



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

**July 11, 2024 Minutes**

*Approved August 8, 2024*

#	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	Shmuels, Daniel	X	
7	Shmuels, Diego	X	
8	Trepka, Mary Jo		X
9	Wall, Dan		X
<b>Quorum: 4</b>			

Guests	
Bahomente, Ronny	
Dirckse, Rebecca	
Kratofil, Keri	
Poblete, Karen	
Romero, Massiel	
Tello, Cynthia	
Valle-Schwenk, Carla	
Staff	
Gattorno, Frank	Meizoso, Marlen
Ladner, Robert	

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. Daniel Shmuels*

Dr. Daniel Shmuels, the Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. He reminded attendees that they will be continuing the annual needs assessment process which will conclude in priority setting and resource allocation (PSRA) in September. The Committee will be undertaking rapid reallocation or Sweeps #1.1 for FY 2024 funds. Since there is a very full agenda, the Acting Chair requested that questions be held until the end of each presentation.

**II. Introductions**

*Dr. Daniel Shmuels*

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. Daniel Shmuels*

Dr. Shmuels 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. Staff requested postponing the Capacity Survey until the October meeting since this item does not need to be addressed until 2025.

**Motion to remove the 2024 Capacity Survey until October, and approve the remainder of the agenda as presented.**

**Moved: German Leiva**

**Seconded: Dr. Daniel Shmuels**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VI. Review/Approve Minutes of May 9, 2024**

*All*

The committee reviewed the minutes of May 9, 2024, and approved them as presented.

**Motion to accept the minutes from May 9, 2024, as presented.**

**Moved: Dr. Daniel Shmuels**

**Seconded: German Leiva**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VII. Reports**

### **▪ Part A**

*Carla Valle-Schwenk*

Carla Valle-Schwenk reviewed the FY 2024 Ryan White Program expenditures and clients served; the complete report is posted online.

- **Expenditures (FY 2024) – start 3/1/2024; data are prior to Reallocations/Sweeps #1.1**
  - **Part A: \$22,027,332 available for Direct Client Services; \$870,928.70 (3.95%) paid to date**
  - **MAI: \$2,353,222 available for Direct Client Services; \$70,702.34 (3.00%) paid to date**

<b>Funding type</b>	<b>Amount Available for Direct Client Services</b>	<b>Amount Paid in Direct Client Services</b>	<b>% Paid to Date as reported today (7/9/2024)</b>	<b>% Paid to Date as reported last month (6/11/2024)</b>
Part A	\$22,027,332	\$1,681,877.06	7.64%	3.95%
MAI	\$2,353,222	\$111,099.49	4.72%	3.00%

□ **Service Utilization (FY 2024) – Start 3/1/2024**

Unduplicated Clients: 7,430 served through May 2024 (Part A and MAI combined) -- *(compared with 6,561 clients served through April 2024)*

- 7,114 clients received Part A services; and
- 981 clients received MAI services

Most utilized services in May 2024, by unduplicated client count:

- **Part A:**
  - 4,474 clients – Medical Case Management (MCM);
  - 1,121 clients – Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS); and
  - 621 clients – Oral Health Care (OHC).
- **MAI:**
  - 593 clients – MCM; and
  - 115 clients – OAHS.

The following was reported on status of the 18 RWP subrecipient contracts:

- 7 contracts are fully executed;
- 1 contract is going to the Mayor’s designee and County Clerk for final signatures (contract execution) by July 11, 2024;
- 5 contracts are with subrecipient agencies awaiting signatures;
- 1 contract is under review by the County; and
- 4 contracts are pending review by the County.

Site visits of funded Part A/MAI subrecipients are underway.

There are two upcoming Federal Reports due to HRSA: 1) The FY 2024 Program Submissions Report – due July 22, 2024, which includes a Partnership membership roster and reflectiveness worksheet; a signed letter of allocations report from the Partnership Chair; the HIV Care Continuum Services table; and Service Category Plan table. 2) The FY 2024 Program Terms Report – due August 3, 2024, which is a report of the Partnership’s approved allocations by service

category for FY 2024 funding based on the Final Notice of Award. This report includes a Consolidated List of Contracts, by subrecipient, and their funding by service category.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY 2025 Ryan White Part A/MAI Program services was issued (emailed) to Recipients (the County) on July 3, 2024. Applications are due October 1, 2024.

There is a meeting scheduled of local Ryan White Part A and MAI service providers, the Part A Recipient, the Part B Recipient, and a representative from Gilead Sciences for July 29, 2024. Topics include the Rapid Start (1-3-7) Framework, local Test and Treat/Rapid Access (TTRA) protocol updates, client eligibility review, discussion of programmatic changes (Food Bank and Emergency Financial Assistance), and discussion of new service categories to be included in the next Request for Proposals (RFP).

- *Part B* *Karen Poblete*

Karen Poblete reviewed the March Part B expenditures report (as of June 16, 2024) indicated 1,240 clients were served at a cost of \$136,174.20.

- *ADAP* *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso referenced the May expenditures report (as of June 3, 2024) indicating the enrollment, expenditures, program updates, and pharmacy additions. Any questions will be forwarded to Dr. Javier Romero.

- *General Revenue* *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso referenced the General Revenue report for April which indicated 2,268 clients were served at a cost of \$521,540.16.

- *Medical Care Subcommittee* *Dr. Diego Shmuels*

Dr. Diego Shmuels reviewed the report. The Medical Care Subcommittee (MCSC):

- Heard updates from the Ryan White Program and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).
- Recommended Sonya Wright as a member under the Mental Health provider category.
- Reviewed the Allowable Conditions List and is editing language under the Ophthalmology section to clarify restrictions.
- Reviewed its calendar of activities.

The next MCSC meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2024, at Behavioral Science Research Corp.

- *Vacancies* *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report as of July 8, 2024. There are vacancies for all Committees and the Partnership. Currently there are seven 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.

▪ *Report to Committees*

*Marlen Meizoso*

The June motions report details the action items addressed by the Partnership, and is posted online.

**VIII. Standing Business**

There was no standing business.

**IX. New Business**

▪ *YR 2024 Rapid Reallocation “Sweeps 1.1”*

*All*

Members reviewed FY 2024 Ryan White Part A Sweeps/Reallocation #1.1. Prior expenditures, last year’s rankings and allocations, projections, and requests were reviewed. Adjustments of \$297,653 were made as reflected on the handout distributed at the meeting.

**Motion to accept the FY 2024-25 Ryan White Part A Sweeps #1.1 reallocations, as presented.**

**Moved: Maria Henriquez**

**Seconded: Dr. Daniel Shmuels**

**Motion: Passed**

Members reviewed FY 2024 Ryan White Part A Sweeps 1.1. Prior expenditures, last year’s rankings and allocations, projections, and requests were reviewed. Adjustments of \$112,707 were made as reflected on the handout distributed at the meeting.

Dr. Diego Shmuels stated his conflict per Form 8B as the sole provider of MAI mental health, outpatient substance abuse, and outreach services. Dr. Shmuels excused himself from the room and completed Form 8B, included in, by attachment, to these minutes. Tivisay Gonzalez volunteered to chair the meeting during Dr. Shmuels absence.

**Motion to accept the FY 2024-25 Ryan White Minority AIDS Initiative Sweeps #1.1 reallocation, as presented.**

**Moved: Maria Henriquez**

**Seconded: German Leiva**

**Motion: Passed**

Once the vote was completed, Dr. Shmuels returned and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

▪ *Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) Trends in HIV+ Diagnosis and Linkage to Care CY 2022 and 2023*

*Dr. Robert Ladner*

Dr. Robert Ladner reviewed the EIIHA data for the calendar years 2022 and 2023. This data presents an overview of testing events funded by the FDOH-MDC. There were 8% fewer tests conducted in calendar year 2023, but more positive tests. Of the 50,336 tests conducted, 405 (0.8%) were newly diagnosed with HIV. Testing data for Black females, Black male to male sexual contact, and Hispanic/Latinx male to male sexual contact (as designated by the FDOH) were reviewed.

Comparing 2022 to 2023, linked to care rates for newly diagnosed and previously diagnosed persons improved. While overall linkage has improved, linkage among the three target groups is slightly lower than last year.

- *2023 Ryan White Demographics*

*Frank Gattorno*

Frank Gattorno reviewed the 2023 RWP Demographics Data. In fiscal year 2023, there was a 5% increase in overall clients from 8,599 to 9,060. New clients entering the program are younger. Ryan White demographics compared to the overall prevalence indicate the percent of men to women is similar to previous years. Clients over 50 years of age account for over 43% of all RWP clients. More men are served (81.3%) than women (17.4%), and transgender clients account for 1.3%. Hispanics/Latinx account for the largest ethnic group (66%). Primary languages of choice for clients are Spanish (58.7%) and English (29.9%); the Spanish preference rates have steadily increased since fiscal year 2019. New clients (61.4%) entering the system have less income (under 135% FPL) compared to established clients (48.5%). There has been a steady increase in the number of clients with Affordable Care Act insurance from FY 2019 (27%) to FY 2023 (38%).

- *2023 Ryan White Program HIV Care Continuum*

*Frank Gattorno*

Mr. Gattorno reviewed the 2023 Ryan White HIV Care Continuum. Comparing 2022 to 2023, overall, there have been improvements. Retained in care rates rose from 72% to 78%, and viral suppression rates rose from 82% to 85%. Among race/ethnicity groups, Black/non-Hispanics have the lowest suppressed viral load rates (79%). Among gender groups, suppressed viral load rates are similar (84% or higher) for females, males, and transgender persons. Among exposure categories, rates for injection drug use (IDU) have the lowest viral suppression rates (74%).

- *2023 Co-Occurring Conditions*

*Dr. Robert Lander*

Dr. Ladner reviewed the 2023 Ryan White Co-Occurring Conditions which provided data on the seven special need demographic groups and eight co-occurring conditions. The category of mental illness is in the process of being refined. The overall Ryan White client viral load suppression rate is 84%. Some co-occurring conditions (e.g. sexually transmitted infections; substance use disorder) actually serve to stimulate contact with physicians and raise VL Suppression above the RWP average; other conditions serve to suppress VL Suppression. Black/African Americans, persons who are homeless, and women of childbearing age are three groups with the lowest VL suppression rates. Annual cost of serving clients with specific co-occurring conditions or who are members of special needs populations were reviewed. As in prior years, the highest average annual cost per client is among clients experiencing mental illness and homelessness.

- *Dashboard Cards and Other Funding*

*Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed Dashboard Cards: Trends, Dollars, and Utilization for All Direct Service Categories. The presentation explained how to read and use the revamped 2024 Dashboard Cards. She reviewed the different sections of the Cards and explained the sources of the various data, combining information from six years of utilization and priorities, other funders for HIV direct and support services, and notes on important items to consider for each service. Information on clients

and expenditures is also provided in graphic format. The presentation also provided background on other funding for services using information from the annual Women, Infants, Children and Youth (WICY) survey which requests HIV specific funding for Parts B-D, General Revenue, and the other providers.

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed a more detailed presentation on the Miami-Dade Medicaid HIV/AIDS Program: Funding Source for Dashboard Cards and Demographics. There has been a 14% increase in clients served and a 2% increase in total expenditures from FY 2021-22 to FY 2022-23. As in prior years, Medicaid demographic data from the past three years were presented. There is an increase in males in the Medicaid program (55% for FY 2022-23). Black/African Americans continue to be the largest ethnic group served by Medicaid (42%). Hispanics/Latinx have been increasing in the program from 27.2 % (FY 2020-21) to 29.9% in FY 202-23.

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the 2024 version of the Ryan White Program Needs Assessment Dashboard Cards. Summary slides are located on the first four pages sorted alphabetically and then by highest usage or expenditure in FY 2023. The thirteen services were reviewed, and trends were highlighted. Food Bank (11.4%), Medical Case Management (27.4%), Oral Health Care (15.3%), and Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services (36.9%) account for the majority of the expenses. The importance of the Dashboard Cards as a tool for priority setting and resource allocation was emphasized.

- *Planning for 2025* *All*

As part of the annual Partnership staff support budget process recently approved, each committee and subcommittee are being polled in the months of June and July for any requests for support for special projects above and beyond the annual activities supported by the existing staff support budget. These requests will then be prioritized and forwarded to the Executive Committee for review and possible inclusion in the Partnership's budget and scope of service. Legislative requirements include comprehensive planning, priority setting and resource allocation, assessing efficiency of administrative mechanism, and needs assessment. The Committee had no comments at the time and requested the item to be readdressed in August. Staff will forward a query via email and bring a tally of responses to the meeting for discussion.

## **X. Announcements and Open Discussion** *All*

Mrs. Meizoso announced that a copy of the June 6, 2024, HRSA letter on use of Ryan White funds for expungement was included in the meeting materials. Ms. Valle-Schwenk indicated that the County is working with Legal Services of Greater Miami to refer clients who qualify to the State Attorney's Office.

No open discussion items were raised.

## **XI. Next Meeting** *Dr. Diego Shmuels*

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2024, at Care Resource from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## **XII. Adjournment**

*Dr. Diego Shmuels*

With business concluded, Dr. Shmuels thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.