



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

Approved May 25, 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	Ichite, Amanda	x	
7	Johnston, Jeremy		x
8	Ledain, Ron		x
9	Lee, Aquilla		x
10	Lopez, Crystal		x
11	Marqués, Jamie		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	
Cure, Wallace	
Fernandez, Chad	
Ferrer, Luigi	
Forney, Derrick	
Gallo, Giselle	
Larios, Alejandro	
Mejias, Thaydee	
Morales, Michelle	
Nunez, Alejandro	
Pache, Rosa	
Stellmann, Julie	
William, Jennifer	
Staff	
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. The meeting agenda and Florida Department of Health presentation were distributed to all attendees. Meeting documents were projected on the meeting room projection screen.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Abril Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 10:18 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. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Monica Bahamón

Seconded: Roselaine Monestime

Motion: Passed

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of February 23, 2023

Members reviewed the minutes of February 23, 2023. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023 as presented.

Moved: Roselaine Monestime

Seconded: Grechen Santiago

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ Membership

Staff advised there are significant vacancies on committees and the Partnership. The Executive Committee will consider changes to the Partnership membership structure at their next meeting.

▪ Partnership Report to Committees

Ms. Sarmiento announced there was no report because the Partnership has not met since the last Prevention Committee meeting.

VIII. Special Presentation

▪ Ready 4 Life Program

Michelle Morales and Jennifer Williams from Hope for Miami, and Julie Stellmann and Derrick Forney from Behavioral Science Research Institute presented on the Ready 4 Life Program, including the project goals, training modules, number of participants, participant feedback, and statistics relative to HIV and sexual health education.

IX. Open Discussion and Announcements

Staff announced the Empower U Community Health Center National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event, Melanated, Motivated & Moving Forward, taking place on March 28, 2023.

Luigi Ferrer, Florida Department of Health, announced the Miami Speaker's Bureau is accepting new members. Members will learn the tools needed to share their personal stories in order to educate others on HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention, treatment and adherence.

Mr. Ferrer advised members of a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention health alert about shigella and the risks to people with HIV, specifically men who have sex with men.

Staff advised an alert was emailed from the County on the need to screen for congenital syphilis during pregnancy as there has been a dramatic rise in cases from 2017-2021.

Flyers about all announcements were posted at the meeting and made available online at www.aidsnet.org.

The meeting was suspended for a five minute break.

X. Standing Business

▪ Prevention Mobilization Workgroup Reports

Alejandro Nunez, FDOH, presented an update on the PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) Workgroup activities, including an explanation of the workgroup's purpose, 2022 activities, and current initiatives.

XI. New Business

There was no New Business.

XII. Next Meeting

Dr. Mooss announced the Joint Integrated Plan Review Team meeting was cancelled, and that the next Prevention Committee meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2023 at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XIII. Adjournment

Ms. Sarmiento thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.