

I. Call to Order

Prevention Committee Chair, Abril Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

II. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping

Strategic Planning Committee Chair, David Goldberg, presented the PowerPoint, *Partnership Meeting Housekeeping – Hybrid Meetings*, including code of conduct, resource persons, and attendance.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Prevention 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; the floor was then closed.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda. Staff requested the presentation by Dr. Bohdan Nosyk be moved to follow approval of the minutes; and the next meeting date should be corrected to read, “Thursday, June 9, 2022.”

Motion to approve the agenda with updates and corrections, as noted.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Francesco Duberli

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of April 14, 2022

Minutes of April 14, 2022 were posted online prior to the meeting, shown on the screen at the meeting and available in the shared review documents packets. There were no changes or corrections.

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

Moved: Giselle Gallo

Seconded: Angela Machado

Motion: Passed

▪ Special Presentation

Via Zoom, Dr. Bohdan Nosyk, Associate Professor, St. Paul's Hospital CANFAR Chair in HIV/AIDS Research, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University, presented, What will it take to 'End the HIV epidemic in the US': An economic modeling study in 6 US cities including Miami-Dade County. The presentation detailed the results of the study to determine what combinations of evidence-based interventions to diagnose, treat and prevent HIV/AIDS will achieve the greatest health benefits for each of the studied U.S. cities, including Miami. The study highlighted the need for increased PrEP interventions particularly among underserved populations; the anticipated costs and resources needed to end the HIV epidemic; and the expected impacts of improving health

equity. Dr. Nosyk offered to return at a future meeting to follow up and to support ongoing Ending the HIV Epidemic efforts. Members were asked to consider what interventions or initiatives they would like to see modeled and to consider opportunities to collect real-world data in Miami for ongoing initiatives and service delivery improvement. The information presented will help to inform Integrated Planning, particularly activities around prevention and treatment efforts to underserved populations.

VII. 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:

- Fiscal Year 2021, which ended on February 28, 2022, is closed. About 85% of RWP Part A and 50% of MAI funds are expected to be spent when all billing is processed.
- Underspending due to program changes in response to COVID-19 will not be penalized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); the County expects to submit a large carryover request to HRSA.
- 8,421 clients were served in Fiscal Year 2021.
- The Final Notice of Award from HRSA is expected by the end of the month.
- RWP and Ending the HIV Epidemic subrecipient contracts are being finalized. All agencies are providing contracted services.
- Policy Clarification Notice 21-02 was issued by HRSA detailing updates to client recertification policies and clarification of eligibility based on immigration status.
- Ongoing negotiations for data-sharing and streamlining the client intake process are ongoing with the AIDs Drug Assistance Program and RWP Part B.

- Partnership Report Abril Sarmiento

Ms. Sarmiento read the report into the record.

- 2022-2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan: Review of Community Engagement Feedback for Goal Development

Members reviewed the Integrated Plan Public Input responses and added their feedback and recommendations. The framework of the document was based on the State’s recommended Objectives and Strategies. Objectives should be reworded to reflect percentage increase vs. a specific number relevant to Miami-Dade County and need to be quantifiable. Overall, more coordination is needed to ensure Integrated Planning does not revert back to bigger and better silos, and customer service skills and standards should be addressed at all levels.

Following are comments specific to each Strategy:

Strategy 1.1.1: Implement HIV, HCV, and Syphilis screenings as part of routine medical care in all health care settings, including urgent care centers, FQHCs, small clinics, public hospitals, and emergency departments.

- Increase funding for HIV testing in hospitals, health clinics, and urgent care centers.
- Increase testing among non-HIV providers and expand to new providers.
- Coordinate HIV testing with Hepatitis testing (FDOH/Jackson).
- Focus on priority populations.
- Secure funding for more STD testing, including home testing and follow up lab confirmatory tests.

- HIV testing must include pre- and post-testing counseling components, this is particularly challenging in the hospital setting; Jackson ER serves approximately 3,000 people per month – post-test counseling is offered for those testing positive; post-test counseling is offered to those testing negative if the person contacts the hospital.
- Consider simplified messaging and “old-fashioned” (1980s) counseling – 4 key points any healthcare worker can deliver.

Strategy 1.1.2: Reduce stigma in communities around HIV testing.

- At-home testing kits for HIV and STI.
 - Need to set a goal on the return rate for home testing. What is the benchmark?
 - Need to increase the number of home tests distributed and completed.
- HIV testing in schools.
 - Involvement of Children’s Trust, parents, and parent groups.
 - Hold general health fairs at schools including HIV education.
 - Incorporate HIV education into general health education.

Strategy 1.1.4: Reduce stigma among correctional settings around HIV testing.

- What control does FDOH or RWP have over the Florida Department of Corrections?

Strategy 1.2.3: Increase awareness among women of childbearing age about HIV testing and perinatal prevention strategies.

- Coordinate with Healthy Start.
- Ensure pregnant women are getting prenatal care; HIV testing is effective among women who are in prenatal care.

Strategy 1.3.1: Ensure access to and availability of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

- How do we pay for PrEP?
- Need culturally appropriate messaging around PrEP.
- Providers need education on PrEP.

Strategy 1.3.2: Ensure access to and availability of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

- The process must be streamlined to ensure access within 72 hours. What happens on weekends or holidays?

Strategy 2.1.1: Provide same-day or rapid start of antiretroviral therapy.

- Need to make sure clients know mental health services are available on the same day as TTRA – with non-threatening and non-judgmental messaging.
- We are doing well in messaging on medical diagnoses; messaging on behavioral interventions/resources is lacking.
- Consider a contingency management approach; reward systems/incentives work well; respond in a productive way.

Strategy 2.1.2: Improve linkage to HIV health care within 30 days for all persons who test positive for HIV.

- Hire more Peer Educators to communicate test results to newly-diagnosed.
- Make sure all who test positive are offered mental health services; revise messaging around mental health service availability – consider the feelings of newly diagnosed persons.

Strategy 2.1.3: Work to reduce the average number of days to link persons to HIV care in Florida.

- The IDEA Exchange offers same-day linkage to care, like TTRA.
- Again, mental health messaging and availability must be made to all clients as a matter of initial visit and follow up protocols.
- Consider limitations of funding streams; Part A does not pay for services for negative partners; and not all services are covered by Medicaid, for instance.

Due to time limitations, members concluded review at Strategy 2.1.3. Members were asked to send feedback on remaining strategies to staff before the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) Nominations

The Prevention Committee is required to designate a representative and alternate to the FCPN, a statewide planning network for Ryan White Programs. Jamie Marqués and Dr. Angela Mooss agreed to serve as representative and alternate, respectively. A vote was called for from Prevention Committee members:

Motion to elect Jamie Marqués as Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) Area 11a Prevention Committee Representative, and Dr. Angela Mooss as FCPN Area 11a Prevention Committee Alternate.

Moved: Grechen Mills

Seconded: Bahamón, Mónica

Motion: Passed

Members thanked Francesco Duberli, outgoing FCPN representative, for his service, and thanked Ms. Marqués and Dr. Mooss for representing the committee. Staff will contact members with next steps for the application process.

- Proposed Meeting Schedule: June-August, 2022

A proposed timeline was presented to members to allow staff time to compile and Integrated Plan draft for presentation in August. As such, all committee and joint meetings would be cancelled in July. Members agreed to the proposed schedule.

Motion to approve the proposed JIPRT schedule for June-August, 2022.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Angela Machado

Motion: Passed

IX. Announcements

Ms. Sarmiento announced a Resource Inventory survey is forthcoming and anyone with comments on the draft are asked to contact her.

Eddie Orozco announced the HALO Awards ceremony, scheduled for June 5, in recognition of HIV Long-Term Survivors Day.

X. Next Meeting

Prevention Committee Vice Chair, Dr. Diana Sheehan, announced the next meeting is July 9, 2022 at the Miami Main Library.

Note: The meeting date was later rescheduled to July 23, 2022.

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Sarmiento adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.