



**Care and Treatment Committee Meeting
 Care Resource Health Care Center, Midtown Miami
 3510 Biscayne Blvd, 1st Floor Community Room
 Miami, FL 33137**

May 9, 2024 Minutes

#	Committee Members	Present	Absent
1	Fils Aime, Louvens	X	
2	Gonzalez, Tivisay		X
3	Henriquez, Maria	X	
4	Leiva, German	X	
5	Mills, Vanessa	X	
6	Siclari, Rick	X	
7	Shmuels, Daniel	X	
8	Shmuels, Diego		X
9	Trepka, Mary Jo	X	
10	Wall, Dan		X
Quorum: 4			

Guests	
Kratofil, Keri	
Poblete, Karen	
Valle-Schwenk, Carla	
Staff	
Ladner, Robert	
Meizoso, Marlen	

All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the meeting, at <https://aidsnet.org/the-partnership#caretreatment2>.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m. She reminded attendees that today marks the start of the annual needs assessment process which will conclude in priority setting and resource allocation (PSRA) by September. Much data will be presented over the course of the next few months, all of which will be accessible online.

II. Introductions

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Meeting Housekeeping

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the meeting housekeeping presentation which highlighted meeting decorum and general reminders to facilitate an effective meeting.

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 that was distributed and posted in advance of the meeting. Rick Siclari was not present yet so any item with his name should be changed to Dr. Mary Jo Trepka. The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and General Revenue reports will be stricken since no updates were received since the last meeting.

Motion to accept the agenda, with the changes as noted.

Moved: German Leiva **Seconded: Maria Henriquez** **Motion: Passed**

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of April 11, 2024 *All*

The Committee reviewed the minutes of April 11, 2024, and approved them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes from April 11, 2024, as presented.

Moved: Dr. Daniel Shmuels **Seconded: Vanessa Mills** **Motion: Passed**

VII. Reports

- *Part A* *Carla Valle-Schwenk*

Carla Valle-Schwenk reviewed the FY 2023 Final Ryan White Program expenditures and clients served. For the last fiscal year (March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024), 9,060 unduplicated clients were served; with 1,591 served in Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) (this MAI client count is not mutually exclusive from Part A clients). Final direct expenditures are as follows:

Funding type	Amount Available for Direct Client Services (including carryover)	Amount Paid in Direct Client Services	% Paid to Date as reported today (5/7/2024)	% Paid to Date as reported last month (4/4/2024)
Part A	\$22,766,639 <i>(including \$723,098 in carryover)</i>	\$22,167,895.19	97.37%	90.97%
MAI	\$2,664,436 <i>(including \$980,218 in carryover)</i>	\$1,633,446.18	61.31%	58.56%

Final figures will be available next month since administrative expenses are being closed out.

All FY 2023 federal reports due thus far have been submitted to the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) by their respective deadlines.

The Recipient submitted the HRSA Site Visit Report Corrective Action Plan (CAP) on April 26, 2024. Once HRSA responds (accepts or requests changes), their response will be provided to the Partnership.

Current FY 2024 data indicate 4,823 unduplicated clients were served in March 2024 (Part A and MAI combined).

Test and Treat/Rapid Access enrolled 119 clients in FY 2024 (as of May 6). Of those, 34 are new clients, 48 are new to Ryan White care, and 37 are return to care clients.

The fifth (final) year just started for the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding. Clients are being served through HealthTec, Quick Connect, Housing Stability services, and Mobile GO Teams. The latter two are just starting up. Continuation of this funding is uncertain, but HRSA is hopeful it will be continued. It is expected that a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be issued later this year in anticipation of new funding.

Recipient staff met with the EHE Technical Assistance (TA) provider to discuss feasibility of “Big Bets” strategies to address the epidemic, engage more clients in care, and increase service utilization and expenditures. Recipient staff is working with Gilead, Florida Department of Health (FDOH,) and Borinquen Healthcare Centers to discuss steps for developing a partnership to expand the EHE Quick Connect process in local hospital emergency rooms, emergency departments, and urgent care centers by supporting funding for linkage-to-care staff. Additional work is also being done with the TAP-in technical assistance staff to determine the feasibility of adapting the Positive Peers mobile app for use locally.

The next statewide planning meeting of the Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) is June 5-7, 2024, in the Tampa area.

The Florida Part A/Part B Recipients coordination group met on May 3, 2024. The group discussed the Part B Services and Statewide Fiduciary Agency Procurement Option. Based on discussion with the Governor’s office, FDOH Tallahassee is moving forward with their original plan to renew the contracts with the Part B lead agencies so they can renew contracts with their subcontracted service providers through the end of March 2025. They are moving forward with an Invitation to Negotiate within the next two weeks, and then will advertise it for another three weeks with the hope to have a fiduciary contract executed by September 2024, for implementation April 1, 2025. All old processes would end March 31, 2025. An informal notification has been sent to lead agencies and will be followed up with a more formal letter.

FDOH Tallahassee and Florida Part As are preparing a presentation for the upcoming 2024 National Ryan White Conference to highlight their collaborative efforts, processes, successes, challenges, and next steps of reciprocal eligibility.

There have been two new bills passed which may affect services. House Bill 0975 which requires a Level II background screening for those working with vulnerable populations. This goes into effect in July 2025. And House Bill 1451 which prohibits the accepting of non-legal documents as a form of identification which goes into effect July 2024. This bill does not affect the Ryan White Program.

- *Part B* *Karen Poblete*

Karen Poblete reviewed the February Part B expenditures report. As of the February report, 1,168 clients were served at a cost of \$66,956.87.

- *Vacancies* *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report as of April 24, 2024. There are vacancies for all Committees and the Partnership. Currently there are six vacancies on the Care and Treatment Committee. If anyone knows of candidates who may be interested in the work of the Committee, staff encourages these persons to be invited to a Committee meeting or training, or be directed to staff for further information.

VIII. Standing Business

There was no standing business.

IX. New Business

- *Planning Council Responsibilities and Needs Assessment* *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the Planning Council Responsibilities and Needs Assessment presentation which serves as the foundation for the work that the Committee will engage in over the next few months. The Committee reviewed their responsibilities and the requirement to use data throughout the process for priority setting, resource allocations, and in establishing directives; the dates of meetings and location of meeting materials; and the different types of data that will be presented throughout the process, including some changes for 2024 to Dashboard Cards. The Committee also indicated preference to work on two budgets for the resource allocation process.

- *Setting Priorities and Allocating Resources* *All*

The Committee reviewed the Process for Setting Priorities and Allocating Resources document which indicated the step-by-step guide the Committee would be following including the adoption of local edits to Policy Clarification Notice PCN#16-02 and the development of two budgets. The Committee voted to adopt the process.

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

Moved: Vanessa Mills **Seconded: Dr. Daniel Shmuels** **Motion: Passed**

The Committee took a ten-minute break then started on the next presentation.

- *Miami-Dade HIV Epi Profile Data, 2022*

Dr. Robert Lander

Dr. Robert Lander reviewed the Miami-Dade HIV Epidemiological Profile Data, 2022. The presentation provided highlights of HIV and AIDS incidence and prevalence for 2022. Definitions and technical notes can be found on the first 14 slides. HIV and AIDS cases have increased over the last three years. In 2022, there were 1,088 new HIV cases and 404 new AIDS cases. The majority of the new cases were among males, with the main transmission vector of male-to-male sexual contact (MMSC). Cases of co-occurring HIV with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) have also been increasing significantly. Prevalence data was presented through maps showing zip codes of residence for persons with HIV and three additional risk groups. Continuum of care data indicates that suppressed viral load rates have improved in the last three years from 60% to 63%. Rates of HIV-related deaths have been dropping. There was a question regarding if the prevalence chart also included those diagnosed with AIDS, staff will inquire.

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

All

Mrs. Meizoso announced the Needs Assessment continues next month and reminded everyone to RSVP since Sweeps and Carryover are also on the next agenda. Members were urged to complete the evaluation of today's meeting by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the agenda.

No open discussion items were raised.

XI. Next Meeting

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024, at Care Resource from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

With business concluded, Dr. Trepka thanked Care Resource for their hospitality and requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Vanessa Mills

Seconded: Dr. Daniel Shmuels

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45p.m.