



**Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes  
Miami-Dade County Main Library  
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130  
January 20, 2023**

*Approved February 23, 2023*

Members		Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Bahamón, Mónica	x		Butler, Dameshi	
2	Buch, Juan	x		Gutierrez-Mills, Grechen	
3	Darlington, Tajma		x	Ichite, Amanda	
4	Duberli, Francesco		x	Larios, Alejandro	
5	Forrest, David	x		Pache, Rosa	
6	Johnston, Jeremy	x		Villamizar, Kira	
7	Ledain, Ron	x			
8	Lee, Aquilla		x		
9	Lopez, Crystal		x		
10	Marqués, Jamie	x			
11	Mills, Grechen	x			
12	Mills, Vanessa		x		
13	Monestime, Roselaine		x		
14	Mooss, Angela	x			
15	Orozco, Eddie		x		
16	Richardson, Ashley		x		
17	Sarmiento, Abril	x			
18	Shmuels, Diego		x		
19	Vacant				
20	Vacant				
21	Vacant				
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24	Vacant				
<b>Quorum = 7</b>				<b>Staff</b>	
				Bontempo, Christina	

Note: All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to and during the meeting, at [www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents](http://www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents). The meeting agenda was distributed to all attendees. Meeting documents related to action items were distributed to members. Meeting documents were projected on the meeting room projection screen.

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair, Abril Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

**II. Introductions**

Members introduced themselves, gave a brief description of their organization, their job, and their expectations for this year in the Prevention Committee. Expectations of members included:

- Gaining knowledge of prevention efforts and new data;
- Continuing and enhancing collaborations;
- Thinking of ways to incorporate art and the arts in prevention, particularly geared toward youth;

- Staying engaged in the community;
- Sharing ideas for innovative prevention strategies, such as using new service locator apps;
- Building a science-based system for prevention; and
- Using the committee feedback to inform and achieve Integrated Plan activities.

Following member introductions, guests introduced themselves.

**III. Housekeeping**

Ms. Sarmiento presented the Housekeeping PowerPoint which includes general reminders, code of conduct, and meeting participation best practices.

**IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Committee Vice Chair, Dr. Angela Mooss, 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. Dr. Mooss closed the floor for public comment.

**V. Review/Approve Agenda**

Ms. Sarmiento asked members to review the agenda. There were no changes.

**Motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Moved: Juan Buch**

**Seconded: Monica Bahamón**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Review and Approve Minutes of October 28, 2021**

Members reviewed the October 28, 2021. There were no changes.

**Motion to approve the Minutes of October 28, 2021 as presented.**

**Moved: Jeremy Johnston**

**Seconded: Juan Buch**

**Motion: Passed**

Staff was asked to verify the last meeting date in the October 28, 2021 meeting which was indicated as February 27, 2020.

*Note: Staff did verify February 27, 2020 as the last stand-alone Prevention Committee meeting prior to October 27, 2020. The lapse is due to meeting cancellations in response to COVID-19 restrictions, after which the Prevention Committee was meeting jointly with the Strategic Planning Committee on Integrated Plan development.*

**VII. Reports**

- **Membership**

- *Vacancies*

The Partnership Vacancy Report was projected. Members were advised the Partnership voted to reduce committee member size to 16 members, with the exception of the Prevention Committee which remains

at 24 members because of the required seats for Florida-Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC) contracted providers. The Partnership and all committees are in need of members, especially people with HIV, and more specifically, Ryan White Program clients.

□ *Contact Update*

Members were asked to make sure their contact information as printed on the sign in sheets is up to date.

□ *2023 Updates Impacting Members*

Staff presented updates as detailed in the January 11, 2023, Get on Board! Training, including a push for increased involvement by people with HIV, changes to mileage and parking reimbursements, and the availability of gift cards for Partnership members of the affected community.

Regarding the gift card amount of \$10, staff advised that the amount is low due to budget restrictions, in order to have enough cards to last throughout the year.

▪ **Partnership Report to Committees**

The report was projected and is available online for review.

**VIII. Standing Business**

▪ **Officer Nominations / Elections**

Ms. Sarmiento read the memo regarding Officer elections. FDOH-MDC appoints the Chair, and Ms. Sarmiento was appointed to a second term. Members had the option to hold Vice Chair nominations and elections at this meeting or to hold nominations at this meeting and elections at the next meeting. A motion was made:

**Motion to hold elections at today's meeting.**

**Moved: Monica Bahamón**

**Seconded: Ron Ledain**

**Motion: Passed**

Dr. David Forrest nominated Dr. Mooss to serve as Vic Chair for a second term; there were no other nominations. Dr. Mooss agreed to serve a second term as Vice Chair.

**Motion to elect Dr. Angela Mooss as 2023 Prevention Committee Vice Chair.**

**Moved: Dr. David Forrest**

**Seconded: Monica Bahamón**

**Motion: Passed**

**IX. New Business**

▪ **Integrated Plan Review Team Update**

Ms. Sarmiento announce the Integrated plan Evaluation Workgroup has been formed and will hold their first meeting on January 23, 21023 at Behavioral Science Research Corp.

▪ **Prevention Mobilization Workgroup Updates**

There were no updates from FDOH-MDC Prevention Workgroups. Ms. Sarmiento noted the Workgroups have just begun meeting and will be bringing regular reports in the future. The Workgroup are: Florida Black HIV/AIDS Coalition – Miami Chapter; Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana); Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Workgroup; Transgender Tenacity Power; Youth Health Workgroup; and The Miami Collaborative MSM Workgroup.

Ms. Sarmiento asked members if there were any other presentation topics they would like to have on upcoming agendas and/or if they would like to do any presentations. Dr. Mooss suggested presentations on 1) the Hope for Miami's healthy relationships curriculum which includes quantitative and qualitative data; and 2) Department of Criminal Justice. Dr David Forrest suggested a presentation and regular participation by a school system representative.

**X. Announcements**

Staff announced to please keep an eye out for announcements of upcoming National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day events, posted on AIDSNET.org.

Staff advised members to see the complete list of meeting dates in their meeting materials packet.

**XI. Next Meeting**

Dr. Mooss announced the next scheduled meeting is on February 23, 2023 at the Library.

**XII. Adjournment**

Ms. Sarmiento adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.