

I. Call to Order

Prevention Committee Chair, Abril Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

II. Introductions (In-person attendees)

Members, guests, and staff attending in person introduced themselves.

III. Roll Call (Zoom attendees)

Staff read the names of members and guests participating via Zoom. Guests were asked to send a chat message to have their attendance recorded.

IV. Housekeeping

Strategic Planning Chair, David Goldberg, presented the PowerPoint, *Partnership Meeting Housekeeping – Hybrid Meetings*, including code of conduct, resource persons, and attendance. Members and guests were reminded that this meeting – including video, audio, and chat box input – is being recorded and will become part of the public record. Members attending via Zoom were reminded of the requirement to be on camera.

V. Floor Open to the Public

Strategic Planning Vice Chair, Dr. Diana Sheehan, opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

“Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any item on our agenda today. 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. BSR has a dedicated telephone line as well as a general email address for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received via the telephone line or email.”

There were no comments; the floor was then closed.

VI. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda. Staff requested removing the Strategic Planning Committee Action Item under Standing Business and adding Source of Income to Announcements.

Motion to approve the agenda, with changes as noted above.

Moved: Dr. Angela Mooss

Seconded: Dr. Diana Sheehan

Motion: Passed

VII. Review/Approve Minutes of February 14, 2022

Minutes of February 14, 2022 were posted for review and shown on the screen at the meeting; there were no changes or corrections.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 as presented.

Moved: Dr. Diana Sheehan

Seconded: Dr. Angela Mooss

Motion: Passed

VIII. Standing Business

- Ryan White Program Part A/MAI Recipient Report

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk, Office of Management and Budget – Miami-Dade County (OMB), reported on Ryan White Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Program (RWP) updates:

- The Ryan White Program Fiscal Year ended on February 28, 2022.
- The County completed the Ryan White Program Services Report (RSR)
- A substantial carryover request of funds is anticipated as a result of underspending due to COVID-19. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has indicated large carryover requests will be allowed.

- Prevention Committee (PVC) Action Items

PVC Members

- New Member

Jamie Marqués of Project Access Foundation submitted an application for membership. Ms. Marqués introduced herself and members voted to accept her membership.

Motion to accept Jamie Marqués as a member of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Dr. Angela Mooss

Seconded: Francesco Duberli

Motion: Passed

Members welcomed Ms. Marqués as a new member.

- Vice Chair Elections

There were no candidates; the item was tabled.

- 2022-2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan (IP): Review of 2017-2021 Progress to Date; Goals and Activities; and Next Steps

Dr. Robert Ladner presented a Snapshot of 2017-2021 IP Goals and Activities, FDOH Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) Linkage Data; Newly-Diagnosed data (2017-2021); 5 Year Retained in Medical Care and 5 Year Viral Load Suppression Percentages Among Priority Populations; and Clinical Quality Management Report Card data (2021-2022).

Dr. Ladner emphasized that the data show the RWP has not reached the Retained in Care target, and that only select populations have reached the Viral Suppression target; both measures should be reconsidered in the new Plan, with a focus on accountability when/if the goals are not reached.

Dr. Ladner noted the 2017-2021 Plan monitoring has become more of a data-sharing exercise than a guide to achieving goals in the County. Members were reminded that the new Plan goals will be developed using the Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound (SMART) model, and should be deliberated with that framework in mind.

One of the challenges in writing the 2022-2026 Plan is determining who is accountable for completing each goal and agreeing on what should be done if progress is not being made in accordance with the timeline. Responsible parties should be clearly noted in each of the SMART goals.

Currently HIV testing is tied to preventing new HIV infections. Members discussed whether this makes sense in future goal-setting since the results of testing actually increase the number of positive cases, as

expected. Goals for testing will still need to be incorporated and should be tied to how to reduce positivity rates.

Opt-out HIV testing as part of routine hospital emergency room and medical care by private doctors was discussed. This is a challenge since many doctors do not have sufficient knowledge of how to treat persons with HIV and/or they do not want to treat persons with HIV. Changing legislation and setting mandates for required medical testing was discussed. Also, doctors may be lacking understanding of HIV as a manageable disease and may not be aware of the broad range of local HIV resources where they could refer persons who test positive. Members discussed having a roadmap for how to treat a client who tests positive. HIV testing should also be a regular part of sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing. Additional education on these issues is needed.

A better understanding of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is also needed by clinicians and at-risk populations. Members discussed the challenges of tracking the efficacy of PrEP and ensuring clients who are prescribed PrEP are adhering to the treatment since the data available are only the numbers of prescriptions written, filled, and re-filled. The questions of who is prescribed PrEP and if we are reaching high-risk populations (minorities, teens, persons accessing STI treatment) need to be addressed. Broader access to PrEP, including injectables, should be promoted. The issue of accountability was noted for this issue, as well. Who can be held accountable if clients do not remain on the PrEP regimen?

Members discussed how the most marginalized populations are also the most at-risk and least likely to get tested and/or to get care. Strategic and targeted testing events, incentives for testing, fun community events with a testing component, and additional funding for those activities were discussed. It was noted the same people may continue to come to testing sites if there are incentives; this is hard to control.

The need for education and raising awareness about HIV prevention and care is ongoing. Messaging should be targeted based on different risk groups and geographic areas and should employ a broad range of methods, including social media, print, television and radio advertising, and community events. Messaging should be provided in English, Spanish, and Creole.

Tracking and monitoring of newly diagnosed persons should be ongoing, particularly for persons who are treatment naïve or who are reconnecting to care.

Members will have the opportunity to consider the data and discussion presented today as well as epidemiological data, analysis of all local HIV and support services funding, and community feedback when developing the goals later this year. Members were reminded to consider our ability to monitor and measure success of activities as well as accountability in goal-setting.

IX. New Business

There was no New Business.

X. Announcements

Staff distributed Annual Source of Income forms to members and gave a brief presentation on how to complete the forms. Forms were collected after the meeting.

XI. Next Meetings

Mr. Goldberg announced the committees will meet jointly on April 11, 2022 at the Miami-Dade County Main Library and via Zoom.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Sarmiento adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.