

Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14th, 2022 @ 12:07 P.M.

Members Present

Ashnika Ali
Chris Dowden – Chair
Felisha Douglas
Glen Krabec
Hector Bernardino
Kim Enright – Vice Chair
Lilia Perez
Lysette Perez
Thomas McKissack
Kenny Talbot –Treasurer
Kristen Harrington
Tyrina Pinkney
'Ashaki Sypher
Tony Carney

Members absent

Cecil Smith
Dale Smith
Eileen Perry
Damion Baker
'Richardo Jackson
Miguel Velasquez

Guests

Tiffany Coutee
Sandra Stewart
Sandra L – Found care
Charlie
Irene- MJ sister
Elena Michelle – Found care
Brenda Gordon
Lynn – Found care
Emilio B – Broward
Brittany McClure – FDOH
Angelie Diya
Robb Scott- FDOH
Jen Kuretski- Midway
Nancy Aubourg
Rosalynd Jacourin
Shotonia – niece to MJ Reynolds
Tameka S – granddaughter to MJR
Cynthia Bush- Mary Jane's Daughter
Diane Wade- MJR Sister
Patricia Jackson
Mary Frank
Francine
Michelle Green
Kristina Rowe
Wanda Dhoray
Mari Jurado
Gail Stein
H Joseph

CARE Council Staff

Neeta Mahani
Kayla West

Grantee Staff Present

Shoshana Ringer
Helene Hvizd
Thomas Eaton
Sean Conklin
Rosa Fortuna
Juanita Rivera
Dr. Casey Messer
Anna Balla

Grantee Staff Absent

Maria Corona
Dr. Daisy Wiebe

- I. The Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council Meeting was **called to order at 12:07 P.M.** by Neeta Mahani. Roll call was taken, guests were introduced and there **was a quorum.**
- II. **Moment of Reflection-** Chris Dowden- Thank you everybody for being here today before we get the meeting started we are going to have a moment of reflection.
Felisha Douglas- My moment of Reflection today, Ms. Mary Jane Reynolds, Ms. Reynolds pulls a crowd everywhere she goes. My first Community Awareness meeting I remember Mary Jane was chair, she had been fighting, advocating, representing individuals affected/impacted anything related to HIV/AIDS and she also stands up for the community. Ms. Mary Jane Reynolds represents and will put on boxing gloves for anyone. As a matter of fact, she is one of the reasons why this meeting is here today. I had to make it to this meeting. I just wanted to say on behalf of everyone on the council and the committee's Thank you so much for all of your hard work. I remember watching you at the meetings and how you advocated and how you were always able to speak your mind and always made sure you stood up for the community representing accordingly. I try to reflect that every single day in my meetings. So thank you for being here, thank you for being the example. Thank you.

A Moment of Silence- Chris Dowden

*A moment of silence is observed in respect to the memory of those individuals
Who have succumbed to AIDS and those who are living with HIV. Let us
Remember why we are here today. Let us have the strength to make the decisions that
Will improve the care of those we serve. Let us be thankful for what we have accomplished to date.*

- III. **Acceptance of Excused Absences-** None.
- IV. **Acceptance of the March 14th, 2022 CARE Council Meeting Agenda – Motion** to approve the agenda as amended by adding under New Business © Planning Committee Chair appointment and CPP update after the Educational Moment. Felisha Douglas, **first.** Glenn Krabec, **second. Motion carries.**
- V. **Acceptance of the January 31st, 2022 CARE Council Meeting Minutes – Motion** to accept the meeting minutes as is. Felisha Douglas, **first.** Kenny Talbot, **second. Motion carries.**
- VI. **Comments by the Chair:** Chris Dowden- I am so glad we can be here today this has been a long time coming. We wanted to do this a couple of years ago but with the pandemic, we moved to a virtual format. I appreciate everyone's patience on waiting for us to get here and I appreciate the nice turn out that we have. On my way over here I remember we are one county, but we are very far apart. So it is hard for people from Belle Glade and the western communities to get out to where we traditionally do our meetings. So I am happy that we can come to you today and make sure that way our entire county is involved in the planning process and I hope that this is something that we can continue to do on an annual basis.
- VII. **Public Comments:** None.

VIII. Educational Moment: Matthew Tochtenhagen: ViiV Healthcare Presents: A Different PrEP Option- 17 minutes in. I am the community liaison for South, FL to Puerto Rico so feel free to engage me on longer education opportunities or patient engagements around HIV/AIDS prevention. As we know, PrEP has been around approximately 10 years, its anniversary will be this summer. However, less than 25% of people who actually can benefit from PrEP have actually received a prescription. We also know to be effectively successful in the community you have to have you have to have 100% adherence that places challenges for people to actually participate in HIV prevention as healthcare. Beyond daily oral PrEP introducing Apretude. It is the first and only long acting injectable PrEP option (hard to hear on recording); it is a two-month period coverage. So long acting coverage.

- **Confident-** Adherence that you can confirm with as few as 6 in-office injections per year.
- **Inclusive-** The most diverse and comprehensive participant population in HIV prevention studies conducted to date.
 - Designed to include the key populations impacted by HIV-1
 - Studies includes cisgender men and transgender women who have sex with men and cisgender women, with the majority under the age of 30. In the US, studies include Black African American and Latinx people.
- **Superior-** Significantly lower incidence of HIV-1 infection VS a daily oral PrEP proven in 2 double-blind clinical studies.

The most diverse and comprehensive HIV prevention studies conducted to date; two separate studies, approximately 8,000 participants, (hard to hear on recording). If you are on Apretude, you are three-times less likely to be infected by HIV VS those on a daily oral. We show a 90% reduction in risk of HIV acquisitions vs a daily oral. Our population is representative of the HIV epidemic. The most common side effects were injection-site reactions. Others were headache, nausea, GI issues and they are very aligned with daily oral PrEP. The dosing schedule looks like this; first month 1 shot, second month you get 1 shot and then for continuation you move to every other month. Prior to every other month, you will be tested and with this testing, you are doing an antibody and RA test. (Hard to hear on recording) We are approved for FL Medicaid, and we have Humana and Aetna.

Neeta will share Matthews email address with the group if anyone has any questions.

IX. CPP Update: Jen Kuretski- Thank you everybody for allowing me to spend a few minutes with you all today. I am the current chair of CPP the HIV prevention body here in Palm Beach County. I am inviting you all to our next meeting that will be on April 22nd from 1 – 2:30 P.M. and it will be hybrid so virtual so we plan on offering in person and virtual. Location is not yet secured but we will share. We look forward to meeting with some of you on Friday CPP, CARE Council, community collaborates we are all getting together on 3/18 from 1-2:30 for the first EHE Work group. We are looking forward to working with you on the HIV care side as we work together on the HIV care continuum in Palm Beach County.

X. Special Recognition:

- **Glenn Krabec**
- **Mary Jane Reynolds**
- **Cecil Smith**

XI. **Old Business:** None.

XII. **New Business:**

A. P&A Committee Recommendations

- The P&A Committee recommends the approval of the GY22 CARE Council Budget- Thomas Eaton-
I have put together the last four years of the history of the CARE Council specific budget this budget is allocated from our administrative dollars for the Grant for use by you The CARE Council and the members. This year is going to be \$30,750.00 the same as last year. Community Festival and Needs Assessment are set at \$0.00 due to COVID. I wanted to bring this here to see where you wanted to set your budget for this coming Grant Year we can always move the dollars between the lines if the need arises.
Motion to approve the GY-22 budget as is. Kenny Talbot, **first**. Felisha Douglas, **second**. **Motion carries.**

B. Prospective Member Approval – January 20th, 2022 Membership Meeting by Consensus

- **Angelie Diya – Motion** to approve Angelie Diya, FDOH as a member for the Membership Committee. Kim Enright, **first**. Felisha Douglas, **second**. **Motion carries.**
- **Alejandro Velez- Motion** to approve Alejandro Velez as a member of the Membership Committee. Kim Enright, **first**. Felisha Douglas, **second**. **Motion carries.**
- **Cristopher Moynahan- Motion** to accept Cristopher Moynahan as a member of the Membership Committee. Kim Enright, **first**. Felisha Douglas, **second**. **Motion carries.**

C. Planning Committee Chair Appointment:

- Chris Dowden- Kenny Talbot has stepped down as Planning Committee Chair and applauded him for being chair of two committees.
- Chris Dowden would like to serve as Chair of the Planning Committee.
- **Motion** to appoint Chris Dowden as the Chair of the Planning Committee. Felisha Douglas, **first**. Glenn Krabec, **second**. **Motion carries.**

XIII. **Standing Reports**

A. CPP Update: Jen Kuretski – Already done.

B. Part B Report: Patient Care & 4BNWK Report: Brittany McClure- 2022 CARE Council Expenditures Report (January 2022, Neeta shared her screen)
Showed in the grey the Part B Consortia this funding does end this month on the 31st. I am currently working with budget to audit to see if we have the correct charges and to see if anything needs to be changed. We identified one area that needs some change made where salaries were not billed to the correct place. So this will change next month when you see it. In Blue, this is for the network that funding won't be closed until June so it is still in process. In ambulatory/outpatient will be spent down. Referral for health care, we just hired someone so that will be spent down as well. In orange, we have General Revenue that will end in June. We are

working on auditing looking to see where we can make some changes to increase our support in patient care services. We have had some recent hires and those will move as well. Oral health, we will see move as well.

- C. **HOPWA (West Palm Beach):** Miguel Velasquez- Not present.
- D. **Palm Beach County Recipient Report:** Dr. Casey Messer – 1:03
- E. **Part A Expenditure Report:** Thomas Eaton –
- F. **Executive Committee:** Chris Dowden –
- G. **LGBTQ:** Kim Enright-
- H. **LPAP:** Felisha Douglas-
- I. **Membership:** 'Richardo Jackson- Not present.
- J. **P & A:** Kenny Talbot-
- K. **QMEC:** Hector Bernardino-
- L. **Planning:** Chris Dowden-
- M. **Community Awareness:** Cecil Smith or Felisha Douglas –
- N. **Ad-Hoc Housing:** Felisha Douglas-
- O. **Ad-Hoc Bylaws:** Kim Enright or Chris Dowden-

XIV. Other Business: None.

XV. Announcement: Chris Dowden – Pride 03/26-03/27. The Parade will be on Sunday at 10 am.

XVI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M.

**Conflict of Interest*

A CARE Council member who has an identified conflict of interest must abstain from voting on issues related to that conflict. A member who does not abstain from voting on issues where a conflict is identified by the County's Commission on Ethics designated legal counsel may be removed from the CARE Council.