



**Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes
Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
February 23, 2023**

Approved March 23, 2023

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Bahamón, Mónica	x	
2	Buch, Juan	x	
3	Darlington, Tajma		x
4	Duberli, Francesco		x
5	Forrest, David		x
6	Johnston, Jeremy	x	
7	Ledain, Ron	x	
8	Lee, Aquilla		x
9	Lopez, Crystal		x
10	Marqués, Jamie	x	
11	Mills, Vanessa		x
12	Monestime, Roselaine	x	
13	Mooss, Angela	x	
14	Orozco, Eddie		x
15	Richardson, Ashley		x
16	Santiago, Grechen		x
17	Sarmiento, Abril	x	
18	Shmuels, Diego		x
19	Vacant		
20	Vacant		
21	Vacant		
22	Vacant		
23	Vacant		
24	Vacant		
Quorum = 7			

Guests	
Arias, Claribel	
Ferrer, Luigi	
Gilde, Alex	
Ichite, Amanda	
Larios, Alejandro	
Martinez, Leonard	
Pache, Rosa	
Shapiro, Juliana	
Taylor, Steve	
Viamonte, Michael A.	
Ferrer, Luigi	
Gilde, Alex	
Staff	
Bontempo, Christina	

Notes

- 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. The meeting agenda and presentations were distributed to all attendees. Meeting documents were projected on the meeting room projection screen.
- Prior to reaching quorum, Dr. Anthoni Llau, Senior Human Services Program Manager, Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee, presented *HIV Epidemiology in Miami-Dade County, 2021*, via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Abril Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 10:58 a.m.

II. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping

Ms. Sarmiento presented the Housekeeping PowerPoint which includes general reminders, code of conduct, people first language, 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. The Special Presentation took place prior to the meeting and was therefore removed from the agenda (see Notes, above).

Motion to approve the agenda with the Special Presentation removed.

Moved: Roselaine Monestime

Seconded: Juan Buch

Motion: Passed

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of January 20, 2021

Members reviewed the minutes of January 20, 2021. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021 as presented.

Moved: Ron Ledain

Seconded: Monica Bahamón

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ Membership

Staff received an application for membership from Amanda Ichite of Care 4 U, Inc. Ms. Ichite introduced herself and members voted on her application

Motion to approve the application of Amanda Ichite to the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Monica Bahamón

Seconded: Roselaine Monestime

Motion: Passed

Members welcomed Ms. Ichite to the Committee.

▪ Partnership Report to Committees

The report is available online for review.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Prevention Mobilization Workgroup Reports

Members heard reports on 2022 activities and 2023 meeting dates from Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Prevention Mobilization Workgroups.

- Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana), presented by Juliana Shapiro;
- Florida Black HIV/AIDS Coalition – Miami Chapter (prerecorded by Praveena Saxena);
- Miami Collaborative MSM Workgroup, presented by Luigi Ferrer;
- Transgender Tenacity Power, presented by Luigi Ferrer; and
- Youth Health Workgroup, presented by Luigi Ferrer and Rosa Pacha.

Speakers addressed questions and comments following the presentations.

- Regarding contracted providers, a complete list was not available; contracted organizations are aware of their contract status.
- The PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) Workgroup had not met at the time of this meeting; a report on the PrEP Workgroup will be on next month's agenda.
- It would be helpful to know the qualifications for workgroup membership in order to assign the best person(s) to participate.
- There were some questions about upcoming meeting dates; the dates will be reviewed and sent to members, including which meetings are held in-person and which are held virtually.
- HIV/STI testing is not a component of all events. Data on events including testing can be compiled for a future meeting.
- Members would like to hear the Mpox presentation by Dr. Alvaro Mejia-Echeverry, Nursing Program Specialist at FDOH referenced in the Miami Collaborative MSM Workgroup presentation.
- Members would like to hear a presentation on STIs in relation to HIV diagnoses.
- Attendees discuss why low rates of HIV and AIDS diagnoses among youth (ages 13-19) shown in the epidemiology data should be treated with caution. Due to restrictions on HIV prevention education in middle school and high school aged youth, dates of acquiring HIV are believed to be severely underreported. There is a noticeable jump in case identification when persons age into the 20-29 year old category of tracking new cases. Several people shared anecdotal examples of the negative impacts the lack of access to youth HIV prevention and testing is having in the county.

IX. New Business

There was no New Business.

X. Announcements

Members who had not already done so were asked to complete the Source of Income form in the meeting packets.

Members were reminded that the new April date for the Joint Integrated Plan Review Team meeting is April 11, 2023.

Members were asked to promote the Florida Needs Assessment Survey; a link to the survey is on the www.aidsnet.org homepage.

XI. Next Meeting

Dr. Mooss announced the next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023 at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Sarmiento thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.