



Prevention Committee Meeting
United Way Ansin Building, 3250 SW 3rd Avenue, Conference Room A, Miami, FL 33129
June 28, 2018

Approved September 27, 2018

Members				Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Bannister, Christina			x		Bouciquot, Jean-Michael	
2	Bennett, Brady			x		Branch, Rodney	
3	Conyers, Tamar			x		Davidson, Khaleed	
4	Duberli, Francesco			x		Gallo, Giselle	
5	Ferrer, Luigi			x		Hunter, Tabitha	
6	Forrest, David			x		Munoz, Virginia	
7	Howard, Alexis			x		Renaud, Florianne	
8	Kenneally, Sarah			x		Saxena, Praveena	
9	Kubilus, Barbara			x		Rosaly, Cely	
10	Lee, Aquilla			x		Hampton, Katie	
11	Moore, James			x		Monestime, Roselaine	
12	Mooss, Angela				x	Wynn, Joey	
13	Munoz, Doralba			x		Tomas, Lordes	
14	Quintero, Samuel			x			
15	Reynolds, Brandon			x			
16	Rodriguez, Belissa			x			
17	Zayas, Matilde			x			
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Quorum = 7						Staff	
						Bontempo, Christina	
						Ladner, Robert	

I. Call to Order/Introductions

The Chair, Sarah Kenneally, called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. Resource Persons

Ms. Kenneally requested Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff to identify themselves as resource individuals.

III. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda. There were no additions or corrections.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Barbara Kubilus

Seconded: Sam Quintero

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.”

There were no comments. The floor was then closed.

V. Review/Approve Minutes of April 26, 2018

Members reviewed the meeting minutes of April 26, 2018 (copy on file). There were no corrections or updates noted.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2018 as presented.

Moved: Brady Bennett

Seconded: Barbara Kubilus

Motion: Passed

VI. Membership

Christina Bontempo

Christina Bontempo provided the *June 2018 Vacancy Report* (copy on file) for the Committee’s reference. Ms. Bontempo noted there are vacancies on all committees and the Partnership.

Three applicants to the Partnership were approved by the Miami-Dade County Mayor, including committee member Luigi Ferrer.

Prevention Committee members Shayna Jefferson and Stephen Williams have resigned from the committee. This will be the final meeting of member Sam Quintero; application from a new representative from Care Resource will be brought to the committee in July. Ms. Kenneally reminded members that Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH)-funded agencies are contractually required to have representation on the Prevention Committee.

VII. Standing Business

- **Partnership Report**

Christina Bontempo

Ms. Bontempo noted the *Partnership Report for June 16, 2018* (copy on file) was included in the meeting materials for the committee’s reference. The Partnership approved the Joint Integrated Plan Review Team motion to make the Integrated Plan activities more reflective of the outputs as referenced in the Integrated HIV Prevention Logic Model (copy on file).

- **FDOH Report**

Sarah Kenneally

Ms. Kenneally reported that there is no update on when the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Request for Application (RFA) will be released. Providers should continue operating with their current funding structure. The National CDC FOA has been released and members were encouraged to access that document as it will be a good representation of the State RFA (*Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) PS18-1802: Integrated Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Surveillance and Prevention Programs for Health Departments*). Funded providers should be focused on PrEP and how efforts are impacting priority

populations. As soon as the RFA is released, FDOH and BSR will advertise it widely. Members may also wish to attend the grant-writing training in Ft. Lauderdale (noted in the *Community Newsletter*).

Epidemiological data is due to be released by late July 2018 which is later than previously expected. Data-sharing with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) will include data from the State Medicaid and hepatitis databases which will provide a more accurate picture of the current epidemic. The data are expected to show a decrease in new HIV cases in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

The Florida House Representative submitted a bill to encourage Congress to look at the success of PrEP and expand PrEP research and funding.

Approximately \$5 million was added to the CDC budget nationwide for HIV/health departments which is not expected to have a noticeable impact in Miami-Dade County which already received approximately \$7 million in CDC funding.

The final “Getting 2 Zero” report will be available at the next committee meeting.

The US Senate Farm Bill is expected to be passed which will legalize hemp production. It is not known how this will effect medical marijuana.

Members can stay apprised of legislative updates through email updates from the Florida Administrative Register.

- **Prevention Mobilization Meetings**

Sarah Kenneally

- **Black Initiatives Network (BIN) and Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana)**

Several participants reported on HIV testing and condom distribution events held throughout the county for National HIV Testing Day.

Praveena Saxena, FDOH, reported that the BIN and Hispanic Initiative collaboration, “Street Reach/Health Reach” at the Walmart in Florida City was successful in distributing over 4,000 condoms and completing 12 HIV tests in the mobile testing unit. Francesco Duberli noted the event had strong representation from the transgender community and several transgender persons spoke to community members about HIV Testing Day.

Luigi Ferrer reported South Miami Walgreens had an excellent turn-out and Walgreens did an excellent job promoting the event via radio advertisements. Testing was available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; 18 people were tested. The population was primarily gay Latino men. Advertising the event as “free testing” was important for generating interest.

Roselaine Monestime reported on testing at Walgreens in Miami Gardens following a morning event in Liberty City. Walgreens advertising for testing in Miami Gardens was also effective. Approximately 30 people were tested.

At the Walgreens on 20th Street approximately 35 people were tested.

Ms. Saxena introduced Ms. Monestime as the new BIN Community Chair. Ms. Saxena thanked members for attending the Street Reach/Health Reach event on June 22; the next Street Reach/Health Reach event will be held in North Miami; details are pending. The BIN held an event commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the SOS Florida Black Women’s Consultation Group which launched a media mobilization campaign on June 18.

The BIN is interested in holding a faith-based event and would welcome assistance with finding partners and coordination.

The Black AIDS Institute will provide training at a future meeting in a location in Homestead.

The December 3 meeting is cancelled as there are many World AIDS Day (WAD) events taking place at that time. Planning for WAD begins in September. FDOH will compile a calendar of WAD events; anyone planning events is asked to contact Ms. Saxena to have their events added to the calendar.

The next BIN meeting is August 6, 2018 at FDOH, Health District Center, 1350 NW 14th Street, Conference Room 401, Miami, FL 33125.

- **PrEP Workgroup**

The workgroup discussed what PrEP research is needed in the county.

The next meeting is July 25 and will be a “birthday party” commemorating the 6-year anniversary of PrEP (launched on July 19, 2012). Meeting attendees are encouraged to wear “Truvada blue.”

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

The workgroup heard a presentation by Lauren Foster, LGBTQ Coordinator at University of Miami (UM), who detailed services and programs at UM directed toward transgender persons.

September 27 is National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NGMHAAD). The workgroup is considering holding one large event or coordinated events through FDOH.

The meeting was the first for Juan Buch as Chair and he did a good job.

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

Jean-Michael Bouciquot

Mr. Bouciquot attended the Human Rights Campaign’s Welcoming Schools professional development training. The program teaches educators how to be gender inclusive. The program seeks to be incorporated into two pilot schools in the new year. Currently Palmetto Elementary is on board and second pilot school is pending.

Mobile testing units are now allowed to operate at Homestead High School and William H. Turner Technical Arts High School. As of the meeting date, there had been three days of testing. At Homestead, FDOH Disease Intervention Specialists were allowed to go into the school and talk to the children about the services available. Urine testing is the current method being used in the mobile units. While this is not as effective as swab testing, is the only method MDCPS allows at this time, and the FDOH was applauded for making strides in getting any testing done at schools.

Students accessing the mobile units are interested in getting condoms. Mr. Bouciquot is meeting with school officials to discuss the distribution of condoms to students.

James Moore reported that FDOH did a presentation at Miami-Dade College West. Mr. Moore conducted HIV testing at the college and said the clients were so well informed by the FDOH presentation he did not have anything new to teach them.

Mr. Ferrer presented on the Test and Treat/Rapid Access (TT/RA) program at Pridelines. The presentation highlighted how a non-clinical provider (Pridelines) can collaborate with a clinical provider (Care Resource) to provide care within the TT/RA model. In TT/RA, a newly diagnosed client will receive a 30-day supply of medication within three days of receiving a positive HIV test.

IX. Announcements

Ms. Kenneally announced the Miami Foundation and the National LGBTQ Task Force are accepting proposals for the 2018 LGBTQ Community Fund for projects to assist the LGBTQ community. Proposals are due by Thursday, July 12.

Mr. Moore announced the Healthy Alternatives Require Transitions (HART) program which provides substance abuse therapy and in-home counseling directed toward 18-29 year old MSM with substance abuse issues. The program is open to substance users and family members or loved ones. Partners of persons within the age range of 18-29 are also eligible for the services. Palm cards and business cards with more information were distributed (copies on file).

Dr. David Forrest announced

Ms. Bontempo announced the University of Miami research study: STEP - Striving Towards Empowerment by Dr. Sannisha Dale. The study is seeking Black and African American women with HIV who have experienced abuse or trauma to participate. Fliers with details were available at the meeting (copy on file).

Ms. Bontempo announced the Florida Statewide Consumer Advisory Group is seeking PLWHA members. This is a separate group from the Partnership. Anyone interested in applying should see Ms. Bontempo after the meeting for an application packet.

Ms. Bontempo announced the *Community Newsletter* will not be distributed next week (July 6) and asked for any community notices to be forwarded as soon as possible for inclusion in today's *Newsletter*.

X. Next Meeting

Mr. Ferrer announced the next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the United Way Ansin Building.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Christina Bannister

Seconded: Luigi Ferrer

Motion: Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 AM.