

**By-Laws of the
Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council**

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ARTICLE I.

NAME, AREA OF SERVICE

SECTION 1: The name of the Planning Council shall be "The Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council" (Council) or such successor name as may be designated by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 2: The area served by the Council shall be Broward County, Florida. The governing body of Broward County is the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3: The Council is established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners codified at Part X of Chapter 12 of the Broward County Administrative Code as amended by the Board of County Commissioners.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE, DUTIES

SECTION 1: The purpose of the Council is to provide planning, to promote development of HIV/AIDS health services, personnel, and facilities which meet identified health needs in a cost-effective manner, to reduce inefficiencies, and to develop HIV-related health plans.

SECTION 2: The duties of the Council shall be those specified by the Ryan White Act.

ARTICLE III.

DEFINITIONS

1. *Ad-hoc committee* means a committee established for a limited time or limited and definite purpose.
 2. *Alternate* means a person appointed by the Board that may called upon to participate as a voting member of the Council upon the occurrence of certain conditions.
 3. *Board* means the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.
 4. *Cause* means an action determined by the Council as a basis for discipline or removal
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from the Council or a Committee.

5. *Committee* means a committee established by the Council in furtherance of Council business.
6. *Consortium* means South Florida AIDS Network (SFAN) of Broward County or Part B.
7. *Consumer* means a person who is an eligible recipient of services under the Ryan White Act.
8. *Council* means the Broward HIV Health Service Planning Council created in Chapter 21, Part X, Broward County Administrative Code, and mandated by the Ryan White Act, Part A
9. *EMA* means Eligible Metropolitan Area
10. *Ex officio* means a committee member who does not have a vote on that committee and does not count as quorum
11. *Joint Committee* means a committee comprising members from both the Council and the Consortium.
12. *Manual* means the Council's Local Policies and Procedures Manual.
13. *Member* means a person appointed to the Council by the Board.
14. *Non-Elected Community Leader* means someone active in the community not elected in formal governmental elections.
15. *PLWH* means person living with HIV Disease. (Also, PWA or PLWHA)
16. *Part A* means the Ryan White Act, Part A, administered by the County with advice from the Council.
17. *Part B* means the Ryan White Act, Part B, administered by the Broward County Health Department.
18. *Ryan White Act* means the 2006 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act.
19. *Unaffiliated Consumer* means individuals who are receiving HIV-related services from Ryan White-funded service providers and not compensated by, representative of, or employed by a provider funded under the Ryan White Act.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION 1:** All Members and Alternates of the Council shall be appointed by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. The process for forwarding recommendations to the Board is outlined in the Membership/Council Development Committee Section of the Manual.
- SECTION 2:** An individual may serve on the Council only if the individual agrees that if the individual has a financial interest in an entity, if the individual is an employee of a public or private entity, or if the individual is a member of a public or private organization, and such entity or organization is seeking amounts from a grant under the Ryan White Act, the individual will not, with respect to the purpose for which the entity seeks such amounts, participate (directly or in an advisory capacity) in the process of selecting entities to receive such amounts for such purposes.
- SECTION 3.** The membership of the Council shall be as delineated in the Ryan White Act, as amended.
- SECTION 4:** Affirmative recruitment efforts shall be made to attract eligible candidates for membership on the Council and the committees with particular attention to gender balance and adequate representation from racial and ethnic minorities that is reflective of the EMA.
- SECTION 5:** As part of the Council's efforts to increase the percentage of persons living with HIV on the Council, it is recommended that the Council strive, whenever possible, to nominate persons living with HIV disease to vacancies in all other categories as appropriate.
- SECTION 6:** The term of office for members and alternates shall be at the pleasure of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.
- SECTION 7:** Attendance. Attendance of Council meetings shall be in accordance with the Broward County Code of Ordinances section 1-233. The Council may recommend the reappointment of members who were removed pursuant to Broward County Code of Ordinances section 1-233. The committee attendance policy mirrors the Council attendance policy.
- SECTION 8.** Designation of Alternates. There shall be a minimum of at least three persons living with HIV that reflect the demographics of the epidemic in the County who shall serve as Alternates, appointed and approved by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. An Alternate may only serve as a voting member of the Council when a member with HIV is unable to serve due to HIV-related illness. In such case, the Chair shall appoint an alternate who, to the greatest extent possible, matches the gender, race and/or ethnic background of the individual with HIV that is

absent. Thereafter, Alternates, as directed by the Chair, shall alternate their substitution for PWA members unable to serve due to HIV. Alternates shall comply with attendance requirements at Council meetings. Alternates may be appointed by the chair as a voting member only after Quorum has been established.

SECTION 9: Each Council member shall be a member of at least one standing Committee. Failure to adhere to attendance requirements shall be grounds for removal from the Council.

SECTION 10 All persons in attendance of a meeting of the Council and/or Committee shall comply with the meeting ground rules adopted by the Council.

SECTION 11: Removal of Members and Alternates.

- A. Procedure for removal: If a member fails to comply with Paragraphs A or B, or for reasons documented in Paragraph C, the Council shall recommend to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners the removal of that Member or Alternate, upon vote of a majority of the Council members in attendance at a meeting at which Staff has provided written notification to the member or alternate recommended for removal that such item will be on the meeting's agenda.
- B. The Council shall recommend that a member be removed from service on the Council for refusing to cooperate in a conflict of interest review, or when it is determined that member knowingly took action(s) intended to influence the conduct of the Council in a manner as defined in **ARTICLE IV. SECTION 1** of these By-laws. The Council shall terminate from service any committee member who is not also a Council member for refusing to cooperate in a conflict of interest review, or when it is determined that member knowingly took action(s) intended to influence the conduct of the Council in a manner as defined in **ARTICLE IV. SECTION 1** of these By-laws.
- C. The Council shall recommend that a member be removed from the Council for, but not limited to, failure to comply with County regulations or the Council Local Procedures Manual, failure to comply with meeting ground rules or failure to maintain committee membership.
- D. A Council Member, Council Chair or Committee Chair may recommend removal for cause by forwarding to the Membership Committee said recommendation, documenting the reasons for requesting removal. The Membership Committee will review the evidence and make recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will review the recommendation and forward the recommendation to the Council.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS

- SECTION 1:** The officers of the Council shall be members of the Council and shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair.
- SECTION 2:** Officers shall be elected by the majority vote of those members or alternates serving as members of the Council present and voting at the February meeting. The ad Hoc Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for consideration at the January meeting. The Officers shall take office on March 1 or at the first meeting of the calendar year later than March 1. All Officers shall serve a two-year term and shall remain in office until a successor selected. No officers shall serve more than two consecutive terms in one office.
- SECTION 3:** The duties of the Officers are those which usually apply to such officers and in addition thereto, such other duties as may be designated from time to time by the Council.
- SECTION 4:** The Chair of the Council will serve as the official liaison of the Council with the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and its designated administrative entity. No other Member of the Council or its committees may speak for the Council.
- SECTION 5:** With the exception of the Executive Committee, the current Council officers may not serve as chair of any Council committee while holding office. Upon proper notice to the committee, the Council Chair or Vice-Chair may sit as acting chair of the committee when the committee chair or Vice-Chair are unable to attend a properly scheduled meeting of the committee. In the event the Council Chair or Council Vice Chair are serving as acting committee chairs, they count towards quorum and have a vote.
- SECTION 6:** In the event of the resignation or other reason for vacating the Chair or Vice-Chair positions, a special election will be held following the procedures outlined in Section 2 above at the next Council meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS

- SECTION 1:** The Council shall meet at least 9 times per fiscal year (Mar. 1 – Feb. 28). Special meetings may be called by the Chair or upon petition of one third of the membership of the Council. Written notice shall be given at least one week prior to each meeting. The Council shall hold 2 or 3 Planning

Council meetings annually in the community. Attendance at mandatory Training Activities is also part of Council attendance requirements.

SECTION 2: Fifty percent (50%) of the members plus one shall constitute a quorum for the HIV Planning Council, Executive and Joint Priorities Committees. All others shall be fifty percent (50%) plus one (1), but with no less than 3 members voting. A majority of those Members present and voting at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to take action on behalf of the Council. The number of Members needed to determine quorum shall be the total number of Members of the Council, but not including the Member representing the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3: Only duly appointed Members of the Council and/or committee (or the appointed Alternate in their absence) may vote, and each Member (or Alternate) shall have one vote. Voting privileges are otherwise non-transferable. In the event of a tie vote, there shall be a roll call vote and the Chair shall vote last.

SECTION 4: Public notice of Council meetings shall be given in accordance with Florida Statutes and Broward County Ordinances. Meetings shall be open to the public. Records and data shall be made available to the public under the applicable laws. Minutes of each meeting of the Council or Committee shall be kept. The accuracy of all minutes shall be certified by the Chair of the Council and/or committees.

SECTION 5: COUNCIL AGENDAS

A. The Executive Committee shall meet at least five (5) working days prior to the regularly-scheduled full Council meeting. The Executive Committee (or in the absence of Executive Meeting action, the Council's Planner/Coordinator) shall prepare an agenda for full Council meetings based upon the following: Each committee chair, the Grantee, and/or the Council Support Staff will inform the Executive Committee (or Council Planner/Coordinator) of committee recommendations and other actions to be presented for the full Council's approval. Motions passed by Committees may be sponsored by the Chair of the Committee on behalf of the committee and annotated on the Council Agenda as sponsored by the Committee. Individual Members of the Council may also request that action items be placed upon the agenda, by providing them in writing to the Council Planner/Coordinator prior to the Executive Committee meeting. Members of the public who wish to bring matters before the full Council for consideration must obtain sponsorship of the item by a Member of the Council. Requesters of all full Council actions will also provide appropriate back-up documentation to explain the action being requested. The Executive Committee may refer proposed actions to the appropriate committee to examine and make a recommendation prior to

presenting the matter to the full Council for action. Proposed motions requiring the full Council's vote shall be listed on the agenda which is sent out to members prior to the full Council meeting. At the Executive Committee's discretion, back-up documentation will be labeled and distributed with the Council's agenda. At the discretion of the Council Chair, action items requested at the Council meeting not on the published agenda may be added to the old/new business portion of the agenda, or deferred until the next Council meeting, or referred to the appropriate committee.

- B. The ordinary order of the Council's agenda shall be: 1. Call to Order; 2. Moment of Silence; 3. Welcome and Self-introductions (includes explanation of Ground Rules, Sunshine Law and HIV self-disclosure); 4. Excused Absences and Appointment of Alternates 5. Adoption of Agenda; 4. Approval of Minutes; 6. Public Comment; 7. Action Items, Consent (no discussion required); 8. Action Items, Regular (discussion required); 9. Discussion Items; 10. Committee Reports; 12. Program Support Report; 13. Grantee Reports (Part A and Part B); 14. Other Reports (including Legislative Update, Part C, Part D, HOPWA, etc); 15. Old/New Business; 16. Public Input; 17. Announcements; 18. Public Comment 19. Next Meeting Date, 20. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, 21. Adjournment. The Executive Committee may re-order these items for particular meetings if necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the Council's business.
- C. The Executive Committee (or Council Chair in the absence of Executive Committee action) will determine the order of decision action items.

SECTION 6: All persons in attendance of a meeting of the Council and/or Committee shall comply with the meeting ground rules adopted by the Council.

SECTION 7: TIME LIMITS

The Executive Committee will establish time limits for each agenda item for each meeting. The Chair may use discretion to impose time limits on each speaker, to be consistently applied. Upon expiration of the time for discussion of a particular action item, the Chair shall close the debate and call for a vote. A person who has spoken once on a pending matter may not speak again on that matter until all others requesting the floor have been recognized.

SECTION 8: LINE OF SUCCESSION

- A. In the event the Chair or Vice Chair does not attend the Council Meeting and neither the Chair nor Vice-Chair has notified the Council that they are not attending the Council Meeting. The immediate past chair, if present and a member of the council shall chair the meeting.

- B. In the absence of the immediate past chair the Council meeting may be chaired in the following order with the acting Vice-chair being the next in line of succession:
1. Part A Chair of Joint Priorities
 2. Chair of Membership/Council Development
 3. Part A Chair of Joint Planning
 4. Part A Chair of Joint Client/Community Relations
 5. Chair of Quality Management

ARTICLE VII.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- SECTION 1:** Members and Alternates of the Council and all committees established by the Council shall abide by the Florida Statutes, Broward County Ordinances and Administrative Code, as may be amended from time to time, regarding conflicts of interest for public officials and the Government in the Sunshine Law. Copies of these documents shall be furnished to all Council Members and Alternates.
- SECTION 2:** The Executive Committee of the Council shall be authorized to formulate Council policy, review all concerns, and make recommendations to the full Council regarding conflict of interest issues.
- SECTION 3:** All Council members and alternates must identify conflicts of interest, and are encouraged to request a review of a potential conflict of interest for themselves or of another Member or Alternate.
- SECTION 4:** All concerns regarding conflict of interest shall be recorded in the Council's meeting minutes and referred to the Executive Committee for review. The full Council shall take, based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee, whatever actions it deems appropriate and are in compliance with standing Council policies.
- SECTION 5:** In the event of a conflict of interest and/or during the period of review of said conflict of interest, Member(s) or Alternate(s) under review may participate in the discussion of the matter in conflict/question but shall abstain from voting on the matter.
- SECTION 6:** A Member or Alternate shall be recommended for termination from service on the Council and any of its committees for refusing to cooperate in a conflict of interest review, or when it is determined that she/he knowingly took action(s) intended to influence the conduct of the Council in a manner prohibited by the By-Laws or federal, state or local laws.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1:

- A. The Council shall establish standing and ad hoc committees necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Ryan White Act.
- B. Committee Chairs. All Council committees shall be chaired by a member of the Council. All Joint Committees shall be co-Chaired by a Council member and Consortium member. The Council Chair shall appoint the Part A Committee Chairs of each Committee beginning with the date of the Council Chair's term of office. The current Committee Chairs shall continue to serve until the new Committee Chairs are appointed.
- C. Vice-Chairs. A Committee may select a Vice-Chair to conduct meetings in the absence of the committee chair. The Vice-Chair must be selected in a meeting prior to any meeting at which the Vice-Chair conducts the meeting. The Vice-Chair must be a member of the Council.
- D. Appointment of Committee membership. Council Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, the members of each committee. Except as otherwise provided by the By-Laws, a standing or ad-Hoc Committee may include members of the Council, SFAN Consortium and members of the community at large. Committee membership should all be based on the demographics of the epidemic and consideration shall be given to race, ethnicity, self-acknowledged HIV-positivity and gender.
- E. Removal of Committee membership. The removal of Committee members shall be that of Council members as provided for in Article 4, Section 11, where applicable.
- F. Committee Policies and Procedures. The Council will approve written policies and procedures for all Committees which will be published in the "Local Procedures Manual." The policies and procedures of each committee must be periodically reviewed by that committee and subsequently approved by the Council.
- G. Compliance with Council Meeting Ground Rules. When in joint session, all joint committee members shall comply with the meeting ground rules adopted by the Council.

SECTION 2: A standing committee of the Council is a committee which has a purpose that requires a standing membership and a regular meeting schedule. The standing committees of the Council are:

- A. Executive
- B. Joint Client and Community Relations
- C. Membership and Council Development
- D. Joint Planning
- E. Joint Priorities
- F. Quality Management

SECTION 3: An ad-hoc committee of the Council is a committee that has a purpose which does not require a standing membership and which may meet on a periodic but not regular schedule. The continuing ad hoc committees are the ad-hoc Nominating Committee, the ad-hoc By-Laws Committee and the ad-hoc Local Pharmacy Advisory Committee. The Council may establish other ad-hoc committees as necessary.

A. Ad Hoc Nominating Committee.

1. Membership. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) Council members who shall be appointed by the Chair. At least one member shall be a person living with HIV/AIDS.
2. Purpose. The Nominating Committee shall provide a slate of nominations for Members for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council from among current Council Members. The process utilized by the Nominating Committee to prepare and present the slate of officers for consideration for office is identified in that committee's written policies and procedures.

B. Ad-Hoc By-laws Committee.

1. Membership. The members of the committee shall only include Council members and alternates.
2. Purpose. The ad-Hoc By-Laws Committee shall have the responsibility of periodically reviewing, updating and maintaining the Council By-Laws.

C. Ad Hoc Local Pharmacy Advisory Committee (LPAC).

1. Membership. The members of the committee shall include but is not limited to members with pharmacological and medical expertise as well as consumer members.
 - a. Purpose. The Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council's Local Pharmacy Advisory Committee (LPAC) shall be representative of all stakeholders in HIV/AIDS care in the community. These stakeholders include consumers, providers, and regulators in the affected community. LPAC shall be dedicated to the ongoing review of the RW Part A Pharmacy Service Category.

- b. LPAC's Mission shall be:
 - 1. To make recommendations to the appropriate committees of the HIVPC to improve the quality, cost-effectiveness and allocation of resources to pharmacy services;
 - 2. To develop and implement a standardized mechanism for pharmacy services (i.e., policies and procedures, drug access, formulary changes and cost/impact analysis);
 - 3. To efficiently collect and evaluate current pharmacy data (i.e., utilization, cost, eligibility) for the impact on the Part A system of care;
 - 4. To coordinate pharmacy services in collaboration with other funding streams (i.e., ADAP, Part B, Medicaid, private payers, including private insurance providers); and
 - 5. To review current pharmacologic therapeutic regimes and federal guidelines.

SECTION 4: There shall be an Executive Committee.

- A. Membership. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Council Chair, the Council Vice-Chair and the Chair of each of the standing committees. The immediate past Council Chair (if the past Chair is currently a member of the Council) will serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.
- B. The Executive Committee meets to conduct business of the Council (excluding priority-setting and allocation decisions). The Executive Committee shall:
 - 1. Set the agenda for Council meetings
 - 2. Address Conflict of Interest issues
 - 3. Review Membership/Council Development Committee Attendance report to identify Council members not in compliance with attendance requirements
 - 4. Oversee the planning activities established in the comprehensive plan
 - 5. Develop and oversee committee work plans which address comprehensive planning goals and objectives
 - 6. Review Committee recommendations to determine whether the items should be referred to the appropriate Committee
 - 7. Ratify recommendations for removal for cause from the Membership/Council Development Committee
 - 8. Address Joint Client and Community Relations Committee unresolved grievance issues
- C. The Committee shall have responsibility for oversight of the planning activities established in the comprehensive plan and development and oversight of committee work plans to address comprehensive planning goals and objectives.
- D. Periodic meetings with Consortium Executive Committee. The Committee shall meet jointly with the Consortium Executive Committee on quarterly basis to discuss

mutual planning issues and to plan how the two bodies can work together to meet the needs of the EMA. Any consensus recommendations from this Joint Executive Committee shall be brought to the respective planning bodies by their corresponding Chairs for discussion and/or action.

SECTION 5: There shall be a Joint Client/Community Relations Committee.

- A. Membership. The members of the committee shall include, but is not limited to, representatives of the Council and the Consortium. No less than 51% of the Council committee members shall be unaffiliated individuals living with HIV.
- B. Chair. The Council Committee Chair or Co-Chair shall be an unaffiliated individual with HIV.
- C. Purpose. The Committee shall inform and solicit the participation of individuals infected and affected with HIV/AIDS in the planning, priority-setting and resource-allocation processes. The Committee will function as a primary level of appeal for unresolved grievances relative to the Council's decisions regarding Ryan White Part A and Part B funding.

SECTION 6: There shall be a Joint Planning Committee.

- A. Membership. The members of the committee shall include, but is not limited to, representatives of the Council and the Consortium. Members of the Joint Planning Committee shall include but is not limited to representatives of Part A and Part B, Part C, Part D, Part F, and Consumers.
- B. Purpose. The Committee shall have responsibility for developing and updating annual needs assessment and other planning activities to ensure quality core medical services are integrated in the Broward County EMA System of Care. The Committee shall plan and address coordinated care across diverse groups by engaging community resources in order to eliminate disparities in access to services. The Committee shall identify strategies for engaging and retaining individuals in care. The Committee shall discuss and incorporate Clinical Quality Measures in the Planning Process.

SECTION 7: There shall be a Joint Priorities Committee.

- A. Membership. The Members of the Committee shall include, but is not limited to, representatives of the Council and the Consortium.
- B. Purpose. The Committee shall recommend to the Council and Consortium priorities and allocation of Ryan White Part A. The Committee shall review, at least quarterly, any deviations in planned expenditures exceeding 10% in any given funding category for reallocation and/or possible reprioritization. The Committee will facilitate the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process to include the review of

appropriate data (service utilization, epidemiological data). The Committee will develop, review, and monitor eligibility, service definitions, as well as language on 'how best to meet the need.'

SECTION 8: There shall be a Membership/Council Development Committee.

- A. Membership. The Members of the Committee shall include, but is not limited to, representatives of the Council, the Consortium and the community at large.
- B. Purpose. The Committee shall solicit and screen applications based on objective criteria for appointment to the Council in order to ensure that the demographic requirements of the Council are maintained according to the Ryan White Treatment and Modernization Act and present its recommendations to the full Council. The Committee shall institute orientation and training programs for new and incumbent members. The Committee shall continue to educate the Council and committee members about their respective duties, and the Council's functions and roles in the organization and delivery of HIV/AIDS health and support services.

SECTION 9: There shall be a Quality Management Committee.

- A. Membership. The members of the Ccommittee shall include, but is not limited to, representatives of the Council and the Consortiuma and the community at large.
 - 1. Purpose. The purpose of the Quality Management Program for Ryan White Part A in the Broward County EMA is to systematically monitor, evaluate, and continuously improve the quality and appropriateness of HIV care and services provided to all clients receiving Ryan White Part A and MAI funded services in Broward County.

ARTICLE IX.

BYLAWS: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: These By-Laws may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Council.

SECTION 2: Notice of all proposed amendments, with amendments enclosed, shall be mailed or transmitted electronically to each Council member and Alternates at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which time such amendments are to be considered for adoption.

SECTION 3: DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS

Unless otherwise provided, these By-Laws and any amendments shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Council.

ARTICLE X.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- SECTION 1:** The fiscal year for the Council shall begin on March first and end on the last day of February.
- SECTION 2:** When procedures are not covered by law or these By-Laws, the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall prevail.
- SECTION 3:** Unless otherwise provided for in the Ryan White Act or other law or regulation, the relationship between the Council and the Grantee is described in the document entitled Guiding Principles. Relations between providers and clients are the responsibility of the Grantee.
- SECTION 4:** The priority-setting process and budget allocations shall allow for funds to enable Council members who are individuals with HIV and Alternates to be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses for attending Council or Committee meetings which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: transportation, parking, mileage, child care not otherwise being regularly provided to the child, lost wages not including overtime or fringe benefits and appropriate refreshments. The Council member shall execute an affidavit attesting to the validity of the reimbursement request.