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**Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership  
Prevention Committee Transgender Workgroup Meeting**

Tuesday, March 17, 2015  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SAVE Foundation  
4500 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 340  
Miami, Florida 33137

Call to Order/Introductions

The chair, Alex Barros, called the meeting to order at 4:07p.m.; he welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Barros opened the floor to the public; there were no comments, questions or concerns.

TRANSform Dade's Next Steps

- *Transgender Workgroup Sustainability Plan*

Mr. Barros informed the workgroup that Sarah Kenneally drafted a sustainability plan based on the discussion of the workgroup's strategic planning session for TRANSform Dade. Mr. Barros informed the workgroup that the sustainability plan must include objectives that focus more on HIV prevention if the group would like support from the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC). Ms. Kenneally reviewed the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) Goals 1-3 then proceeded to review the draft sustainability plan.

Members discussed the objectives and made the following changes:

Under Goal 1: Increase participation from the trans-identified community

-Mr. Barros suggested adding "on a monthly basis report to the Prevention Committee on TRANSform Dade." Mr. Barros clarified that although TRANSform Dade will no longer be affiliated with the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership, reporting to the Prevention Committee will provide the reporting mechanism to the FDOH-MDC.

-Carla Silva noted that "Transform Dade" should be "TRANSform Dade". This should be corrected throughout the plan.

-Members agreed to add an objective that will encourage all participating organizations of TRANSform Dade that host trans-specific events will make available HIV testing and condom distribution.

-Members discussed the following as feasible objectives to add to the plan:

- Conduct five annual events and test at least 10 trans-identified persons in a year.
- Establish a referral process for youth to get HIV testing.
- Develop a TRANSform Dade resource guide listing all trans-affirming agencies.
- Distribute medical vouchers with palm cards to trans-identified persons to reduce health disparities seen among trans-persons.

-Members agreed to remove "Identify areas where trans-identified people reside" as a strategy.

- Under the strategy, create a leadership mentoring program, add “Seventy-five percent (75%) of the trans-affirming agencies of TRANSform Dade would have completed the 500/501 HIV testing and counseling training.

Under Goal 2: Increase the cultural competency of the non trans-identified population

- Under strategy, “Provide trans ally trainings to the community”, change “trans ally” to “trans competency”.
- Re-phrase Goal 2 objective to read, “By (date), TRANSform Dade will host four trans competency trainings a year educating the broader community and health providers.”
- Members agreed to add an activity to establish a community partnership with SAVE.
- There should be an objective added for coalition building, for example, recruiting additional coalition members to increase HIV testing among the trans-identified community.

Under Goal 3: Remove environmental barriers in Miami-Dade County that stigmatize sex workers

- Members agreed to change this goal’s strategy to read, “Engage in community advocacy and education”.
- Members changed “listening tour” to “community needs assessment” in the first objective.
- Members replaced the second objective “By (date), TRANSform Dade will share the results of the listening tours with the department of law enforcement to identify solutions to minimize barriers” to “By December 2016, address 50% of the issues identified in the community needs assessment.”
- Members agreed to add an objective on providing “know your rights” training to trans-identified persons. Members agreed that the group should review sex worker projects in New York and propose interventions with law enforcement and sex workers.

- *Transgender Competency Training to the Prevention Committee*

Mr. Barros asked Ms. Kenneally and BSR staff if the Transgender Workgroup Update could be given after the competency training. L J Woolston will facilitate the training. Elizabeth Ross stated that the committee has a lot of business, so Mr. Woolston would have 20 minutes to present. Mr. Woolston agreed to send his presentation to BSR staff by Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Barros encouraged all workgroup members to attend.

Announcements

Ms. Ross reviewed the March and April Partnership calendars.

The meeting ended at 5:54 p.m.

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Attendees

1. Barros, Alex
2. Garcia, Joseph
3. Kenneally, Sarah
4. Klecha, Justin
5. McGraw, Lorena
6. Silva, Carla
7. Woolston, L J

Staff

1. Elizabeth Ross