

Standing Business and to defer “Update on Miami-Dade County Public Schools Sexual Health Curriculum and Its Implementation” to the next meeting since Ashley Miller cannot attend today’s meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda with the above changes.

Moved: Barbara Kubilus Second: Matilde Zayas Motion: Passed

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Ms. Kenneally opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

“During the 2013 session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 50 which requires state, county and municipal boards to provide members of the public a ‘reasonable opportunity to be heard’ on items and matters before the board.

On items that are on today’s agenda, members of the public have an opportunity to be heard concerning each of the items. If there is anyone who wishes to be heard, I invite you to speak now. Each person will be given three minutes to speak. Please begin by stating your name and address for the record before you talk about your concerns.”

The floor was opened to the public. There were no comments, questions, or concerns.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of June 23, 2016 Meeting

Members reviewed the meeting minutes of June 23, 2016. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2016 as presented.

Moved: Freddy Pardo Second: Barbara Kubilus Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Elizabeth Ross

New Applicant

Alexis Howard is applying to join the Prevention Committee. Mrs. Howard works for Community AIDS Network as its Patient Care Coordinator.

Ms. Howard introduced herself to the committee and stated what her role is at Community AIDS Network.

Motion to accept Alexis Howard as a new member of the committee.

Moved: Barbara Kubilus Second: Luigi Ferrer Motion: Passed

There is now no vacancies remaining on this committee.

VII. Standing Business

▪ **Partnership Report**

Sarah Kenneally

Ms. Kenneally reviewed the July 11, 2016 Partnership Report (copy on file). There were no questions, comments or concerns.

▪ **MSM Collaborative Update**

Sarah Kenneally

In Alex Barros's stead, Ms. Kenneally gave the MSM Collaborative update.

On June 28th the Miami Collaborative held a training on "Chemsex", use of drugs to increase sexual disinhibition and arousal. Guest speakers included David Fawcett, a substance abuse expert and certified sex therapist, and Ivana Diez from Fort Lauderdale Hospital's LGBT chemical dependency recovery program.

On July 26th, the Miami Collaborative PrEP Workgroup set a goal to increase awareness and use of PrEP and nPEP among MSM in Miami.

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC) held training on clinical tools, billing for PrEP, HIV stigma and social determinants, youth and HIV laws and policies, messaging for youth, opportunities for collaboration, and next steps.

The Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States has released the PrEP Education for Youth-Serving Primary Care Providers Toolkit. It is the first of its kind resource that has focused on supporting primary care providers serving youth.

The next Miami Collaborative meeting will focus on the latest incidence data.

▪ **HIV 4th Generation Test, Alere**

Sandra Estevez

Sandra Estevez from FDOH-MDC attended the meeting to respond to the Prevention Committee's request to address misconceptions on interpreting the results of the HIV 4th generation test, Alere Determine.

Ms. Estevez reported that Tom Bendle from the Florida Department of Health Division of Disease Control and Health Protection has sent an email to the community regarding the HIV test, Alere Determine. Ms. Estevez read the email for the record.

"Over a year ago Alere Determine was introduced at limited test sites throughout Florida. As with all new testing technology, the HIV Prevention Program constantly reviews the data on any new technology to evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility for use in our testing program. With over a year's worth of data in Florida and from around the country, the Determine test has had some shortfalls. Among those have been a number of false reactive results and the lack of identification to this point of any acute HIV cases.

When weighing the technical issues with the test, the increased cost over other rapid HIV tests and the increased level of difficulty of use, the HIV Prevention Program has decided to discontinue purchasing the Alere Determine test at this time. The current inventory of Determine tests we have in stock expires at the end of November 2016. Sites trained in the Determine test and are currently using the test are encouraged to utilize as many of the tests as they can until they reach the expiration date. At that time, sites may transition back to the rapid test they were using before switching to Determine. Areas or programs that wish to continue to utilize Determine may purchase the test on their own if they choose.

If you would like to find out more information on Alere Determine findings, the National Diagnostic Conference website has a lot of good data and information (<http://hivtestingconference.org/2016-hiv-diagnostics-conference/>). Florida had two posters represented (Jacksonville lab & Miami lab) on their use of Alere Determine test. The results of false reactive results were found in Florida and all over the country.

We will continue to monitor the data on the test on a state and national level. If there are marked improvements in the test's performance, the HIV Prevention Program will reevaluate the possibility of again including the test in Florida's testing program."

Ms. Estevez further stated that all Miami-Dade County HIV testing sites are told to draw blood when conducting HIV tests in a clinical setting to ensure proper screening of specimens. HIV testing sites should use the Clearview rapid HIV test and Orasure confirmatory tests when conducting outreach activities.

Ms. Estevez gave an overview of the protocols HIV testing sites in Miami-Dade County must follow.

The committee thanked Ms. Estevez for her report.

▪ **Best Practice for Outreach to M-DCPS re Sex Health & HIV** *Mirva Cadet*

Mirva Cadet, Chief Operating Officer of Gang Alternative, gave a presentation on Gang Alternative's best practice to conduct outreach to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to request from the principals their permission for Gang Alternative to conduct sexual and STD/HIV health education to their students.

The strategies that Gang Alternative uses include, but are not limited to:

1. Provide support to the schools beyond the scope of the collaboration;
2. Recognize the role of the principals and align the principals' mission with the intent of Gang Alternative's project;
3. Attend the schools' events; and
4. Offer assistance to the schools' students and student families when feasible.

▪ **FDOH Updates** *Sarah Kenneally*

CDC's Funding Opportunity Announcement PS17-1704

Ms. Kenneally reported that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced pre-application technical assistance activities for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) applying for funding under Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) PS17-1704: *Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Projects for Young Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men and Young Transgender Persons of Color*. This FOA is geared toward CBOs that provide HIV prevention services to YMSM of color and YTG persons of color and their partners regardless of age, gender, and race/ethnicity. The pre-technical assistance activities will help potential applicants understand the goals and objectives of FOA PSY17-1704, determine their eligibility for funding, complete the application process, and access technical assistance.

The CDC has established a telephone line, (404) 639-6030, for potential applicants to request information and ask questions about the application process. The information line will be open 24 hours a day for individuals to leave a message.

There are three pre-application technical assistance workshops:

1. July 28, 2016 (Atlanta, GA)
2. August 1, 2016 (Baltimore, MD)
3. August 3, 2016 (Los Angeles, CA)

A copy of FOA PS17-1704 was also included in the packet.

Florida HIV Needs Assessment

FDOH-MDC and the University of Florida are collaborating to administer the Florida HIV Needs Assessment. CBOs should post the enclosed flyer at their agencies and share with the public.

Florida's Plan to Eliminate HIV Transmission and Reduce HIV-related Deaths

The Florida Department of Health Division of Disease Control and Health Protection has released four key components of its strategy to eliminate HIV transmission and reduce HIV-related deaths.

The four components are:

1. HIV test and treat;
2. Antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and non-occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP);
3. Routine HIV and STD screening in healthcare settings and targeted HIV testing in non-healthcare settings; and
4. Community outreach and messaging.

VIP Program at the Health District Center

Ms. Kenneally reviewed the FDOH-MDC's VIP Program brochure (copy on file). The VIP Program focuses on early HIV diagnosis and treatment. If a patient agrees to participate in the VIP Program, he/she will 1) be escorted to the Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) ACC East Clinic, 2) be assigned a case manager, 3) be registered as a JMH client and pre-screened for a variety of social services and healthcare programs, 4) receive a Jackson Card, 5) have additional labs completed and 6) see a medical provider.

This process takes approximately 3 to 5 hours.

VIII. New Business

- **Update on M-DCPS Sexual Health Curriculum and Its Implementation** Ashley Miller

Members deferred this item to the next meeting.

- **MDC Integrated HIV/AIDS Plan Review** Sarah Kenneally

Ms. Kenneally reported that the Strategic Planning Committee has reviewed and made its recommendation to the Partnership on care and treatment-specific activities of the Miami-Dade

County Integrated Prevention and Care Plan for HIV/AIDS. The Prevention Committee now needs to make a recommendation to the Partnership on the outlined HIV prevention-specific activities of the Integrated Plan.

Ms. Ross, Francisco Sastre, and Ms. Kenneally emphasized that although the Strategic Planning Committee and Prevention Committee are recommending that the Partnership approve and adopt this draft Integrated Plan, the document is editable and will be reviewed, refined and monitored by both committees during their joint committee quarterly Integrated Plan Review meetings.

Ms. Ross stated that the first joint committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 10th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the United Way Ansin Building. The November Prevention Committee meeting will be cancelled to encourage members' attendance to the joint committee meeting. Ms. Ross asked if November 10th is feasible; committee members agreed that the date was fine.

Motion to recommend that the Partnership accept the HIV prevention-specific activities of the Integrated Plan for adoption into the Miami-Dade County Integrated Prevention and Care Plan for HIV/AIDS.

Moved: Matilde Zayas

Second: Stephen Williams

Motion: Passed

▪ **Recruitment for the Re-entry Committee**

Elizabeth Ross

Ms. Ross reported that the Department of Corrections Re-entry Committee is recruiting new members, specifically CBOs that provide services to HIV+ recently released individuals, Florida Department of Health representatives, jail linkage coordinators, and HIV testing sites representatives.

Presently, the Re-entry Committee only has four members. The committee meets on a bi-monthly basis at Behavioral Science Research located at 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 240, Coral Gables, FL 33134 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Luigi Ferrer and Barbara Kubilus stated that they are interested in joining.

Ms. Ross will disseminate Ms. Lisa Lugo-Manns's contact information to the committee.

IX. Announcements

Sandra Estevez announced that she plans to begin site visits for HIV testing sites. The 1628 forms are updated and ready for order. Ms. Estevez emphasized that HIV testing sites must deplete their current inventory of old 1628 forms before using the new forms.

Ms. Ross reviewed the August and September Partnership calendars (copies on file).

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 25, 2016, at United Way Ansin Building.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Matilde Zayas

Seconded: Luigi Ferrer

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 P.M.