

**Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council
Care Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday August 28th, 2023 @ 2pm**

Members Present

Chris Dowden
Damion Baker
Lilia Perez
Lysette Pérez
Kenny Talbot
Kristen Harrington
Tyrina Phillips
Miguel Vasquez
Dr. Youssef Motii
Nancy McConnell
Lisa Kemp
Tad Fuller
Denisse Grigoriou
Britney Henry
Dominique Lane
Hector Bernardino

Members absent

Ashnika Ali
Thomas McKissack
Ashaki Sypher
Denisse Grigoriou
Sandra Anderson
Angelie Diya

Guests

Kim Rommel Enright
Nancy Jane Reynolds
Cecil Smith
Christian Johnson
Wanda Vasquez
Marie Cristian
Cynthia Walker
Mary Presmy
Nancy Aubourg

CARE Council Staff

Neeta Mahani

Recipient Staff Present

Helene Hvizd
Jeffrey Lesanti
Dr. Daisy Wiebe
Sean Conklin
Shoshana Ringer
Dr. Casey Messer
Anna Balla
Gecica Tibert
Genève Simeus
Jasmin Rohoman

Recipient Staff Absent

Thomas Eaton

- I. The Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council Committee Meeting was **called to order at 2 P.M.** by Kenny Talbot. Roll call was taken, guests were introduced and there **was a quorum.**

II.A Moment of Reflection: Kenny Talbot- Sandra Anderson's daughter was tragically killed in a car accident in Georgia last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family

A Moment of Silence

*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

(*Note that Excused Absences only apply if the member themselves are sick. Immediate family members do NOT count. As life is unpredictable, the CARE Council and Membership Committee will be sure to review every aspect if the membership of a Member does come into question. Please be aware that your voice is valuable and we will do our best to work with you.)

IV. Acceptance of the August 28th, 2023 CARE Council Meeting Agenda:

Motion to accept the August 28th, 2023 CARE Council Meeting agenda: First Motion- Chris Dowden. Second Motion- Dr. Youssef Motii. Motion Carries

V. Acceptance of the July 24th, 2023 CARE Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the July 24th, 2023 CARE Council Meeting minutes as amended: First Motion- Dr. Youssef Motii. Second Motion- Nancy McConnell. Motion Carries

VI. Comments by the Chair: Kenny Talbot asks that everyone please be respectful of each other. There should be no side conversations being had while someone is speaking

VII. Public Comments:

Lysette Pérez- Lysette wants to thank the Priority and Allocation Committee as the choices they make during their meetings are difficult. She also wants to thank the chair of said community, Dr. Youssef Motii for working to provide additional education to P&A Committee. She also wants to remind everyone that there is a reason why we get data presented and why providers make the request that they make. There are times that the data received is from the previous GY or not exactly being seen. With that being said, she does feel like there was information that was not being taken into consideration at the last P&A Meeting despite it being provided before the meeting had taken place. There are things that the providers see on a day to day basis that is not being provided as information to the P&A Committee

VIII. Educational Moments: None

IX. Unfinished Business and General Orders: None

X. Old Business:

XI. New Business:

A. OBC HIV Priorities and Allocation Committee Meeting Motions (Pease see attached)

- A lot of this data was based on the data presentation
- Based on MAI recommendations
- Some were Added based on the discussion from the p and A meeting
- Report based on surveillane data of person in care, retention viral suppression
- 99 p in care, 88 retention and 88 viral suppression
- The largest category group served are black African Americans and Hispanic Latin x individuals
- Split out Haitians since such a large group
- And white Caucasian
- From the optimized continuum of care report from provide (data)
- Think about retention more critically while viral suppression is more clear cut
- While the population in the western community is much smaller than the non-western communities, they are experiencing a greater disparity for viral suppression
- Retention is also lower for minorities
- Total for GY 22 who were incarcerated is 204
- Viral suppression is very similar to those who have a history and those who don't
- Retention is still a little lower in racial ethnic minorities
- 13 p of people living with HIV have a history of substance abuse disorder in palm beach county
- here are approximately 2 individuals who self-disclose that they have HIV are released from jailed each week
- The largest age demographic are those who are 50+ with about 5102 out of the 8417 in palm beach county
- Mai dollars are funds separate from part and are catered to minorities
- Mai directives is to identify the specific populations that we can supplement outside of the part a funding that they are already using
- Identified African American females, individuals reentering society from incarceration and people living in the western Community
- Just saying females is a bit excluding, keeping it to minorities is more inclusive
- Wasn't intent for the directives to be exclusionary
- It will be difficult to prioritize the populations without it being somewhat exclusionary
- Any minority that's coming into system of care will be served
- The difference would be if it's a minority coming from the three Zip codes out west, they will be focused and reimbursed under MAI

- The majority of people served in the program are racial ethnic minorities
- Everyone will receive part A services
- Mai services are for additional services provided to a subset of individuals struggling to achieve the same outcomes as the rest of the population
- Premium services provides access to so many other service'
- 3 year funding cycle which is also starting in March
- How is psychosocial support being staffed is something that should be considered
- On Part A side, there is \$44k that is unspent in case management
- 30k unspent in EIS and 25k unspent
- There are agencies that have requested more funding and have not received it in Part A
- If there are open positions, the dollars can't be spent
- Have yet to identify outside of psychosocial services a funding category MAI that should be directed or allocate funds to
- Have identified directives
- Amend the motion to include the data presented by Dr. Dais
- The only things that stand out is the aging population and African Americans

B. PBC HIV CARE Council Retreat Update

- Date, Location, Time, Speaker and Outreach Materials and Agenda
- The flyer will be updated and distributed; one for the public and for the vendors

C. Membership Committee update: August 17th, 2023

- Membership has already approved the two new members and now they are before the board

D. October 27th 2023 retreat committee discussion

E. Two prospective Member Interview Approval for October 3rd 2023 BOCC Approval

- Cecil Smith- Approved by Majority Vote
- Cynthia Walker- Approved by Majority Vote

XII. Standing Reports

A. CPP Update: Jennifer Kuretski or Dylan or Rob Scott

- Not here

B. Part Report: Patient care and 4BNWK Report: rob Scot

- Added new data for June

- Still working on the Expenditure report to finalize it
- C. HOPWA (West Palm Beach): Miguel Vasquez**
 - Tad- finally gotten approval from the county, the city and Florida housing Finance
 - One of their sites will be torn down in October and ready for the container units by May
 - The units will be coming February
 - There will be 10 units unassigned HOPWA units
 - 3432 45th St
- D. Palm beach count recipient report: Dr. Casey Messer- Housing and Healthcare Opportunities Program Perimeters**
- E. Part A expenditure report: Jeffrey Lesanti**
- F. Executive: Kenny Talbot**
- G. LGBTQ+: Kim Enright**
 - Didn't Meet
- H. LPAP: Chris Dowden**
 - Didn't Meet
- I. Membership: Lysette Pérez**
 - Actively watching the memberships of committee members
 - Looked over letters for excused absences
- J. P & A: Dr. Motti**
 - Went through already; the motions
- K. QMEC: Neka McKay**
 - Did not meet
- L. Planning: Chris Dowden**
 - Finalizing the draft Survey Instrument
 - Should be voting on the final draft next meeting
- M. Community Awareness: Richardo Jackson**
- N. Housing Committee: Miguel Vasquez**
 - Next meeting is at the Housing Authority
 - Issued 1500 applicants on the section 8 wait list for 500 vouchers
- O. Adhoc Bylaws: Kenny Talbot**
 - Did not meet

XIII. Other Business:

- XIV. Announcement:** AHF is adding Virtual Psych care to their West Palm Beach location. They are also in the process and legalities of becoming a Ryan White Provider. Kristen is also looking to hire an LPN to provide Mobil phlebotomy in the Tri-county area.

Compass is having an event in recognition of Nation Latin X HIV aids awareness day

Denisse is having Symposium at the Marina starting from 8-3/. It's for every Medical Provider

There is an ongoing Interview that is about an hour to an hour and a half for Providers and those living with HIV. You do get compensated

Dr. Youssef Motti, Kenny Talbot, Ashaki Sypher and Neeta Mahani are going to USCHA 2023 Conference in Washington D.C form the 5th-9th of September

Neeta Mahani and Cecil Smith are going to Positive Living on the 14th of September

XV. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm

**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.

August 21st Priority and Allocation Committee Meeting Motions

1. Motion to mirror the priorities of GY23 and adopt the same priorities for GY24- Motion carries by consensus
2. Motion to decrease all the GY24 MAI budget allocations by 11.78% cut across funded service categories, with rounding amounts of \$20.20 reduced from MCM- Motion Carries by majority vote
3. Motion to accept changes and spread out the funding that have not been spent and allocate them into the Four categories (medical Case management: \$164,069, EIS: \$220,550, Non-Medical Case Management: \$60,641 and support services: \$101,305): Motion Carries by majority vote
4. Motion to reduce all the categories of Ryan White Part A by the same percentage 3.5% cut across funded categories, with rounding amounts of \$5,113 reduced from health insurance to approve the Part A budget- Lysette Perez- Nay. Motion carries by Majority Vote.

5. Motion to amend the Directive of MAI to now focus on (not exclusively) Minority groups living in the specific zip codes in the Western geography of Palm Beach County (Glades population), the aging population of individuals 50+, and individuals reentering society from incarceration or are justice-involved – First Motion- Dr. Youssef Motii. Second Motion-Kristen Harrington. Motion Carries
- **Fund from MAI will be used for Individuals living in zip codes from Communities in the west and people who are reentering from incarceration**
 - **Focus on African American women that are at high risk, who reside anywhere in the county named as a directive; there are a total of three**