



Evaluation Quality Assurance & Planning Committee Meeting

January 8, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Zoom
Facilitator(s): Carrie Hollinger

Attendees: April Ganzy, Carrie Hollinger, Channel Bonner, Eric Martinez, Michelle Peaslee, Miranda Talley, Rashiema Birks, Sherry Gizzarelli, Yenichel Ruan, Ilemir Otaiza, Tiffany Canate (HCSEF), Emily Carmichael (HCSEF)

Excused Absences: Jackie Clarke, Saundra Rangel, Natasha Ramlagan

Minutes

I. Introductions & Moment of Silence

- T. Canate called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM and welcomed the group. T. Canate conducted roll call.
- C. Hollinger led a moment of silence.

II. Evaluation Quality Assurance Updates *led by Carrie Hollinger*

A. Review and Approval of EQA Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

- C. Bonner motioned to approve the EQA agenda and meeting minutes as previously distributed.
- Y. Ruan seconded the motion.

B. Discussion

- **Review and Update of Quality Assurance Plan Goals and Performance Indicators**
 - C. Hollinger reported updated metrics for the Quality Assurance Plan indicators:
 - Viral Load Suppression: 73%
 - Adherence to antiretroviral therapy: 100%
 - Medical Visit Frequency: 33%
- **Ryan White Services Report Update**
 - C. Hollinger noted ongoing efforts to manually input and transfer data from the HMS, Ryan White system, into CareWare.
 - C. Hollinger announced that the 2026 Statewide Clinical Quality Management (CQM) Plan was released in late December 2025, so the Department of Health in St. Lucie County (DOH-St. Lucie) staff are working to review notable updates, such as those pertaining to Quality Assurance and Ryan White service reporting.
- **Linkage to Care Updates**
 - T. Canate screen shared a summary report that Y. Ruan created for November and December 2025.
 - Y. Ruan shared November 2025 data:
 - Three (3) new diagnoses: All three individuals were linked to care and lived in Indian River County.
 - 27 previously diagnosed individuals: 23 individuals were retained in care, three individuals were re-engaged, and one individual was incarcerated.
 - Additionally, of the 27 previously diagnosed individuals, 23 had positive HIV status, five individuals had AIDS, and 10 had suppressed viral loads.
 - Y. Ruan shared December 2025 data:
 - Five (5) new diagnoses: four individuals were linked to care, and one individual refused care. Of those newly diagnosed individuals, four lived in St. Lucie County, and one lived in Indian River County.

- 12 previously diagnosed individuals: 10 individuals were retained in care, and two individuals were re-engaged.
- Additionally, of the 12 previously diagnosed individuals, five had positive HIV status, eight individuals had AIDS, and five had suppressed viral loads.

C. Open Discussion

- No items were presented for open discussion.

III. Planning Updates *led by Carrie Hollinger*

A. Review and Approval of Planning Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

- C. Bonner motioned to approve the Planning agenda as previously distributed, and A. Ganzy seconded.
- E. Martinez motioned to approve the previous Planning meeting minutes as distributed, and Y. Ruan seconded.

B. Discussion

• Needs Assessment Updates

- T. Canate shared that as of December 2025, there were 207 surveys entered into The AIDS Institute (TAI) online portal.
- T. Canate and E. Carmichael noted that the December Florida Comprehensive Planning Network Needs Assessment Committee meeting was cancelled, but notable updates were shared via email:
 - The 2025 Statewide HIV Care Needs TAI portals will remain active, with the data segmented into two distinct timeframes:
 - ✓ August 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025: This dataset will be used to inform the Integrated Prevention and Care Plan. This plan will be a living document, allowing for revisions as needed.
 - ✓ December 1, 2025 – August 2026: This second dataset can be incorporated into the Fall 2026 update.
 - There will not be a standardized tool for additional primary data collection efforts, including focus groups, town halls, or key informant interviews.
 - E. Carmichael noted that HCSEF staff have begun reviewing prior primary data collection tools and resources from other areas to help inform the local data collection tools for Area 15.
 - E. Carmichael explained that the focus group and key informant interview tools would be brought to the CPN members to help ensure alignment with partner interests.

• HIV Prevention Activities

- C. Hollinger reported a series of updates on behalf of R. Pierre:
 - On Saturday, January 10, 2026, DOH-St. Lucie will attend a swap meet from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
 - On Monday, January 12, 2026, DOH- St. Lucie will be at The Source in Indian River County (1015 Commerce Ave, Vero Beach, FL, 32960).
 - On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, DOH- St. Lucie will be at the Up Center in St. Lucie County (2520 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL, 34947).
- R. Birks shared updates on behalf of Whole Family Health Center (WFHC)
 - WFHC is working to coordinate with the Department of Health in Indian River County to provide additional services to clients at the Wabasso Clinic (8445 64th Ave., Wabasso, FL, 32970).
 - WFHC is partnering with the Salvation Army in Indian River County (2655 5th St SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962) to provide regular services to the community, including HIV and PrEP services, on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 - R. Birks reflected on their recent World AIDs Day event held on December 2, 2025, where they reached approximately 100 residents. She shared that Gilead was present to provide information on PrEP, and Dr. Perone gave a presentation on HIV testing and the importance of treatment. Lastly, R. Birks highlighted that a patient living with HIV also spoke at the event and shared their story to help motivate others to get into care.

- R. Birks noted that WFHC is looking to expand community collaborations with local providers and potentially more of their clients living with HIV to help reach those not in care.
- Regular after-hours testing through DOH-St. Lucie and DOH-Martin:
 - 1st Tuesday of the month from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (16401 SW Farm Rd, Indiantown, FL 34956)
 - 3rd Monday of the month from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (3441 SE Willoughby, Stuart, FL 34997)
 - 4th Friday of the month from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (1701 S. 23rd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950)

C. Open Discussion

- E. Martinez reflected on past efforts in collaboration with local radio station, WQCS, interviewing people living with HIV to share their stories and how they would also help promote the Consortium's local activities in support of World AIDs Day. E. Martinez suggested that radio collaborations, or other Public Service Announcement-type avenues, could be a way to help bolster outreach for future events, too.
- E. Martinez highlighted the importance of the Consortia staying informed of changes that may impact clients and the system of care.

IV. Closing and Adjourn

- C. Bonner motioned to adjourn, and R. Birks seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 AM.