



Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 240
Coral Gables, FL 33134
April 28, 2023

Approved August 25, 2023

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Baez, Ivet	X		Mariela Casanova	
2	Cortes, Wanda	X		Dasmilia Concepcion	
3	Dougherty, James	X		Ana M. Nieto	
4	Friedman, Lawrence	X		Ray Sawaged	
5	Goubeaux, Robert		X	Carla Valle-Schwenk	
6	Llambes, Stephanie	X			
7	Miller, Juliet	X			
8	Thornton, Darren	X			
9	Romero, Javier		X	Staff	
10	Ysea, Cristhian A.	X		Robert Ladner	Sima Morgan
Quorum: 4				Marlen Meizoso	

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

James Dougherty

James Dougherty, the Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

II. Introductions

James Dougherty

Mr. Dougherty requested members and guests to introduce themselves around the room.

III. Meeting Housekeeping and Rules

James Dougherty

Mr. Dougherty reviewed the meeting rules and housekeeping presentation, which provided the ground rules and reminders for the meeting. He identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource persons for the meeting.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

James Dougherty

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

All

The Subcommittee reviewed and accepted the agenda.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Second: Cristhian Ysea

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of February 24, 2023

All

Members reviewed the minutes of February 24, 2023 and made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of February 24, 2023 as presented.

Moved: Ivet Baez

Second: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk referenced the February 2023 Ryan White Program Part A/MAI report as of April 7, 2023, . A total of 8,590 unduplicated clients have been served. Final expenditures reconciliation is still in process but at least 80% of direct service dollars have been spent. All program expenditures are within required limits. Several reports are due by the end of the month.

Medicaid unwinding is underway over the next 14 months which may cause hundreds of clients to be moved back to the Ryan White Program after losing Medicaid eligibility. While the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) will try to enroll these clients into Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans, additional clients will be reentering the Ryan White Program. Enhancement of services through reimbursement increases is unlikely because of the possible impact of returning Medicaid clients. Some clients may still qualify for Medicaid services but must reapply to the program.

▪ **ADAP Program**

Marlen Meizoso for Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero was unavailable, so Marlen Meizoso reviewed the March 2023 AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) report as of April 7, 2023, including enrollments, expenditures, prescriptions, premium payments, and program updates. For FY 22-23, over \$26 million was expended at the pharmacy and over \$35 million on premium payments. ADAP recently added five new medications and will be adding a new Antiretroviral (ARV) medication to the formulary.

▪ **Vacancy Report**

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report (copy on file). There are several vacancies on the Subcommittee and on the Partnership. The only remaining vacancies on the Subcommittee are for a mental health professional and five members of the affected community. If anyone knows of individuals interested in membership , they may contact staff, invite them to attend a meeting, or they can attend the May 2023 New Member Orientation training.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Allowable Medical Conditions Edits

All

Based on the request at the last meeting, additional revisions were made to the document and a ‘clean version’ of the document was included in the meeting packets. The Subcommittee only made one additional comment to correct a typo on the spelling of ophthalmology. The Subcommittee approved the document, including the typo correction.

Motion to approve the revised Allowable Conditions list as presented.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Seconded: Juliet Miller

Motion: Passed

▪ Service Descriptions: Mental Health

All

Drafts of the Mental Health service definitions with extensive revisions from Dr. Robert Ladner and Mr. Dougherty were shared with the Subcommittee for further input. The Subcommittee requested two updates to the language:

- Change verbiage in fourth paragraph to, “This service is not available to family members without HIV.”
- Add language in third paragraph acknowledging mental health services are accessible under Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, “Additional mental health services may be provided under Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services when delivered by a licensed psychiatrist or other doctor, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.”

Motion to accept the Mental Health service description as discussed.

Moved: Juliet Miller

Seconded: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

Along with the edits to the Mental Health service description, the Subcommittee requested language updates in the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services be amended to include the language included in the mental health service description regarding mental health services provided by select licensed mental health professionals.

Motion to amend the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health service description to include the following language, “Additional mental health services may be provided under Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services when delivered by a licensed psychiatrist or other doctor, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.”

Moved: Stephanie Llambes

Seconded: Ivet Baez

Motion: Passed

▪ December 2022, ADAP Formulary Additions Review Items #45-75

All

The Subcommittee continued review of December 2022 ADAP program analysis items #45-75 . Items that were over-the-counter were shaded out gray, any items over \$1 were highlighted, and the document includes versions sorted in pharmacological and therapeutic order. The Subcommittee reviewed the document and made the following suggestions:

- Add to comments, “wakefulness promoting agent to modafinil,” item 45;

- Correct typo to proton pump inhibitor, item 55;
- Correct typo on brand name Aricept, item 61;
- Restrict lidocaine to topical; and
- Restrict naloxone to nasal spray.

The Subcommittee approved all the items except for the over-the-counter products.

Motion to add medications #45-71 included in the “December 2022 ADAP formulary additions to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary Items” sheet to the Ryan White Formulary with comments and restrictions, as indicated.

Moved: Stephanie Llambes

Seconded: Ivet Baez

Motion: Passed

ADAP also recently added five new medications to the ADAP Formulary. The Subcommittee discussed these additions and decided to also add them to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary.

Motion to add betamethasone/clotrimazole, ciprofloxacin/dexamethasone, dextromethorphan/promethazine, fluticasone/salmeterol, and budesonide to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary.

Moved: Ivet Baez

Seconded: Cristhian Ysea

Motion: Passed

IX. New Business

None.

X. Open Discussion and Announcements

All

Open discussion is a new item on the agenda to encourage members of the community to speak up or out about issues they wish to share. Members indicated they had no issues to raise.

Mrs. Meizoso presented the calendar of activities to-date. With all the updates to documents and the formulary, any further review of the formulary will be done after July.

XI. Next Meeting

James Dougherty

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at BSR. Staff will inquire with members if they can attend prior to sending out the next meeting notice.

XII. Adjournment

James Dougherty

Mr. Dougherty requested a motion to adjourn, and the meeting concluded at 10:59 a.m.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Seconded: Juliet Miller

Motion: Passed