



**Care and Treatment Committee Meeting
Miami-Dade Public Library, Auditorium
101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130
June 8, 2023**

Approved July 14, 2023

#	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	Roelans, Ryan		X
8	Siclari, Rick		X
9	Shmuels, Diego		X
10	Trepka, Mary Jo	X	
11	Wall, Dan	X	
Quorum: 5			

Guests	
Brad Mester	
Karen Poblete	
Javier Romero	
Carla Valle-Schwenk	
Jennifer William	
Staff	
Robert Ladner	Marlen Meizoso

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. Mary Jo Trepka*

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka, the Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. in the absence of the Chair.

II. Introductions *Dr. Mary Jo Trepka*

Members and guests introduced themselves around the room.

III. Meeting Housekeeping and Rules *Dr. Mary Jo Trepka*

Dr. Trepka reviewed the Housekeeping and Rules presentation (copy on file), which reviewed the environmental reminders, parking, and meeting decorum for all participants.

IV. Floor Open to the Public *Dr. Mary Jo Trepka*

Dr. Trepka 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 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 line 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

All

The committee reviewed the agenda and made a motion to approve it as presented.

Motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

Moved: Dennis Iadarola

Seconded: Dan Wall

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of May 4, 2023

All

The committee reviewed the minutes of May 4, 2023, and accepted them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes from May 4, 2023, as presented.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Dennis Iadarola

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

- *Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)*

Dan Wall

Dan Wall reviewed the End of Fiscal Year Recipient report on expenditures, which provided data on Part A/MAI reimbursements as of June 1, 2023. The Part A/MAI program served 8,590 unduplicated clients (8,526 under Part A and 1,351 under MAI). The current client count is 5,968. The full expenditure report is posted online and indicates expenditures of over \$22 million in direct services. The first Sweeps were done in June at the Partnership to meet Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) deadlines. Carryover and Sweeps #2 will need to be conducted in July. The full grant award for the current year was received and totaled \$27,558,848. All reports have been submitted. Test and Treat/Rapid Access has served 3,558 to-date with 2,700 (76%) being virally suppressed. The Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Request for Proposals (RFP) has been released and is due by 2:00 p.m. on June 28, 2023. Four components are funded under the EHE RFP: HealthTec, Quick Connect, Housing Stability Support, and Mobile GO Team. HRSA has rescheduled the EHE site visit to August 8-10, 2023.

- *Part B*

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the Final 2022-2023 Part B report. For the fiscal year ending March 2023, 1,337 clients were served at an expense of \$1,679,849.

- *.ADAP*

Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the May 2023 report as of June 5, 2023, including data on enrollments, pharmacy and insurance expenditures, program updates, medication additions, and current pharmacy listings. There have been few former-Medicaid clients accessing the program. CHI is now a pharmacy under Magellan and has two sites for prescription drug access. As of February 1, Care Resource is no longer participating with Magellan. Clients must be open in ADAP in order to participate in Magellan. There may be issues with clients going to multiple sites (Florida Department of Health and Magellan pharmacy). Tracking of compliance with program rules is done through reported pharmacy pickups. A brief email will be provided by Dr. Romero with ADAP reminders to be forwarded to the County to share with medical case managers.

- *General Revenue*

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the March 2023 General Revenue report. In the month of March, 2,025 clients were served for \$554,844.82 in expenditures. Year-to-date expenditure totals \$3,781,261.54.

- *Vacancies*

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the May 2023 vacancy report which indicated there are eleven vacancies for members of the affected community on the Partnership. Current vacancies on the Care and Treatment Committee total five including seats for members of the affected community. Staff urged members to share vacancy information with clients or invite them to upcoming training and meetings.

- *Report to Committees (reference only)*

All

A copy of the report to committees is posted online. The report details the actions taken at the last Partnership meeting. Any questions can be directed to staff.

VIII. Standing Business

- *None*

IX. New Business

- *Setting Priorities and Allocating Resource Process*

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso presented the Process for Setting Priorities and Allocating Resources document which indicated the step-by-step guide the Committee would be following. The Committee voted to adopt the process.

Motion to adopt the Process for Setting Priorities and Allocating Resources, as presented.

Moved: Dan Wall

Seconded: Gena Grant

Motion: Passed

- *Summary of HIV Epidemiological (Epi) Profile Data, 2020-2021*

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the Summary of HIV Epi Profile Data, 2020-2021. The full epi profile was presented by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC) in March. Today's presentation provided highlights of incidence and prevalence from 2020 to 2021. HIV and AIDS cases have increased. Overall, prevalence has increased 2%. Male-to-male sexual contact (MMSC) continues to be the primary vector for new cases. Cases among transgenders have been increasing significantly from 2017 to 2021. Cases of co-occurring HIV with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) have also been increasing significantly. Awareness of STDs should be shared with medical case managers. In the Integrated Plan, Men who have sex with men (MSM) with STDs is a special group of interest which will be tracked on the Clinical Quality Management Committee report card.

- *2022 Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) Data*

Dr. Robert Ladner

Dr. Robert Ladner reviewed the 2022 EIIHA data for calendar year 2022. This data presents an overview of testing events funded by the FDOH-MDC. There were 22% more tests conducted in calendar year 2022. Testing data for black females, black MMSC, and Hispanic/Latinx MMSC were reviewed. Comparing 2021 to 2022 linked to care rates for newly diagnosed and previously diagnosed improved.

- *2022 Ryan White Program (RWP) HIV Care Continuum*

Dr. Robert Ladner

Dr. Ladner reviewed the 2022 Ryan White HIV Care Continuum. Comparing 2021 to 2022, there have been improvements in retained in care figures from 68% to 72%. Comparing race/ethnicity, black/non-Hispanics have the lowest suppressed viral load rates. Comparing gender, suppressed viral load rates are similar for females, males, and transgender persons. Comparing by exposure category, rates are similar for viral suppression rates.

- *2022 Ryan White Program (RWP) Demographics*

Dr. Robert Ladner

Dr. Ladner reviewed the 2022 RWP Demographics Data. In fiscal year 2022, there was a 2% increase in overall clients from 8,418 to 8,599. Clients over 50 years of age make up over 40% of all RWP clients. More men are served (81.7%) than women (17.1%). Hispanics account for the largest ethnic group (64.9%). Of the transgender clients in the program, the majority are Hispanic. Primary language of choice for clients is Spanish (57%) and English (31.8%); this trend has been steadily growing since fiscal year 2018. New clients entering the system are poorer (under 135% FPL) compared to established clients. There has been a steady increase in the number of clients with Affordable Care Act insurance from FY 2018 (23%) to FY 2022 (36%).

X. Open Discussion and Announcements

All

Open discussion is a novel item on the agenda to encourage members of the community to speak up or out about issues they wish to share. A member indicated that testing everyone is important since this knowledge may have been helpful to get care early. They had an acquaintance who was recently

diagnosed positive in their 60s and recently passed away. While the acquaintance had other health factors which may or may not have contributed to their demise, it is important to focus on overall health. Clients who have HIV under control still need to go to the doctor to address other co-occurring conditions, e.g., diabetes, hypertension, mental health issues. HIV positive clients age ‘faster’ so it important to do preventive testing and care early.

XI. Next Meeting

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library Auditorium, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

With business concluded, Dr. Trepka thanked the members for participating in today’s meeting and requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Dan Wall

Moved: Etelvina Alcala

Motion: Passed

The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.