



**Prevention Committee Meeting
Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
April 25, 2024 Minutes**

Approved August 29, 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	Muñoz, Virginia	x	
13	Orozco, Eddie		x
14	Pereira, Daniel		x
15	Santiago, Grechen		x
16	Shmuels, Diego		x
Quorum = 6			

Guests	
Acevedo, John	Sarmiento, Abril
Bethel, Shakka	Singh, Hardeep
Brooks, Jimmie	Thomas, Andrew
Doss, Kiara	Thomas, Paul
Goss, Cramita	Vertovec, Jack
Greene, Elizabeth	Williams, Stephen
Jeffries III, William	
Johnson, Ederick	
Jones, Damon	
Medina, Jesús E.	
Mejias, Thaydee	
Nelson, LaRon	
Ocan, Yahima	
Pache, Rosa E.	
Pierre, Ross	
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

Virginia Muñoz, Prevention Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

II. Introductions

Ms. Muñoz called for introductions of members and guests.

III. Housekeeping

Ms. Muñoz 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

Tajma Darlington, Vice Chair, 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 Mr. Darlington closed the floor for public comment.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

Ms. Muñoz 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: Juan Buch

Seconded: Chad Fernandez

Motion: Passed

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of March 28, 2024

Members reviewed the minutes of March 28, 2024. There were no changes to the minutes, so the Committee adopted them as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2024, as presented.

Moved: Juan Buch

Seconded: Chad Fernandez

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Membership**

Ms. Muñoz announced that the Membership Report is posted online. The Community Coalition will present three Ryan White Program client applicants and two other applicants at the May 13 Partnership meeting. All committees and the Partnership have vacancies for interested applicants.

Past Prevention Committee Vice Chair, Dr. Angela Mooss, has reached her membership term limit and this is her last meeting as a member. Members thanked Dr. Mooss for her service.

Three applications for membership were received:

- Shakka Bethel from CAN Community Health;
- Ross Pierre from Community Rightful Center; and
- Dr. Jack Vertovec from Behavioral Science Research Inc. (BSRI).

Applicants introduced themselves and stated their interest in joining the committee. Members voted to accept all recommendations. Dr. Vertovec’s membership will have a start date of May 1, 2024, because Angela Mooss, also from BSRI, and her membership concludes at the end of today’s meeting.

Motion to recommend Shakka Bethel as a member of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Dr. Amanda Ichite

Seconded: Jamie Marqués

Motion: Passed

Motion to recommend Ross Pierre as a member of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Dr. Amanda Ichite

Seconded: Chad Fernandez

Motion: Passed

Motion to recommend Dr. Jack Vertovec as a member of the Prevention Committee, with term start date beginning May 1, 2024.

Moved: Jamie Marqués

Seconded: Chad Fernandez

Motion: Passed

The committee welcomed the new members.

- **Partnership Report to Committees**

The Partnership has not met since the last Prevention Committee meeting. The Partnership report is posted online. The next scheduled meeting of the Partnership is May 13, 2024, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library. Ms. Muñoz reminded attendees to please RSVP.

VIII. Standing Business

- **State Integrate Plan Update**

Ms. Muñoz advised that this was the final day to give feedback on the *2022-2026 State of Florida Integrated HIV Prevention and Care - Monitoring and Evaluation Plan*. Members had received a copy of the Evaluation Plan by email which indicated the crosswalk between the State Integrated Plan and the Miami-Dade County Integrated Plan. Anyone wishing to provide additional feedback was asked to do so by the end of business today.

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

Members heard brief updates on the latest Workgroup meetings, including recent and upcoming activities, presentations, and upcoming meeting dates for the Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana); Transgender Tenacity Power; the Miami Collaborative MSM Workgroup; the Miami Speakers Bureau; and the Youth Health Committee.

IX. New Business

- **Special Presentations**

- **The Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA Exchange): T-SHARP Study**

Chad Fernandez, Prevention Committee Member and IDEA Exchange Outreach Coordinator; and Jimmie Brooks, IDEA Exchange Outreach Coordinator, presented *Project T-SHARP - Telehealth Solution to HIV and Addiction-Related Problems Among People Who Inject Drugs*. The presentation detailed the IDEA Exchange's harm reduction services available to people who inject drugs, whose services emphasize meeting people where they are, both physically and psychologically. Services at the fixed site, mobile units, and the medication management program were discussed. Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Brooks also discussed the Project T-SHARP Tele-Harm Reduction study, including qualifying criteria, expectation for participation, and assessment. Their contact information was shared in case anyone needed additional information.

- **HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) 096: Building Equity Through Advocacy: Testing an innovative community-informed, HIV status-neutral integrated strategy that aims to address social, structural, institutional, and behavioral barriers to HIV prevention and care for Black men who have sex with men**

Dr. LaRon E. Nelson, HPTN 096 study co-chair, Independence Foundation Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean of Global Affairs and Planetary Health, Yale School of Nursing; and Elizabeth Greene, Senior Clinical Research Manager, HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) Leadership and Operations Center at FHI 360, presented information on HPTN 096. The pilot study began in 2022 and is now expanding to five U.S. communities, including Ft. Lauderdale/Miami. The study intends to address the growing incidence of HIV among Black/African-American men who have sex with men, and the disproportionately low use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among the same group. The strategy to engage participants includes four components: health equity, social media, peer support, and CRISP (Culturally Responsive Intersectional Stigma Prevention). HPTN 096 is identifying prevention and

treatment facilities for the study. Dr. Nelson, Ms. Greene and other representatives from the study were available after the meeting to connect with local providers.

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

Rosa Pache announced that Miami-Dade County is not applying for DASH (Data Across Sectors for Health) funds this year which will impact services for youth. Ms. Marqués invited everyone to the Project Access Foundation HIV Long Term Survivors Day event on April 26. Staff announced the Partnership’s Annual Needs Assessment meeting schedule; and the City of Miami Consolidated Plan HOPWA Meeting on April 25, 2024.

XI. Next Meeting

Mr. Darlington announced the next meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2024, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Muñoz called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Juan Buch

Seconded: Jamie Marqués

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 p.m.