Roundtable dinners and encouraged members to promote the meetings to clients.

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre called for "Open Discussion." There were no discussion items from the floor. Ms. Tramel-McIntyre expressed happiness for being alive and thanked the members for making the funding allocations today that will have a positive impact on people's lives.

XII. Next Meeting

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre announced the next meeting date is Monday, August 21, 2023 at the Miami-Dade County Library.

XIII. Adjournment

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Daniel T. Wall

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.