



**Evaluation Quality Assurance & Planning Committee Meeting**  
**April 10, 2025 | 11:00 AM | Teleconference**  
**Facilitator(s): Sandra Rangel | Host: Tiffany Canate, Sr. Health Planner**

**Attendees:** April A. Ganzy, Alex Ramirez, Carrie Hollinger, Channel Bonner, Islande Cherry, Edwin Torres, Gabriel Zamarripag, Miranda Talley, Rashimah Birks, Sana Adalsha, Sandra Rangel, Yenice Ruan, Tiffany Canate (HCSEF), Emily Carmichael (HCSEF)

**Excused Absences:** Natasha Ramalhan, Eric Martinez, Jackie Clarke

## **Minutes**

### **1. Welcome & Roll Call**

- T. Canate welcomed the group, called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM, and conducted a roll call.

### **2. Moment of Silence**

- T. Canate led a moment of silence.

### **3. Evaluation Quality Assurance Updates led by Sandra Rangel**

- Review and approval of EQA agenda and meeting minutes
  - C. Hollinger motioned to approve the EQA agenda and meeting minutes, and C. Bonner seconded.
- Quality Assurance Plan/Indicators
  - C. Hollinger reported that she will be at Midway next week and working with Whole Family Health Center to start obtaining client records for the first quarter. She noted that the quality improvement team has met throughout the past month to establish the two quality improvement projects for the upcoming year. She explained that they will continue their data completeness efforts and add a new project focused on nutrition.
  - C. Hollinger shared that C. Bonner is collaborating with the state Clinical Quality Management team on upcoming projects.
- Linkage to Care
  - T. Canate shared a summary report from Y. Ruan on screen.
  - Y. Ruan shared March 2025 Linkage to Care data:
    - Six new diagnoses: three linked to care, three were negative.
      - a. Three of the new diagnoses were in St. Lucie County, two were in Indian River County, and one was in Martin County.
    - Y. Ruan shared that there were 27 previously diagnosed individuals: 25 were retained in care, two were removed, and one was deceased. Additionally, of the 27 previously diagnosed individuals, six have AIDS, and 17 have suppressed viral loads.
- Other Updates
  - S. Adalsha provided community outreach updates on behalf of the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County (DOH- St. Lucie):
    1. April 1 – Sam's Food Outreach: DOH-St. Lucie engaged 25 individuals and provided HIV testing to eight individuals

2. April 4 – Grace Women and Children’s Center: DOH-St. Lucie engaged 16 individuals and provided HIV testing to two individuals.
3. April 7 – IRSC Relax and Recharge (Vero Beach): DOH-St. Lucie engaged 29 individuals, and provided HIV testing to six individuals.
4. April 9 – UpCenter: DOH-St. Lucie participated, however, testing numbers were not provided.

#### **4. Planning Updates led by Sandra Rangel**

- Review and approval of Planning agenda and meeting minutes
  - C. Bonner motioned to approve the Planning agenda and meeting minutes, and C. Hollinger seconded.
- Needs Assessment
  - C. Bonner shared that there are no new updates. The state is reviewing the current Needs Assessment Toolkit.
- Activity Tracker
  - C. Bonner reported the following updates:
    - Test & Treat – 6 new clients, 13 previous clients
    - PrEP – 6 new clients; 8 returning clients
    - PEP – one client
- HIV Prevention Activities
  - I. Chery shared upcoming outreach events for St. Lucie County:
    - April 15 at IRSC Pruitt Campus from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM. DOH-St. Lucie will provide HIV and syphilis testing.
    - April 25 – After-hours testing (1701 S 23rd St, Fort Pierce, FL 34950) from 4:00–7:00 PM.
    - April 26 at Mount Olive Missionary Church. DOH-St. Lucie will provide HIV and syphilis testing.
  - G. Zamarripag shared updates on behalf of Indian River County:
    - For Youth HIV Awareness Day, DOH-Indian River had an event at Hibiscus Village, where 17 individuals were tested.
    - On April 11, DOH-Indian River will have an outreach event at Pelican Apartments in Sebastian.
  - M. Talley shared updates on behalf of Midway:
    - Midway has ongoing outreach at the UpCenter every Monday and Friday
    - On April 10, Midway will have a pop-up testing event at the basketball courts on 13th Street for National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day
    - Midway is working with the Sanctuary for additional community engagement opportunities.

#### **5. Open Discussion**

- C. Bonner announced that the High Impact Prevention (HIP) contracts will end on June 30, 2025. She encouraged providers to monitor the state Department of Health website for future grant opportunities. She added that S. Rangel will follow up with all partners.

#### **6. Closing and Adjourn**

- C. Bonner motioned to adjourn, and C. Hollinger seconded.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:21 am**