

**Florida Alliance for Diabetes Prevention and Care
Leadership Council Quarterly Meeting
May 23, 2007
ChampionsGate, Florida**

MINUTES

Members Present

Pauline Lowe, Chair (American Diabetes Association – Florida) – e¹
Babu Balagopal (Nemours Children's Clinic and American Heart Association) – e
Phyllis Bruno, Community Partnerships Chair (Cleveland Clinic – Florida) – e
Rita Diaz-Kenney (Concerned Citizen/Advocate) – a
Tammie Johnson, Ex-Officio (Department of Health) – x
Barbara Jacobowitz (Treasure Coast Health Council) – e
Rachel La Croix (Agency for Health Care Administration) – a
Ferdie Richards (FMQAI) – a
Ed Shahady (Florida Academy of Family Physicians) – e

Members Absent

Rosa Carranza (Little Havana/Hispanic Elderly Diabetes Initiative) – a
Donna Felber-Neff (University of Florida College of Nursing) – e
Lory Gonzalez (Baptist Hospital of Miami/Diabetes Care Center) – e
Nicole Johnson (International Diabetes Prevention Advocate) – e
Rob Lombardo, Past Chair (Big Bend Rural Health Network) – e
Martha Pelaez (Consultant on Aging and Health) – a
Tina Zayas (Indian River County Health Department) – a

Guests

Laura Macione, Eli Lilly & Co. – Bonita Springs

Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP) Staff

M.R. Street

I. Welcome and Announcements

Ms. Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and listed the objectives of the meeting. Participants introduced themselves. Because this was the first meeting for the newly elected and appointed members, Ms. Lowe requested Ms. Johnson provide an overview of the Leadership Council.

The purpose of the Leadership Council is to guide the Alliance in making decisions that support the public health goals and objectives of the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the Diabetes Advisory Council. The Leadership Council meets four times per year, usually in conjunction with the Diabetes Advisory Council. The next meeting is August 29-30. It will be a joint strategic planning session for both groups. The framework will be a Systems Thinking/System Dynamics approach to improving system performance in Florida. The purpose is to align partners in a shared vision for the future.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Shahady moved that the minutes of the January meeting be approved. Ms. Bruno seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

¹ Members are identified as either e (elected), a (appointed), or x (ex-officio).

III. Election of Officers

Dr. Richards moved that the election of officers proceed per discussions at several recent Leadership Council meetings. Ms. Diaz-Kenney seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Each candidate presented their qualifications:

A. Chair-Elect

1. Dr. Shahady has been president of associations and international organizations as well as volunteer organizations. Now in the twilight of his career, he teaches part-time and has developed a passion for diabetes care. He leads a program for certifying master clinicians. He sees the need for non-professional health care providers and for educating patients.
2. Ms. Diaz-Kenney is a long-time resident of Florida. She started her public health career in Hillsborough County, working with migrant workers in Ruskin. She is passionate about public health and about bringing partners to the table. She has experience in collaboration and volunteering with non-English speakers. She is a registered dietitian and has been the CDC Division of Diabetes Translation's program policy consultant for more than 15 states and territories, including Florida since the beginning of the program. As a person with diabetes, she also brings her heart to the issue.

B. Secretary

1. Ms. La Croix's professional positions have all led her to health care. She has been a substance abuse counselor, HIV research assistant, and analyst of health services reports at Department of Juvenile Justice, where she looked at health condition prevalence in the juvenile justice population. She is currently the disease management contract manager at the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). She takes copious notes and would do a very good job as secretary.

C. DAC Liaison

1. Ms. Carranza regrets that she had to miss today's meeting due to a site visit by AHCA, but expressed her desire to be re-elected as the DAC Liaison. She has been a member of the DAC for more than five years. She is a certified diabetes educator working with the elder population in Little Havana. She has worked tirelessly on behalf of diabetes.
2. Ms. Jacobowitz has close to 30 years in public health planning. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration Planning. She has worked as a health planner and has written many health plans. She is the executive director of Treasure Coast Health Council, which serves a five-county area. She has been there for 12 years. The Attorney General's office appointed her to the Palm Beach Health Care Foundation. She is committed to diabetes prevention and control and is good at "being a sponge" and would be good at bringing information to both groups.

Ms. Lowe stated that we have a very energized group. In the past, we have had a very ambitious plan but have lacked the manpower to accomplish our objectives. We're heading in the right direction and this could be the year that we make substantial forward progress.

The ballots were tabulated and the following results were announced:

- A. Chair-Elect: Dr. Shahady
- B. Secretary: Ms. La Croix
- C. DAC Liaison: Ms. Jacobowitz

Dr. Shahady stated that, at some point, we will revisit moving the meetings to different locations around the state. Ms. Jacobowitz noted that local health councils would be willing to provide free meeting space.

IV. Educational Forum

VI. Public comment

None

VII. Adjournment

Please turn in your travel reimbursement voucher and remember to submit your travel receipts after you return home. Please turn in your meeting evaluations.

The next meeting will be held in Tampa in August as a two-day strategic planning meeting in conjunction with the Diabetes Advisory Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M. Eastern Time.