



**Prevention Committee Meeting
Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
August 31, 2023 Minutes**

Approved September 28, 2023

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Buch, Juan	x	
2	Darlington, Tajma		x
3	Duberli, Francesco		x
4	Fernandez, Chad		x
5	Forrest, David	x	
6	Ichite, Amanda	x	
7	Johnston, Jeremy	x	
8	Ledain, Ron		x
9	Lopez, Crystal		x
10	Marqués, Jamie	x	
11	Mooss, Angela	x	
12	Orozco, Eddie		x
13	Richardson, Ashley		x
14	Santiago, Grechen		x
15	Sarmiento, Abril	x	
16	Shmuels, Diego	x	
Quorum = 6			

Guests	
Acevedo, John	
Fanfan, Jackisha	
Guillen, Jennifer	
Larios, Alejandro	
Levy, Morgan	
Martinez, Leonard	
Pache, Rosa	
Pereira, Daniel	
Pierre, Ross	
Stonestreet, Stephanie	
Staff	
Bontempo, Christina	

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.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Abril Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 10:21 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 so 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: Amanda Ichite

Seconded: Juan Buch

Motion: Passed

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of June 29, 2023

Members reviewed the minutes of June 29, 2023. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 29, 2023 as presented.

Moved: Jamie Marquez

Seconded: Jeremy Johnston

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ Membership

Staff advised there are still significant vacancies on committees and the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership (Partnership) including vacancies specifically for representatives of the affected community. The Partnership approved recommended changes to the Ordinance which will reduce the number of vacancies, but seats still need to be filled.

Staff received an application for Prevention Committee membership from Daniel Pereira. Mr. Pereira introduced himself and stated his interest in joining the committee. The Committee voted to accept him as a member.

Motion to approve Daniel Pereira as a new member of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Juan Buch

Seconded: Amanda Ichite

Motion: Passed

▪ Partnership Report to Committees

Ms. Sarmiento announced that the report is posted online for reference. The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Prevention Mobilization Workgroups

Leonard Martinez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC), presented the Workgroup updates. Anyone interested in learning more about these activities should contact staff or contact Mr. Martinez directly.

□ Miami Speaker's Bureau (MSB)

Mr. Martinez gave a brief introduction to the MSB and reported on the latest meeting activities, including goal setting and how to tell your story as a community role model. The MSB is partnering with Community Health of South Florida (CHI) for a World AIDS Day event on December 2, 2023, which will include story boards, poetry readings, original poetry, and more.

□ **The Miami Collaborative and Transgender Tenacity Power**

Mr. Martinez reported on the August 23, 2023 meeting noting collaborations with Twist and the Gaythering nightclubs. Twist has recently signed up for condom distribution. The Florida Men's Health Summit in November was also highlighted.

□ **Miami-Dade Faith and HIV Roundtable**

Mr. Martinez reported on the August 15, 2023 meeting and noted the group discussed upcoming awareness and remembrance days, including Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on August 27, Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, and World AIDS Day on December 1. Mr. Martinez noted Mayor Danielle Levine Cava was at the meeting and is a valuable resource for the group.

IX. New Business

▪ **Family Planning and Prenatal Care Services**

Jennifer Guillen, FDOH-MDC, presented on Family Planning and Prenatal Care Services, including an overview of family planning services; services offered at the FDOH-MDC prenatal care clinic; emergency Medicaid eligibility and services for pregnant women; payment options for family planning services; and service locations. Members discussed options for making women's services more accessible, particularly among underserved populations, including mobile services; partnerships with health fairs and other community events; expanding services through hospital settings; addressing needs of women who are incarcerated or recently released from incarceration; and partnering with domestic violence organizations. Ms. Guillen was open to the suggestions and asked members to contact her to coordinate with her and other FDOH-MDC staff.

▪ **2024 Meeting Planning**

Members were asked to complete a brief survey to assist staff with setting meeting dates for 2024.

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

Staff announced the Annual Needs Assessment, CHI World AIDS Day event, and closure dates of the Miami-Dade County Main Library walkway.

Staff invited participants who are attending the US Conference on HIV/AIDS to be part of a panel discussion at the next Prevention Committee meeting. Anyone interested was asked to see staff after today's meeting.

FDOH-MDC will hold a health fair at Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus.

XI. Next Meeting

Dr. Mooss announced the next meeting is Thursday, September 25, 2023, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Sarmiento thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.