



MEETING AGENDA

COMMITTEE: Community Empowerment Committee

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Governmental Center Annex, Room A-337

Chair: Yolonda Reed

Vice Chair: Arianna Lint

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *Welcome, Review meeting ground rules, Statement of Sunshine, Introductions, Moment of Silence, Public Comment*
2. **APPROVALS:** 1/6/15 Agenda, 9/2/14 Minutes
3. **STANDARD COMMITTEE ITEMS**
 - a. Testimonials
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
Review and approve CEC 18 Month Workplan (WP Item 4.3) (Handout A)
5. **MEETING ACTIVITIES/NEW BUSINESS**

Goal/Work Plan Objective #:	Accomplishments
Event Survey (WP Item 1.4) (Handout B)	ACTION ITEM: Review the survey to be used at CEC events and community meetings in order to gain feedback for future events. Make any necessary changes.
Transgender 101 Wrap Up (WP Item 1.5)	ACTION ITEM: Discuss "Transgender 101" community event and review survey results. Identify at least 2 things that went well or could be improved.
MSM Study Overview (Handout C)	ACTION ITEM: Review MSM Study findings and recommendations.
Request from PSRA (Handout D)	ACTION ITEM: Review the list of support groups in the community and add any additional groups that are not listed.
CEC Accomplishments & Challenges (WP Item 4.1) (Handout E)	ACTION ITEM: Review at least three CEC accomplishments & challenges.
Annual Evaluation (WP Item 4.2) (Handout E)	ACTION ITEM: Assess the past year and recommend improvements. Identify at least three areas of improvement for the upcoming year.

6. **GRANTEE REPORTS**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
8. **AGENDA ITEMS/TASKS FOR NEXT MEETING: Date:** February 3, 2014 **Venue:** TBD

Agenda Items/Tasks for next Meeting (Work Plan Item/Goal#)	Information requested (i.e. data, research, etc.) action to be taken, presentation, discussion, brainstorm etc.
Calendar of Meetings & Events (WP Item 1.1)	ACTION ITEM: Develop calendar of community meetings and events for 2015. Include ideas for 'Hot Topics' and event themes.
Update Planning Documents (WP Item 4.3)	ACTION ITEM: Review and update the work plan and policies & procedures.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR MEETING EVALUATIONS

THREE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE BROWARD COUNTY HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

• Linkage to Care • Retention in Care • Viral Load Suppression •

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MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: Community Empowerment Committee

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 1:00 p.m.

Location: FUSION

Chair: Yolonda Reed Vice **Chair:** Arianna Lint

	Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Reed, Y., <i>Chair</i>	X		Di'Costa, B.
2	Lint, A., <i>Vice Chair</i>	X		Martin
3	Burgess, D.	X		
4	Bhrangger, R.	X		Grantee Staff
5	Creary, K.	X		Vargas, J.
6	Clayton, L.		E	
7	Culpepper, K.	X		HIVPC Staff
8	Franks, H.	X		Johnson, B.
9	Katz, H.B.		E	Sandler, C.
10	King, J.		A	Bente, A.
11	Marcoviche, W.	X		
12	Myers, L.	X		
13	Parker-Maysonet, P.		E	
14	Robertson, P.	X		
15	Runkle, D.	X		
16	Stoakley, M.		A	
17	Wilkins, D.	X		
	Quorum = 10	12		

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

The Chair welcomed all present. Attendees were notified of information regarding the Government in the Sunshine Law and meeting reporting requirements, which includes the recording of minutes. Attendees were advised that the meeting ground rules are present, for reference. In addition, attendees were advised that the acknowledgement of HIV status is not required but is subject to public record if it is disclosed. The Chair, committee members, guests, grantee staff and support staff self-introductions were made. A moment of silence was observed.

1. APPROVALS:

Motion #1: To approve 8/5/14 meeting minutes and today's meeting agenda.

Proposed by: Creary, K. **Seconded by:** Lint, A.

Action: Passed Unanimously

2. STANDARD COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Testimonials – The Chair expressed that she was able to encourage a community member to join today's meeting. She stated that she still enjoys educating the community, which is an essential component of the CEC. A member announced that she received a scholarship to attend the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) in San Diego, CA. The member informed the committee that she learned that HRSA had given permission for Part A grantees to send consumers to the USCA. The Grantee member stated that she is not currently aware of the policy but would disseminate it as soon as she receives it.

Action Item:

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- Send grantee update to the committee about sending consumers to USCA.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

4. MEETING ACTIVITIES/NEW BUSINESS

Transgender 101 Preparation: Staff explained that they are still waiting on a response from the Pride Center to utilize their space for the event. The Vice Chair provided an overview of the purpose of the event, which is to educate the community about the transgender population. Staff invited the committee to review the event materials and to provide feedback on the agenda items and discussion topics. The Vice Chair stated her presentation will focus on serving transgender clients and assessing their needs, and the challenges they face. Benjamin Di'Costa from Latinos Salud will presenting on the minority transgender community. The Chair explained the importance of targeting the Black Transgender HIV positive community for the event. Both the Chair and guest noted that this community is the highest population not in care. Mr. Di'Costa described his experience and passion for making a difference in the lives of the transgender community. There was a question regarding whether hormone therapy is provided to Part A clients as part as the drug formulary. The Vice Chair and Grantee informed members that hormone therapy is not covered by Part A. Mr. Di'Costa further explained that these medications are provided at two community agencies, AHF and Care Resource, on a sliding fee scale. Generic versions are also available through Publix's \$4 Generic Drug program.

After reviewing the event flyer, a guest inquired about the point of contact and advertising for the event. Staff informed everyone that flyers will be distributed at SunServe, LatinosSalud, other Ryan White Part A agencies, and possibly in local newspapers. The Chair recommended placing an ad for the event in South Florida Gay News (SFGN), Broward-Palm Beach New Times, The Westside Gazette, or in HotSpots Magazine. The Chair encouraged committee members to bring at least two guests to the Transgender 101 event. There was a recommendation to have case managers who serve transgender clients to attend the event along with their clients. The committee decided that there will be presentations by the Vice Chair, Mr. Di'Costa, and possibly a transgender provider.

Motion #2: To approve Transgender 101 event agenda and flyer

Proposed by: Creary, K. **Seconded by:** Franks, H.

Action: Passed Unanimously

A member recommended having HIV testing at the event as well. Mr. Di'Costa informed the committee that LatinosSalud has a mobile testing unit that can provide HIV testing. A member then recommended having someone from CIED present to link any new HIV positive individuals into care.

Staff explained the icebreaker games that will take place during the event to engage participants both before and after the individual presentations. Staff invited members to review games and choose which games they would prefer to facilitate. Committee members agreed that each game would promote educational discussion based on the game topics (i.e. common stereotypes, myths, etc.). The Chair and Vice Chair explained the event will last approximately two hours and that the game should last no more than 15 minutes. The Committee also agreed that the games should be empowering and that they should not be offensive to attendees.

Motion #3: To approve the Stand-Up Sit-Down (Handout D) and What I've Always Wanted to Know (Handout G) icebreaker games, with time duration modifications.

Proposed by: Creary, K. **Seconded by:** Runkle, D.

Action: Passed Unanimously



The Vice Chair stated that What I've Always Wanted to Know (Handout G) will be the first game. The Chair asked for volunteers to facilitate icebreaker games. Kathleen Myers will facilitate Stand-Up Sit-Down (Handout D). Karen Creary will facilitate What I've Always Wanted to Know (Handout G).

5. **GRANTEE REPORT**

The Grantee announced the Part A Grant is still in the process of being completed. The new ACA enrollment period will commence on November 1, 2014. The Grantee will include HIV providers and ARVs in Marketplace plans. She stated that as the HIV positive community continues to age, several other medications and services will be considered for inclusion in Marketplace plan drug formularies. These Marketplace plans have not been released yet. As soon as they are released, Grantee staff will work to determine the best plans for Part A clients.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be September 15, 2014 to review the committee's 18-month work plans. CEC will partner with the MCDC to review and create work plans, as the two committees have intersecting work plans. The Chair explained the work plans will be centered around the three guiding ideas of the HIVPC. There will not be an HIVPC meeting this month.

Action Item:

- Bring hard copies of the NHAS and HIV Care Continuum to next meeting (18-month Work Plan "mini" retreat).

7. **AGENDA ITEMS/TASKS FOR NEXT MEETING: Date:** September 15, 2014 **Venue:** A337

<i>Agenda Items/Tasks for next Meeting (Work Plan Item/Goal#)</i>	<i>Information requested (i.e. data, research, etc.) action to be taken, presentation, discussion, brainstorm etc.</i>
Review 18-month Committee Work Plans	ACTION ITEM: Review 18 month committee work plans, including the purpose and intent of the work plans.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE - ATTENDANCE CY 2014

Member	1/7/2014 - CX	2/4/14	3/4/14	4/1/14	5/6/2014-CX	6/3/14	7/1/14	8/5/14	9/2/14
Reed, Y. Chair		1	1	1		1	1	1	1
Bhrangger, R.		1	E	1		1	A	1	1
Marcoviche, W.		1	E	1		1	A	1	1
Katz, H.B.		1	E	1		E	1	1	E
Burgess, D.		1	1	1		1	1	1	1
Parker-Maysonet, P.		E	1	A		E	1	E	E
Creary, K.	Appointed 2.4.14		1	1		1	1	1	1
Clayton, L.	Appointed 2.4.14		1	1		1	1	1	E
Franks, H.		A	1	1		1	1	1	1
Stoakley, M.		1	1	A		A	1	1	A
Wilkins, D.		1	1	1		A	1	E	1
Lint, A.	Appointed 6.3.14						1	1	1
Robertson, P.	Appointed 6.3.14						1	1	1
Myers, L.	Appointed 8.5.14								1
Culpepper, K.	Appointed 8.5.14								1
Runkle, D.	Appointed 8.5.14								1
Quorum=10		8	9	9		7	11	11	12

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DRAFT - Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council FY2014-16 Community Empowerment Committee Work Plan

Objective 1. Hold Community Events and Meetings					
1.1 Develop calendar of community meetings and events.	Improved process	100%	2/15	2/15	
1.2 Plan at least 3 community events with identifiable goals to be achieved and target audiences.	Educated CEC members & consumers	66%	4/15	4/15	
1.3 Hold meetings in the community at least quarterly that include educational "Hot Topics" to enhance understanding about the 3 Guiding Ideas.	Active recruiting; Educated CEC members & consumers	75%	3/15	3/15	
1.4 Develop survey to analyze the effectiveness of each community meeting or event; surveys distributed at each community meeting or event.	Improved process	100%	1/15	1/15	
1.5 Analyze survey results after each community meeting to recommend future actions.	Improved process	100%	1/15	1/15	
Objective 2. Educate CEC Members and Consumers					
2.1 Develop strategy for using social media to reach consumers; develop at least one social media tool/username for CEC use.	Active recruiting	100%	7/15	10/15	
2.2 Receive annual orientation and training to enable CEC members and consumers to be more active participants in the HIVPC and committees.	Educated CEC members & consumers	100%	6/15	6/15	
2.3 Develop plan to train CEC members on how to be peer educators.	Educated CEC members & consumers	100%	5/15	5/15	
Objective 3. Obtain Consumer Feedback and Provide Insight From Consumer Perspective					
3.1 Hold annual community forum to gather feedback from consumers about barriers to obtaining HIV services and staying in treatment.	Improved process	100%	4/15	4/15	
3.2 Priority rank Part A & MAI service categories; send recommendations to PSRA.	Data driven PSRA process	100%	5/15	5/15	
3.3 Hold a "mini retreat" with all committees to discuss how committees work together to complete activities.	Educated CEC members	100%	12/14	12/14	
Objective 4. Update Work Plan and Policies & Procedures					
4.1 Review at least 3 CEC accomplishments and challenges.	Improved process	66%	1/15	1/15	
4.2 Conduct annual evaluation to assess past year and recommend improvements; identify at least 3 areas of improvement for upcoming year.	Improved process	66%	1/15	1/15	
4.3 Review and update Work Plan and Policies & Procedures.	Updated planning documents	100%	2/15	2/15	

March	April	May	June	July	Aug
- Community meeting	- Community forum	- Community meeting - Analyze survey results - Develop plan to train CEC members to be Peer Educators - Priority rankings for PSRA	- Annual orientation for CEC members	- Develop social media strategy - Community meeting	- Community event - Develop social media strategy
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
- Develop social media strategy - Analyze survey results	- Analyze survey results - Finish developing social media strategy	- Community meeting	- Community event - Mini retreat	- Develop survey for community events - Analyze survey results - Review accomplishments & challenges - Conduct annual evaluation	- Review and update WP and P&Ps - Develop calendar of community meetings & events

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE

Transgender 101

ArtServe, 1350 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

October 23, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

1) Please rate the Transgender 101 Event on a scale of 1 to 5: (1=NOT GOOD; 5= VERY GOOD)

(circle one) 1 2 3 4 5

2) Do you receive Ryan White Services? Yes _____ No _____

3) Are you affiliated with any agency here? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, which one? _____

4) Did the event provide you with helpful resources? Yes _____ No _____

5) How did you hear about this event?

Flyer _____

Online _____

Word of mouth _____

Newspaper _____

6) Was this a convenient location? Yes _____ No _____

7) Suggestions for other locations? _____

8) Would you attend another event such as this in the future? Yes _____ No _____
If not, why? _____

9) May we contact you for future events? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please provide your contact information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING AND ATTENDING!

MSM Study Factsheet

Voices: A Summary Report from the HIV Health and Wellness Assessment and Exploratory Study

- ❖ Explored the socio-cultural circumstances that lead to increased risk in Broward County

Findings

- ❖ Fort Lauderdale is the new gay party town
- ❖ Circuit parties and hook up apps are frequently used along with drug and alcohol use/abuse
- ❖ High rates of heroin use
- ❖ Sex parties held throughout the year offering non-stop partying, drinking, and uninhibited fun
- ❖ Intimate connections between recreational drug use, circuit parties, and “party and play” packets
- ❖ Party and Play = Drugs and Sex
 - The drug is typically crystal meth
 - Truvada may be included
- ❖ Personal, family, and social acceptance of sexual orientation and gender identity affects the mental health and personal safety of LGBT individuals
 - Bars and clubs have long been the only safe places where LGBT could gather, contributing to alcohol abuse
- ❖ Excessive alcohol, drug use, and unsafe sex have occurred in many gay-friendly neighborhoods
 - The gay bar scene has also facilitated alcohol and drug use during sex
- ❖ A 2007 study of club and drug use found that risk taking includes use of marijuana, alcohol, poppers, and such illicit drugs as crystal meth and cocaine regardless of age
 - Fewer health promotions have been designed to reach older MSM
- ❖ Young MSM do not go to bars for social interaction as much, as they report limiting their social interactions to phone apps
- ❖ For Young MSM of color, lack of education, discrimination, and socioeconomic factors like poverty, homophobia, stigma, and limited public health care pose critical challenges
- ❖ Substance abuse and mental illness are among the most common factors impeding HIV+ clients from staying in OAMC

Focus Groups

- ❖ “...Need to get bar owners and party promoters involved. Until then, nothing will change...”
- ❖ “Drug and alcohol intersection with sexual expression. All the ads and online apps ask about BB or bare-backing. Do you BB?”
- ❖ “Mental health issues, depression, low-self-esteem, loneliness.”

Latino MSM

- Religion in general and the Catholic Church in particular play a dominant role in Latino culture

Black MSM

- The Black Church is one of the most prominent and powerful social structures in the Black community
- Being Black and Gay is seen as a double curse; denial and shame
- “Doctors need to ask about substance abuse, alcohol use, and cocaine. Crystal meth, and also mental health questions- how your feelings affect HIV. There can be shame and guilt to tell your doctor about your substance use.”

Chemsex Study

- ❖ Explored the complex relationship between drug use and sexual behavior and documents the harms that some gay men experience

Findings

- ❖ Men who use a range of drugs during sex are more likely to report engaging in HIV transmission risk behaviors than men who do not
- ❖ Drugs are used to perform better, last longer, and make performing sex acts easier

HIV/AIDS Support Groups in Broward County

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Please contact HIVPC Staff at 954-561-9681 ext. 1250 or HIVPC@brhpc.org to update the information below.

Support Group	Target Population(s)	Location	Frequency	Contact
BOLT: Bringing Our Lives Together	LGBTQ	FUSION 2304 NE 7 th Avenue Wilton Manors, FL 33305	Last Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m.	954-630-1655
SOFFA: Significant Others, Family, Friends, and Allies	Transgender/ Gender Variant	SunServe 2312 Wilton Drive Wilton Manors, FL 33305	Second and fourth Saturdays	Arianna Lint 954-764-5150 ext. 112 alint@sunserve.org
Angels of Hope	African American	MODCO 401 NW 9 th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311	Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.	954-767-9919
Haitian Support Group	Haitian	Broward Health Comprehensive Care 1101 NW 1 st St. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 Broward Health Specialty Care Center 1111 W Broward Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312	Last Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.	
Positive Issues: HIV+ Gay Men and the Men that Love Them	MSM	Wellness Center of South Florida 2931 NE 6 th Avenue Wilton Manors, FL 33334	Thursdays at 7 p.m.	Jerry Hoinacki 954-568-0152 wcsfjeffy@cs.com
Poz Attitudes Here and Now		The Pride Center 2040 N. Dixie Hwy Wilton Manors, FL 33305	Wednesdays at 7 p.m.	Marge Ketterer 954-298-0711
Poz Attitudes Long Term (5+ years)			Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.	
L.I.F.E. Program			Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. 18 week program offered twice a year (beginning January & July)	Jeff Grigsby 954-463-9011 ext. 302 jgrigsby@pridecenterflorida.org

Support Group	Target Population(s)	Location	Frequency	Contact
HIV+ Men's Weekly Group		SunServe 1480 SW 9 th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315	Tuesdays at 7 p.m.	954-548-4602
Couples Speak	Men	The Pride Center 2040 N. Dixie Hwy Wilton Manors, FL 33305	4 week program	Lorenzo Robertson 954-463-9011 ext. 306 lrobertson@pridecenterflorida.org
CHOICES	HIV+ Men		5 week program	Magno Morales 954-463-9011 ext. 303 mmorales@PrideCenterFlorida.org
All Hispanic HIV support group	Hispanic	Red Hispana Florida 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd. #125 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304	First and Third Saturdays of each month at 12 p.m.	Priscilla Reyes 954-462-8889
Hispanic HIV Support Group		Care Resource 871 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311	Third Wednesday of each month at 12 p.m.	Argenis Aguilera 954-567-7141 ext. 112
Hispanic Support Group		Tobacco Prevention Education Center 780 SW 24th Street Fort Lauderdale Florida, 33315	Second and fourth Tuesday of every month, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Maria Iglesias 1954-467-4700 ext. 5667
Positive Leaders Uplifting Each Other	All	Conference Call Dial in number: 1-857-232-0156 Conference code: 703251	Every Thursday at 7 p.m.	Karen 754 245-5462
HIV Support Group	All	Broward Health Comprehensive Care 1101 NW 1 st St. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 Broward Health Specialty Care Center 1111 W Broward Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312	Last Thursday of every other month at 12:30 p.m.	

HIV/AIDS Online Support Groups

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HIV Online Support Forums	All	hiv.supportgroups.com
Facebook Forums		https://www.facebook.com/groups/7773554937/
		https://www.facebook.com/groups/284585801584590/
		https://www.facebook.com/groups/213320955360312/
	Gay HIV+ Men	https://www.facebook.com/groups/GAYHIVUSA

CEC 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & CHALLENGES

Accomplishments

- Community Events:
 - Cinco de Mayo Testing Day collaboration event with Latinos Salud
 - MCDC/CEC Welcome Brunch (Member Testimony)
 - Transgender 101 Community Event- Art Serve
 - World AIDS Day Community Cookout- Dillard High School
- Offsite/Community Meetings & Hot Topics:
 - BRHPC- HOPWA, March 2014
 - MODCO-Legal Aid, April 2014
 - Poverello-July 2014
 - CDTC- MMA Managed Care, August 2014
 - Fusion- Transgender 101 Planning, September 2014
- New Committee/HIVPC Membership
 - 6 New CEC Members
 - 3 CEC Members to be appointed to HIVPC (1 Alternate)
 - Multiple members to join other HIVPC Standing Committees
- Committee Leadership
 - New Chair and Vice Chair
- Advocacy/Consumer Participation
 - Letter to HRSA
 - Participation in NQC Training Consumers on Quality Training

Challenges

- Quorum
- Community Events
 - Planning and identifying appropriate theme for target population

Evaluation

The Community Empowerment Committee's community involvement, evolving leadership, and training; to name a few, have been instrumental in the growth and development of both the committee and its members. It has grown from 12 members to 17 members since March 2014 and continues to play a major role in Consumer involvement in the Ryan White Part A Program. During this period of growth and considerable amount of community

participation, the committee has already achieved over 50% of its 18 month workplan in less than 6 months.

With the restructuring of the Committee; becoming inclusive of all Ryan White Parts and community stakeholders, the committee has gained new leadership, committee membership, and community focus. The CEC will continue to strive to foster relationships with consumers and community stakeholders through population focused events such as the very successful Transgender Education 101 information session and provide Hot Topics that will engage the community.

Committee Recommendations for FY 2015:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____