

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.”

There were no comments. The floor was then closed.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of January 25, 2018

Members reviewed the meeting minutes of January 25, 2018. There were no revisions.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2018 as presented.

Moved: Barbara Kubilus

Seconded: Matilde Zayas

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Christina Bontempo

Christina Bontempo noted the *March 22, 2018 Vacancy Report* (copy on file) for the Committee’s reference. Ms. Bontempo advised of a correction to the report which indicates four (4) vacancies and two (2) applications pending for the Prevention Committee; there are five (5) vacancies and only one (1) application pending. The applicant will be present at the April meeting for the committee’s vote.

Regarding the “Other Federal HIV Program Grantee Representative (SAMHSA)” vacancy on the Partnership, there is not a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funding recipient eligible for that seat at this time. Member Barbara Kubilus noted that she is a SAMHSA funded subrecipient but she was appointed to a different seat on the Partnership.

Staff verified it is still the policy of the Partnership to have only one representative of each subrecipient on the Planning Council.

VII. Standing Business

- **Partnership Report**

Sarah Kenneally

Ms. Kenneally noted the *Partnership Report for March 19, 2018* (copy on file) and noted the report includes the Care and Treatment Committee motions passed by the Partnership. There was no further discussion.

- **Prevention Mobilization Meetings**

Sarah Kenneally

Ms. Kenneally highlighted the upcoming meetings and recent activities of the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH) HIV Prevention Community Mobilization Workgroups:

- **Getting 2 Zero Campaign**

The FDOH Getting 2 Zero (G2Z) press conference was February 14, 2018. The Miami/G2Z-branded condoms were distributed at the press conference. There are still condoms available; anyone needing

condoms should contact Erika Coello at FDOH. Community events will be held each month at different locations throughout the county to continue to promote the G2Z Campaign.

- **The Miami Collaborative: An MSM Workgroup**

The Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) Workgroup held its first meeting in February to discuss legislation going before the Florida legislature. The workgroup is planning a collaboration with the Latino Commission on AIDS for an August strategic planning session.

FDOH hired an MSM Educator who will begin leading the workgroup in April.

The next MSM Workgroup meeting is April 24, 2018 at FDOH, Health District Center, 1350 NW 14th Street, Conference Room 401, Miami, FL 33125.

- **PrEP Workgroup**

The creator of the AIDSvu Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Services Locator website (prelocator.org), Aaron Siegler, will be speaking to the workgroup about the qualifications for being listed on the website. Agencies can only be listed if their front line staff has been trained on PrEP.

The next PrEP Workgroup meeting is March 28, 2018 at FDOH, Health District Center, 1350 NW 14th Street, Conference Room 401, Miami, FL 33125.

- **Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana)**

Member Francesco Duberli announced the next Hispanic Initiative meeting is March 27, 2018 at FDOH, Health District Center, 1350 NW 14th Street, Conference Room 401, Miami, FL 33125.

- **Black Initiatives Network (BIN)**

Praveena Saxena, FDOH, announced the BIN is continuing efforts to engage and collaborate with the faith communities.

Virginia Munoz is organizing a training by The Black AIDS Institute in April; details pending.

The BIN is continuing the Street Reach/Health Reach adopt-a-block events which include condom distribution, testing, and education in targeted communities. At the February event in Overtown, the BIN distributed over 12,000 condoms. The next two events are planned for June in South Dade and October in North Miami Beach.

The next BIN meeting is April 2, 2018 at FDOH, Health District Center, 1350 NW 14th Street, Conference Room 401, Miami, FL 33125.

- **Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) Update**

Jean-Michael Bouciquot

Mr. Bouciquot announced that MDCPS/FDOH changes to the contract to provide mobile testing at local high schools are in the final execution stage.

Recent awareness events at Miami Edison Senior High School and Miami Northwestern Senior High School resulted in testing of 15 girls; the target for testing was 20 girls.

On March 9, 2018, approximately 400 students attended the MDCP Diversity Day which included collaborations with local providers (including Pridelines).

The Welcoming Schools (welcomingschools.org) sexual health education training will take place June 11-14. This is a train-the-trainer program for elementary school staff.

The G2Z high school curriculum has been brought before the MDC Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for a resolution to reconsider their stance on advocating for sexual health education in schools. The results of the BCC meeting were not known at the time of this meeting; Mr. Bouciquot will report back to the committee.

Member Luigi Ferrer noted the Safe Schools Coalition has been meeting with Alberto Carvalho, MDCPS Superintendent, to discuss LGBT issues; they will ask about the resolution at their next meeting with Mr. Carvalho.

The 2018 All Together Now Conference to promote a safe learning environment for LGBT students took place February 1-2 in St. Petersburg. The conference addressed reexamining the content of the current school curriculum regarding LGBT issues, school accountability on LGBT issues, and the need to enact county-wide, standard policies. Currently schools may enact policies on a schools by school basis per the discretion of the school principal.

VIII. New Business

- Best Practices Presentation: The Triple Affect

Barbara Kubilus

Ms. Kubilus, Angel Camacho, and Irosse Dalce of Borinquen Medical Centers of Miami-Dade (BHCC) presented best practices for the *HIV Test and Treat (T&T) Program: The Triple Affect* (copy on file).

The presentation detailed the history of BHCC, populations served, and current services and activities, including an in depth review of the Rapid Access Program and the High-Risk Prevention with Negatives. Ms. Kubilus distributed the T&T process (copy on file) from initial intake through the first year of care, including key contacts at BHCC for anyone wishing to implement T&T.

Ms. Kubilus noted about 98% of clients who test positive are receptive to the T&T program which involves “hand-carrying” clients from testing to treatment. BHCC has not encountered any acute cases within the T&T program. T&T is available to persons ages 13 years old and older and includes screening for Hepatitis C. Currently 17 clients have been enrolled using the T&T program, all of whom were connected to treatment within 24 hours of diagnosis. To demonstrate the efficacy of the program, Ms. Kubilus distributed a table (copy on file) including viral load data at intake compared to current viral load, client demographics, and prescribed medications. It was noted that BHCC staff are largely tri-lingual (English/Spanish/Creole) which is important when treating the diverse population of MDC and has contributed to the success of the program.

Mr. Camacho detailed the support system for clients who test positive and noted that treatment includes partner notification/education. PrEP and PrEP education is also offered to partners. Members discussed the issues surrounding false positives and detecting positives in clients who have not seroconverted.

Mr. Camacho noted that communication and relationship-building are key to the success of clients entering the program through T&T. Members thanked Mr. Camacho for his advocacy and efforts on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Kenneally reminded members that uninsured clients can receive a free blood draw from FDOH.

Member Tamar Conyers of South Florida AIDS Network (SFAN) thanked BHCC for working with them to launch the SFAN T&T program. To date SFAN has tested 132 people and all who tested positive have seen viral load reduction within the first 30 days. When identifying clients via mobile testing units, SFAN has a van to transport clients to treatment. The only pushback encountered to accessing immediate treatment has been culturally based, citing the belief that there are other ways to treat/cure HIV. There is currently not a faith-based component to the T&T program but members agreed that would be worth exploring.

It was noted that the T&T program in San Francisco, while dealing with a smaller population, has had a success rate of diagnosis to undetectable in six (6) days. Members were reminded that the Partnership has signed on as a supporting member to the Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) Campaign which is endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- **2018 Best Practices Submissions Review** *All*

Members reviewed the *Prevention Best Practices Presentation Topics for Committee Review* (copy on file) detailing suggested presentations through November. All were in agreement with the proposed schedule. There is still an opening for a presentation in December, however that date can remain open since the December meeting may be cancelled.

- **Joint Integrated Plan Review Team (JIPRT) Meeting Evaluation Results** *All*

Members received the evaluation results from the February JIPRT meeting (copy on file) and were asked to suggest topics for the next meeting in May.

Although best practices presentations may be helpful, the agenda does not allow enough time. However, presentations targeted toward IP goals and activities are welcome. The committee will discuss further in April.

Ms. Kenneally asked members if they would prefer a semi-annual joint meeting. Members were not overwhelmingly in favor as there was concern that the Review Team might lose momentum by having such a long gap between team meetings; the issue can be revisited for 2019.

Members were reminded that business and meetings cannot be conducted via conference call due to Florida's Government in the Sunshine law.

- **Integrated Plan 2018 Updates** *Sarah Kenneally*

Member reviewed *Integrated Plan Revisions* (copy on file). Members agreed to include the new indicator: "Increase the number of adults prescribed PrEP by at least 500 percent, from the baseline of 693 persons to 3,978 persons by 2021."

Motion to accept the new indicator, "Increase the number of adults prescribed PrEP by at least 500 percent, from the baseline of 693 persons to 3,978 persons by 2021," in the 2017-2021 Miami-Dade County Integrated HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Plan.

Moved: Luigi Ferrer

Seconded: Barbara Kubilus

Motion: Passed

Suggested updates to Prevention for Positives activities: "V1.2f By December 2018, explore creating a Speakers Bureau for individuals living with HIV to empower and reduce stigma," and "V1.2g By December 2018, explore creating a TIP program (The Interdiction Project), where individuals living with HIV, who have recurrent co-infections with STDs are engaged in a risk reduction intervention and ongoing monitoring of clients for one year," should be brought back to the committee as measurable activities, for instance

changing the activity to read, “Create” instead of “Explore creating”. Ms. Kenneally will bring the activities back to the April meeting including revised language and measurable goals.

Members were directed to the *2018 Implementation Progress Second Year Plan Updates – Prevention* document (copy on file), which includes space to take notes on each activity. Members were asked to keep this copy in their IP binder to track progress of activities throughout the year. This document will serve as the IP reference document through February 2019.

- **Committee Feedback to Improve Client Outcomes** *All*

Ms. Bontempo noted this is a standing item to ensure all members have been able to address issues relevant to the committee’s work. Any additional input should be specific to IP goals and improvements to client outcomes. There were no comments.

- **G2Z Freshman Orientation Week Campaign** *Luigi Ferrer*

Mr. Ferrer updated the committee on the action plan to provide sexual health education to all first year college and university students. Currently efforts are being targeted towards incoming undergraduates. Some students have never had sexual health education and do not know of the statistics and risks prevalent in MDC. Partnerships with several colleges and universities are in development. The curriculum is under development and needs to be pilot tested. Assistance is needed in partnering with mobile testing units, developing a website, developing workshops, and securing community buy-in to compulsory sexual health education.

IX. Announcements

Members received the calendar of Pridelines events for National LGBT Health Awareness Week (copy on file) and Mr. Ferrer detailed the highlights of each event. The Awareness Week is a national campaign to spotlight three main concerns: transgender health, behavioral/addiction issues, and PrEP.

X. Next Meeting

Ms. Kenneally announced the next meeting is the April 26, 2018, 10:00 AM at the United Way Ansin Building.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: James Moore

Seconded: Barbara Kubulis

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 PM.