



**Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes
Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
May 25, 2023**

Approved June 29, 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	Santiago, Grechen		x
16	Sarmiento, Abril	x	
17	Shmuels, Diego	x	
18	Vacant		
19	Vacant		
20	Vacant		
21	Vacant		
22	Vacant		
23	Vacant		
24	Vacant		
Quorum = 7			

Guests	
Delisma, Evens	
Estevez, Sandra	
Fernandez, Chad	
Ferrer, Luigi	
Gallo, Giselle	
Larios, Alejandro	
Mejia-Echeverry, Alvaro (via Zoom)	
Mejias, Thaydee	
Richardson, Ashley	
Santana, Sander	
Saxena, Praveena	
Shapiro, Juliana	
Thomas, Andrew	
Vincente, Michael	
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 was 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 10:14 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

Ms. Sarmiento 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. Ms. Sarmiento closed the floor for public comment.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

Ms. Sarmiento asked members to review the agenda. Ms. Sarmiento will present on topics assigned to Dr. Angela Mooss.

Motion to approve the agenda with the change to presenters.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Roselaine Monestime

Motion: Passed

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of March 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: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Eddie Orozco

Motion: Passed

VII. Special Presentation

- **Mpox and HIV**

Dr. Alvaro Mejia-Echeverry, Florida Department of Health (FDOH), presented Mpox and HIV via Zoom. The presentation was a broad overview of Mpox, including the virus definition and history; transmission vectors; explanation of the name change from monkeypox to Mpox; rash identification; incubation period; the global and local impacts and demographics; TPOXX treatment and dispensing data; vaccination data; and other factors to be aware of during an outbreak. Members thanked Dr. Mejia-Echeverry for the comprehensive information.

VIII. Reports

- **Membership**

Staff advised there are still significant vacancies on committees and the Partnership.

- **New Member Applicants**

Two applicants were presented for membership. Chad Fernandez of Community Rightful Center introduced himself and stated his interest in joining the committee. Ms. Sarmiento called for a motion.

Motion to approve Chad Fernandez as a member of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Eddie Orozco

Seconded: Jamie Marqués

Motion: Passed

Ashley Richardson's membership had terminated and she requested to be reinstated. Ms. Sarmiento called for a motion.

Motion to approve Ashley Richardson as a member of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Dr. David Forrest

Seconded: Ron Ledain

Motion: Passed

Members welcomed Mr. Fernandez and Ms. Richardson to the committee.

▪ **Partnership Report to Committees**

Ms. Sarmiento announced the report is posted online for reference.

IX. Standing Business

▪ **Source of Income Statements**

There were no members present who had not turned in their Source of Income Statement; the item was skipped.

▪ **Prevention Mobilization Workgroups**

FDOH Team Leaders

□ **Florida Black HIV/AIDS Coalition – Miami Chapter**

Praveena Saxena reported on Sistas Organizing to Survive (SOS) 15-Year Anniversary events; the Joint Community Mobilization World AIDS Day (WAD) Event and Ending the HIV Epidemic Conference and Resource Fair; and upcoming meeting dates.

□ **Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana)**

Juliana Shapiro reported on recent presentations and member activities and asked Prevention Committee members how Hispanic Initiative could help support their work. She suggested collaborations around National Faith HIV and AIDS Awareness Day, National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day, and WAD; and highlighted member agencies in the workgroup. Members were asked to share ideas for WAD event planning and collaboration.

□ **Transgender Tenacity Power**

Luigi Ferrer reported on the impacts of recent Florida legislation regarding transgender health and advised that the FDOH Transgender Services Coordinator has resigned.

□ **Youth Health Workgroup**

Mr. Ferrer advised on upcoming activities and announced Andrew Thomas as the new Senior Health Educator at FDOH in Miami-Dade County.

□ **The Miami Collaborative MSM Workgroup**

Mr. Ferrer advised on discussions around recent LGBTQ+ legislation; highlighted upcoming activities; and announced Alex Moro and Anthony Monsalve as the WG's new Community Co-chairs.

X. New Business

There was no New Business.

XI. Open Discussion and Announcements

Members indicated they would be interested in hearing presentations on trauma-informed care and counseling; and on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

New job opportunities at the University of Miami were announced and will be posted on aidsnet.org.

Staff announced the Community Coalition Roundtable featured the ViiV Healthcare training, From Risks to Reasons, and provided the training resources and trainer contact information.

Staff announced the next *Get on Board!* training is June 7, and will be an explanation of Grantee expenditure reports.

Member Roselaine Monestime announced her retirement from the committee since she has taken a new position outside the HIV field. Members applauded her service and presented her with a Thank You card.

XII. Next Meeting

Ms. Sarmiento announced the next meeting is Thursday, June 29, 2023 at the Library and will feature a special presentation on HIV & STDs by Kamelah Jones, FDOH Epidemiologist.

XIII. Adjournment

Ms. Sarmiento thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.