

**Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council
CARE Council Meeting**

*Monday, August 12th 2024 @ 1440 MLK Jr. Blvd, Riviera Beach, FL 33404/
Belle Glade Library-725 NW 4TH St, Belle Glade Library*

Members Present

Hector Bernardino'
Mary Jane Reynolds
Lysette Perez- **Vice Chair**
Thomas McKissack
'Richardo Jackson- Chair
Kenny Talbot- Secretary
Kristen Harrington
Tyrina Pinkney
Brittany Henry
Tad Fuller
Cecil Smith
Cynthia Walker
Dominique Lane
Denisse Grigoriou
Kim Rommel-Enright

Members absent

Ashnika Ali
Damion Baker
'Ashaki Sypher
Miguel Vasquez
Dr. Youssef Motii- Treasurer
Nancy McConnell
Dr. Jyothi Gunta
Christian Johnston

Guests

Cristopher - Rebel Recovery
Berthline Isma – FDOH
Marcus Martin-FDOH
Susan Mintz
Brad Barnes- Poverello
Barbara Edward
Denise Brown-FDOH
Rita Smith
Patricia Jackson
Marie Presmy
Lilia Perez- FoundCare
Rob Scott- FDOH
Taylor Vasquez- HCSEF

Staff Present

Helene Hvizd
Dr. Daisy Wiebe
Dr. Casey Messer
Geneve Simeus
Shoshana Ringer
Anna Balla
Jason Gross
Andres Correa
Amber Goodwin
Emile R.
Julian

Staff Absent

Care Council staff

Neeta Mahani

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Agenda

- I. Call to order 2:09 P.M., Roll call by Neeta, Introduction of Guests, There was a Quorum.
- II. A Moment of Reflection: **Kenny Talbot**

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:** Nancy McConnell.
Motion to accept the Excused absence for Nancy McConnell
Lysette Perez – first & Kenny Talbot – second. Motion carries.
- IV. **Acceptance of the August 12th 2024 CARE Council Meeting Agenda.**
Motion to accept the August 12th 2024 CARE Council Meeting Agenda with changes under New
Business letter “D” to vote that meeting to be moved to Belle Glade.
Kenny Talbot – First & Kim Rommel Enright – Second. Motion carries.
- V. **Acceptance of June 24th and July 29th Meeting Minutes.**
Motion to table June 24th Meeting Minutes for next meeting.
Motion to accept the July 29th Meeting Minutes.
Kenny Talbot – First & Cecil Smith – second Motion carries.
- VI. **Comments by the Chair:** ‘Richardo raised concerns about communication challenges and
proposed a rotation system to ensure clear audio for all participants. He emphasized respectful
and mindful communication. There were issues with background noise and intermittent audio
loss affecting some attendees. ‘Richardo emphasized for the group to really try and follow the
agenda and do things in order and not talk over one another. Please save these for the public
comments section once acknowledged.

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- VII. County Staff Comments: Recipient and CARE Council staff- Holding simultaneous public meeting of the CARE Council at locations in Belle Glade and WPB update and collaboration with library Staff and providing lunch at both locations concerns. (Approval of \$20 gift card distribution only for CC affected board members to attend the meeting in Belle Glade Library). See attached CC budget.**

'Richardo Jackson discussed gift cards and food sponsorship for the CARE Council meetings, seeking input on making it an ongoing initiative in Belle Glade. For future food purposes, an invoice should be obtained beforehand to allow direct payment. The CARE Council meetings will have food provided until November, with gift cards as an alternative solution afterwards if no long-term solution is found. Kristen came up with the solution that she would be happy to pay for the lunch in Belle Glade for the next meeting, however, she would need an invoice beforehand to make sure lunch is paid with her credit card for billing purposes before the meeting.

- VIII. Old Business: No update**

IX. Standing Reports:

- A. CPP Update:** Dylan or Rob Scott-None
- B. Part B Report: Patient Care & 4BNWK Report-** Christian Johnson-**No update**
- C. HOPWA (West Palm Beach)-** Miguel Vasquez- **No update**
- D. Palm Beach County Recipient Report:** Dr. Casey Messer just wants to remind everyone that the recipient staff will be out of the county next week for the Ryan White Conference. We are in the middle of a grant process at the moment, and to please exercise some patience. Neeta commented that she would not be available next week as well, but will do her best to get back to anyone in a timely manner.
- E. Part A Expenditure Report:** Jeffrey Lesanti goes over PBC Ryan White Expenditure Reporting **GY24** worksheet. He explains that there are no concerns for the county as far as where are percentages are right now. On the worksheet Jeffrey goes over chart of expenses by month. Jeffrey also discusses CORE expenses chart and stated that at next meeting the CORE expenses chart will be broken down even further. Health Insurance and Medical Case Management will be reported on one graph and all other expenses will be on other graph.
- F. Executive-** 'Richardo Jackson-**No update**
- G. Ad hoc Health Equity :** Kim Enright- **No update**
- H. LPAP:** Kristen Harrington- **No update**
- I. Community Engagement:** Kenny Talbot announced that next Membership Meeting will be held on August 15th. There will be an update at this meeting on the attendance records of the Committees and the CARE Council & the Membership update. Neeta wanted to add that no votes will be held at this meeting. Helene added that the Bylaws amendments need to be approved before the membership committees can vote on new members.
- J. P&A:** Dr. Youssef Motii- **No update**

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K. QMEC: Hector Bernardino'- Next QMEC Meeting will be schedule for September 5th & Poverello will be there with mobile van to demonstrate their food services & emergency financial assistance.

L. Please show up about 1:30 pm, prior to September 5th meeting which will be held at 810 Datura if you would like to see what Poverello has to offer.

M. Planning: Lysette Perez gives update to let everyone know that the Planning Committee as met and they finalized the Needs Assessment Survey.

N. Housing: Andres discussed the progress of their social efficiency program, which has assisted 18 referrals and currently has 8 enrolled clients. The program, called Healthcare and Housing Opportunities (otherwise known as H20), aims to provide educational and housing opportunities, as well as vocational training to generate self-sufficiency for clients. H also outlined the process of clients to become self-sufficient and clarified the role of case managers.

Andres gave an update on the Self Sufficiency Program, H20. When they received the referral they send them to Case Managers. Since June, they have received about 18 referrals. They are giving training for the H20 Program in the community. We use the Oscarrs System to provide service for clients. H20 Program can allow assistance for up to 12 months.

O. Ad-Hoc Bylaws: Lysette Perez informed the team about upcoming changes to Bylaws and motions that will be presented at next meeting for council to vote on. Any changed to be made have to be out 10 days prior to the council meeting. Lysette added that we are getting that all together with sufficient time to get that nice and pretty and send out an update to everyone within the appropriate timeline. 'Richardo added to inform everyone that the next Ad-hoc Bylaws Committee Meeting will be held on September 12th at 10:00 am SHARP at 810 Datura.

X. Public Comments– None

XI. New Business:

A. Motion From August 5th 2024 P&A Meeting (See on next page and attached documents)

B. Discussion on changes to Administrative Mechanism following Date Presentation. (Please see attached) HRSA required question is missing.

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C. **Comprehensive Needs Assessment Survey (Planning Committee)**

August 5th Priority and Allocation Committee Meeting Motion

- A. **Motion to approve new service category priority setting Part A** as by moving medical case management to second priority, mental health services to third priority. All in favor.

Motion carries.

- B. **Motion to establish GY25 Resource allocations Part A** by approving proposed changes in to below categories: {\$ 660,112}. Jeffrey Lesanti presented proposed changes to the budget allocation for GY 25, with 77% of funding going to core services and 23% to support. The team discussed and approved several motions to adjust funding, including shift of funds from support services to medical case management and an increase in funding for medical case management. Jeffrey also clarified that any provider offering services in the affected categories should abstain from voting. The net effect of these motions was an increase in funding for medical case management and a reduction in funding for psychosocial support services.

Abstaining Members: Lysette Perez, Kristen Harrington, Brittany Henry, Hector Bernardino, Kim Rommel Enright, Angelie Diya

Asking 5% increase so by maintaining this as GY-24, we are adding in these categories.

Core Services

1. *Health Insurance Premium & Cost-Sharing Assistance- \$245,249
2. Mental Health Services- \$10,000
3. Medical Case Management (Incl. Treatment Adherence- \$130,000
4. Early Intervention Services (EIS)- \$19,74

Support Services

- i. Non-Medical Case Management Services- \$130,000
- ii. Foodbank/Home Delivered Meals- \$125,112

Motion Carries.

C. **Motion to approve new service category priority setting MAI** as by moving below category.
Jeffrey Lesanti explains:

1. Mental health from 2 to 3
2. Medical case management from 3 to 2
3. Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care (Specialty Outpatient, Labs) from 4 to 5
4. Emergency Housing Services from 5 to 9
5. Early Intervention Services (EIS) from 9 to 4

D. **Motion to establish** GY25 Resource allocations MAI by approving proposed changes into below categories:

1. Medical Case Management- \$43,000.00
2. **Support Service**
Psychosocial Support Services (reduced- \$ (35,772).

Motion carries.

E. **Motion to approve below directives for GY25**

1. Western Glades
2. 50+
3. Justice evolved
4. TOP FIVE- geography zip codes w/ highest rate of new HIV diagnoses

On behalf of MAI, Motion carries.

XII. Educational Moment: None

XIII. Announcements: None

XIV. Adjournment: 4:49 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 may be removed from the CARE Council.

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