



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

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Buch, Juan		x	Bateman, Raynal	
2	Darlington, Tajma	x		Ferrer, Luigi	
3	Duberli, Francesco	x		Joseph, Lawrence	
4	Fernandez, Chad	x		Larios, Alexander	
5	Forrest, David	x		Leiva, German	
6	Ichite, Amanda		x	Martinez, David	
7	Johnston, Jeremy	x		Munoz, Virginia	
8	Ledain, Ron		x	Nuñez, Alejandro	
9	Lopez, Crystal		x	Pache, Rosa E	
10	Marqués, Jamie	x		Perez, Amelia	
11	Mooss, Angela		x	Sarmiento, Abril	
12	Orozco, Eddie	x		Shapiro, Juliana	
13	Pereira, Daniel		x	Stonestreet, Stephanie	
14	Richardson, Ashley	x		Williams, Stephen	
15	Santiago, Grechen	x			
16	Shmuels, Diego	x			
Quorum = 7				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 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; there were no changes, so the Committee adopted them 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 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 Munoz from the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC), was present. Ms. Munoz introduced herself and stated her interest in serving on the committee.

Dr. Shmuels called for a motion.

Motion to approve Virginia Munoz 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 date of May 13, 2024 at the Library and reminded attendees to RSVP.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Officer Elections - Chair

Abril Sarmiento's membership term 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 Munoz is the

selected candidate. Dr. Shmuels asked members for a motion to approve the appointment of Virginia Munoz as Prevention Committee Chair.

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

Moved: Dr. David Forrest

Seconded: Francesco Duberli

Motion: Passed

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

▪ **Officer Elections – Vice Chair**

Ms. Munoz 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. Munoz 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.

At the December 2023 Partnership meeting, Partnership and Committee members received a certificate of appreciation, however not all Committee members were able to attend. Ms. Munoz distributed certificates to members who were not at the December Partnership meeting, and members applauded their contributions.

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. Munoz 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 thorough 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 regard to Ending the HIV Epidemic.

▪ **2024 Presentation Suggestions**

Members indicated presentations on PrEP trends and DoxyPEP would be of interest.

▪ **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. Munoz announced the next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2024, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Munoz 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.