



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

February 23, 2024 Minutes

Approved June 28, 2024

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Baez, Ivet		X	Carla Valle-Schwenk
2	Dougherty, James		X	
3	Friedman, Lawrence	X		
4	Goubeaux, Robert	X		
5	Miller, Juliet	X		
6	Romero, Javier	X		
7	Serrano-Irizarry, Yendi		X	Staff
8	Ysea, Cristhian A.	X		Robert Ladner
Quorum: 4				Marlen Meizoso

All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to both members and the general public prior to (and during) the meeting, at <https://aidsnet.org/the-partnership#mcsc1>.

I. Call to Order *Robert Goubeaux*

Cristhian Ysea, Subcommittee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. He introduced himself, provided an overview of the work for today’s meeting, and welcomed everyone.

II. Introductions *All*

Mr. Ysea requested members, guests, and staff introduce themselves.

III. Meeting Housekeeping *Marlen Meizoso*

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the meeting housekeeping presentation indicating people first language, meeting protocols, and the location of Subcommittee items online

IV. Floor Open to the Public *Cristhian Ysea*

Mr. Ysea 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 the agenda and adopted it as presented.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved: Dr. Robert Goubeaux

Seconded: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of January 26, 2024

All

Members reviewed the minutes of January 26, 2024, and made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 26, 2024, as presented.

Moved: Dr. Robert Goubeaux

Seconded: Dr. Javier Romero

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk reported that a total of 8,745 unduplicated Ryan White Program clients have been served as of December, 2023. By the end of the program year, an estimated 9,000 clients will be served. Invoices are being reviewed and reimbursements processed. Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding is low because of Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) restrictions on usage. New strategies for MAI funds will be implemented for the next fiscal year. Ms. Valle-Schwenk thanked Care Resource and the Public Health Trust for participating in the HRSA site visit. Findings from the visit included delays in contract execution. Contracts should be sent for signature by March, 2024. HRSA also conducted an in depth review of the Clinical Quality Management program and its structure, and advised less burden to providers to attend meetings. The statewide data to care project is pending which will allow for lost to care clients to be identified.

▪ **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the January 2024, ADAP report, current as of February 8, 2024, including enrollments, expenditures, prescriptions, premium payments, and program updates. More clients are entering the program with insurance. At program year's end, a projected \$67 million will be expended. Some of the Magellan providers are not providing a 90-day supply of medication. A new long-term injectable medication, Sunlenca, is now available which will likely have a prescribing process similar to Cabanuva.

▪ **Vacancy Report**

Marlen Meizoso

Ms. Meizoso referenced the membership vacancy report indicating several vacancies on the Subcommittee and on the Partnership. The Subcommittee has five vacancies for members with lived experience and three seats for medical professionals. If anyone knows of individuals interested in membership, they may contact staff, invite them to attend a meeting, or invite them to attend any Partnership training.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ **Oral Health Care Items: Service Standards, Service Descriptions, and Capacity Discussion** *All*

▪ **Oral Health Care Service Standards**

The Oral Health Care Standards were sent to former Oral Health Care Workgroup members and the majority indicated that no changes were needed to the document. The Subcommittee concurred with their opinion and no motion was made since no changes were indicated.

▪ **Oral Health Care Service Description**

The Oral Health Care Service Description was sent to former Oral Health Care Workgroup members and the only comment related to the limitation on services. Currently, there is no limit to the service. The Subcommittee discussed and indicated the restriction should be stricken. Ms. Valle-Schwenk indicated that she would need to verify if a cost containment cap would be needed. The Subcommittee also suggested the following edits:

- Change “primary care physician,” and its references to “licensed medical provider;”
- Reword sentence to “Labs may be requested from licensed medical providers ...” and
- Change the verbiage of “primary medical provider,” or “physician.” should be changed to “licensed medical provider,” throughout, as applicable, in the service descriptions.

Motion to accept the changes to the Oral Health Service Description as discussed and pending review of the cap by the County.

Moved: Dr. Robert Goubeaux

Seconded: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

Motion to change “physician” to “licensed medical provider” in the service descriptions.

Moved: Dr. Robert Goubeaux

Seconded: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

▪ **Oral Health Care Capacity**

There are currently few providers who can provide dental implants. One of the providers has some capacity but needs additional funding. Set-asides for clients would be around \$40,000-\$60,000 per client. There may be up to five clients who could benefit from the services which may not be sustainable going forward.

IX. New Business

▪ **Service Descriptions Review: Substance Abuse Services**

All

The Subcommittee reviewed a redlined version with 2024 updates (priorities and dates) of the Substance Abuse Services service definition. Per the prior motion the Subcommittee requested “physician,” be changed to “licensed medical provider,” and accept the changes in the draft.

Motion to accept the changes to the Substance Abuse Service Description, as presented.

Moved: Dr. Robert Goubeaux

Seconded: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

All

Mrs. Meizoso announced that annual Source of Income forms are due. She reviewed what fields on the form need to be completed. Some members who missed the last meeting also have to complete the annual disclosure form.

XI. Next Meeting

TBA

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at BSR. Members were encouraged to RSVP for the meeting to ensure quorum.

XII. Adjournment

TBA

Mr. Ysea thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting and adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.