



**Prevention Committee Meeting
Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
March 28, 2024 Minutes**

Approved April 25, 2024

#	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	Pereira, Daniel		x
14	Richardson, Ashley	x	
15	Santiago, Grechen	x	
16	Shmuels, Diego	x	
Quorum = 6			

Guests	
Bateman, Raynal	Frazier, Cathy
Ferrer, Luigi	(presenter via Zoom)
Joseph, Lawrence	
Larios, Alexander	
Leiva, German	
Martinez, David	
Muñoz, Virginia	
Nuñez, Alejandro	
Pache, Rosa E	
Perez, Amelia	
Sarmiento, Abril	
Shapiro, Juliana	
Stonestreet, Stephanie	
Williams, Stephen	
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/the-partnership#prevention1.

I. Call to Order

Committee Member, Dr. Diego Shmuels, called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. He served as Acting Chair until the official Chair’s appointment.

II. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping

Dr. Shmuels 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

Dr. Shmuels 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. Shmuels closed the floor for public comment.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

Dr. Shmuels asked members to review the agenda. No changes were made, so the Committee adopted it as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Eddie Orozco

Seconded: Tajma Darlington

Motion: Passed

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of November 30, 2023

Members reviewed the minutes of November 30, 2023. There were no changes to the minutes, so the Committee adopted them as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2023, as presented.

Moved: Dr. David Forrest

Seconded: Chad Fernandez

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ Membership

Dr. Shmuels announced the Membership Report is posted online. The Partnership recommended one new Ryan White client member at their March meeting and will review the applications of at least four additional members at their May 13 meeting, including three more Ryan White clients. All committees and the Partnership are still in need of new members. Anyone interested in membership was asked to see staff after the meeting.

Staff noted that today will be the final meeting of Ashley Richardson, who has resigned. Another representative from CAN Community Health will submit an application.

Staff received two membership applications. One applicant, Virginia Muñoz from the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC), was present. Ms. Muñoz introduced herself and stated her interest in serving on the committee. The Committee voted to recommend Ms. Muñoz as a member. The other applicant was not present so the Committee deferred voting on the application.

Motion to recommend Virginia Muñoz as a member of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Francesco Duberli

Seconded: Dr. David Forrest

Motion: Passed

▪ Partnership Report to Committees

The Partnership report was posted online for review. Dr. Shmuels announced the next Partnership meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024 at the Library and reminded attendees to RSVP.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Officer Elections - Chair

Abril Sarmiento's membership term on the Committee and Partnership has ended since she no longer meets the residency requirement for membership. Dr. Shmuels thanked Ms. Sarmiento for chairing the Committee since 2021 and members applauded her contributions.

Staff advised that the Prevention Committee Chair is selected by FDOH-MDC and Virginia Muñoz is the selected candidate. Ms. Muñoz will be applying to the Partnership but Dr. Shmuels asked members for a motion to approve her appointment as Prevention Committee Chair while her application at the Partnership is being processed.

Motion to appoint Virginia Muñoz as Chair of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Dr. David Forrest

Seconded: Francesco Duberli

Motion: Passed

Dr. Shmuels passed the gavel to Ms. Muñoz for the remainder of the meeting.

▪ **Officer Elections – Vice Chair**

Ms. Muñoz announced the candidates for Prevention Committee Vice Chair for the calendar year 2024 as Tajma Darlington, Jamie Marqués, and Eddie Orozco and called for final nominations from the floor. She noted the Vice Chair works with the Chair to develop agendas with support staff, lead committee meetings, and serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Darlington and Mr. Orozco introduced themselves and stated their interest; Ms. Marqués was not present at the time of the vote and no other nominations were received from the floor.

Members completed the ballot for Vice Chair and announced Mr. Darlington as the selected candidate. Ms. Muñoz called for a motion to approve Mr. Darlington as Vice Chair.

Motion to approve Tajma Darlington as Vice Chair of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Eddie Orozco

Seconded: Ashley Richardson

Motion: Passed

Members congratulated the new officers.

Members of the Partnership and Committees received a certificate of appreciation at the December 2023 Partnership meeting. Ms. Muñoz distributed certificates to those members who did not attend..

IX. New Business

▪ **Miami-Dade County HIV Prevention Workgroup Reports**

Members heard updates on the latest activities of the Florida Black HIV/AIDS Coalition – Miami Chapter; Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana); Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Workgroup; and Transgender Tenacity Power / The Miami Collaborative MSM Workgroup.

▪ **Special Presentation: PrEP: HIV Prevention Overview and Update (via Teams)**

Ms. Muñoz introduced Dr. Cathy Frazier, Lead HIV/AIDS Telehealth Program APRN at the FDOH HIV/AIDS Section, Bureau of Communicable Diseases in Tallahassee, who presented a detailed presentation about PrEP. The presentation included current data on PrEP usage; available medications and medication regimes and the pros and cons of each; suggested PrEP target populations; and the expectations for PrEP usage in regards to meeting the Ending the HIV Epidemic goals.

▪ **2024 Presentation Suggestions**

Members indicated interest in presentations on PrEP trends and DoxyPEP.

▪ **Integrated Plan Update**

Ms. Sarmiento announced that the Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) is working with FDOH

in Tallahassee to compare and align (as appropriate) the state Integrated Plan with jurisdictional Integrated Plans. The state Plan is more than 40 pages and Ms. Sarmiento is working on the response. Members will be asked to review the response prior to the next meeting.

▪ **Annual Source of Income Filing**

Staff distributed and collected annual Source of Income Forms which are required of County advisory board members.

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

Staff announced the Partnership’s Annual Needs Assessment is taking place over four meetings of the Care and Treatment Committee this summer and everyone is encouraged to attend the Get on Board Training on April 17 which will serve as a primer for the meetings.

XI. Next Meeting

Ms. Muñoz announced the next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2024, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Muñoz called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Eddie Orozco

Seconded: Tajma Darlington

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.