



**Prevention Committee Meeting  
Miami-Dade County Main Library  
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130  
September 28, 2023 Minutes**

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Buch, Juan	x		Acevedo, John
2	Darlington, Tajma	x		Bass, Xian
3	Duberli, Francesco		x	Mills, Vanessa
4	Fernandez, Chad	x		Núñez, Alejandro
5	Forrest, David		x	Ocon, Yahima
6	Ichite, Amanda	x		Pache, Rosa
7	Johnston, Jeremy	x		Pierre, Ross
8	Ledain, Ron	x		Tramel, Alecia
9	Lopez, Crystal		x	Williams, Stephen
10	Marqués, Jamie	x		
11	Mooss, Angela	x		
12	Orozco, Eddie		x	
13	Pereira, Daniel	x		
14	Richardson, Ashley		x	
15	Santiago, Grechen	x		
16	Sarmiento, Abril	x		
17	Shmuels, Diego		x	
<b>Quorum = 7</b>				<b>Staff</b>
				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](http://www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents).

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair, Abril Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 10:17 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: Jeremy Johnston**

**Motion: Passed**

#### **VI. Review and Approve Minutes of August 31, 2023**

Members reviewed the minutes of August 31, 2023. There were no changes.

**Motion to approve the minutes of August 31, 2023 as presented.**

**Moved: Jeremy Johnston**

**Seconded: Amanda Ichite**

**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.

##### **▪ Partnership Report to Committees**

The Partnership has not met since the last Prevention Committee meeting.

#### **VIII. Standing Business**

##### **▪ Prevention Mobilization Workgroups**

Alejandro Nuñez, a representative from the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC), reported on the August and September 2023 activities of the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Workgroup:

- Events for Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, Transgender Day of Remembrance, National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day, and PrEP Awareness Week;
- Doxy-PEP (doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis), a sexually transmitted infection prevention initiative currently available to men who have sex with men (MSM); and
- A Gilead study on injectable PrEP, currently underway at CAN Community Health.

#### **IX. New Business**

##### **▪ Panel Discussion: 2023 US Conference on HIV/AIDS**

Committee and community members were invited to speak about their experiences and key take-aways from the 2023 US Conference on HIV/AIDS which took place September 6-9, 2023, in Washington, DC. The panelists were Chad Fernandez, University of Miami; Alecia Tramel-McIntyre, Positive People Network; and Ross Pierre, Community Rightful Center.

Ms. Sarmiento invited the panelists to answer three questions:

1. What was your one big take-away from the conference?
  - The theme, “A Love Letter to Black Women” was long overdue and was an important reminder of the need to celebrate positive black women.
  - The conference was both motivational and inspirational.
  - There were motivational presentations promoting the idea of housing as healthcare.
  
2. Was there a program or initiative you learned about that you will be able to duplicate in your organization? Or that other organizations should consider implementing?
  - There was important information about Doxy PEP which is newly available locally in select locations and expected to expand to wider distribution sites The treatment is currently only available to MSM and is not effective for women.
  - A housing collective is forming to find funding and housing solutions for people with HIV.
  - There were important resources for starting and enhancing advocacy efforts, particularly at the grassroots level.
  
3. How can members of the Prevention Committee and the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership help to support the conference theme, “A Love Letter to Black Women”?
  - Host events in Miami-Dade County around the same theme.
  - Reiterate that representation matters and that you have power.
  - Promote advocacy and grassroots efforts of Black women.
  - Partner with organizations run by Black women.
  - Hire Black women.

There were no additional questions from members. Ms. Sarmiento thanked the panelists for sharing their feedback.

#### **X. Announcements and Open Discussion**

Prevention 305 is hosting a Transgender Day of Remembrance event on November 20, 2023, at Green Space Miami. Details will be shared soon.

Attendees were asked to support efforts for a “Save HIV Funding” campaign. Staff will send details after the meeting.

FDOH-MDC is holding a World AIDS Day/Ending the HIV Epidemic health fair at Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus on December 5, 2023.

#### **XI. Next Meeting**

Dr. Mooss announced the next meeting is Thursday, October 10, 2023, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

Ms. Sarmiento thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.