



**Prevention Committee Meeting
Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
August 29, 2024 Minutes**

Approved September 25, 2024

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Bethel, Shakka	x		Caicedo, Frank	
2	Buch, Juan	x		Doobay, Suraj	
3	Darlington, Tajma	x		Estrada, Denise	
4	Duberli, Francesco		x	Ferrer, Luigi	
5	Fernandez, Chad		x	Lionel, Elsi	
6	Forrest, David	x		Madadi, Pranav	
7	Ichite, Amanda		x	Medina, Jesus E.	
8	Johnston, Jeremy	x		Nunez, Alejandro	
9	Ledain, Ron		x	Pache, Rosa E.	
10	Lopez, Crystal			Sanchez, Kenia	
12	Marqués, Jamie	x		Saxena, Praveena	
13	Muñoz, Virginia	x		Stonestreet, Stephanie	
14	Orozco, Eddie		x	Torrealba, Marco	
15	Pierre, Ross	x		Williams, Stephen	
16	Pereira, Daniel		x		
17	Santiago, Grechen	x			
18	Shmuels, Diego		x		
19	Vertovec, Jack	x			
Quorum = 6				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 10:10 a.m.

II. Introductions

Ms. Muñoz called for introductions of members and guests.

III. Housekeeping

Staff highlighted the Housekeeping PowerPoint including general reminders, code of conduct, people first language, and meeting participation best practices. Copies of the presentation were in the meeting packets.

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: Jeremy Johnston

Motion: Passed

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of April 25, 2024

Members reviewed the minutes of April 25, 2024. There were no changes to the minutes, so the Committee adopted them as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2024, as presented.

Moved: Jeremy Johnston

Seconded: Shakka Bethel

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ Membership

Ms. Muñoz announced that the Membership Report is posted online. Six new members have been appointed the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership. New Partnership member, Jesus Medina, introduced himself as stated his interest in joining the committee.

Motion to recommend Jesus Medina as a member of the Prevention Committee.

Moved: Dr. David Forrest

Seconded: Jeremy Johnson

Motion: Passed

The committee welcomed the Mr. Medina as a new member.

▪ Partnership Report to Committees

The Partnership has not met since the Joint Integrated Plan Review Team meeting. The latest Partnership report is posted online. The next scheduled meeting of the Partnership is September 16, 2024, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library. Ms. Muñoz reminded attendees to please RSVP.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ 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:

- Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana): Planning for a National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day event on October 12; and World AIDS Day on December 4.
- Miami Collaborative MSM Workgroup and Transgender Tenacity Power: Discussed the Top 10 health concerns for MSM and transgender persons, specifically limited access to healthcare and hormone therapy for transgender persons; discussed HIV and aging issues; and announced a health fair at Our House on September 27.
- Florida Black HIV/AIDS Coalition – Miami Chapter: Holding meetings every other month; planning for a symposium and health fair with more than 40 vendors.

- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Workgroup: Holding meetings every other month; heard a presentation on Cabenuva and injectable PrEP.

- **National Testing Day – Member Reports on NTD Activities**

The preliminary data from 2024 National HIV Testing Day events indicated 6,162 tests were conducted with 43 persons testing positive. For comparison, in 2022, 3,551 tests were conducted with 13 people testing positive; and in 2023, 3,468 tests were conducted with 27 people testing positive.

Events were held at service provider locations, various Walgreens, and at Metrorail stations.

IX. New Business

- **IDEA Exchange Presentation**

The presentation was tabled until the next meeting.

- **Feedback on the July 2024 Joint Integrated Plan Review Team Meeting**

Last month was the Joint Integrated Plan Review Team (JIPRT) meeting where members reviewed data and continued to refine activities. Members who attended liked the breakout structure and requested to see more data on the activities.

- **Special Session: Focus on Youth**

Denise Estrada from West Care presented on the Health Teen Expos. Legislatively mandated limitations on what can be said in schools and what can be distributed regarding sexual health and HIV have made prevention efforts to youth very challenging. For instance, condoms, gender identity, HIV/AIDS, and sex cannot be discussed. Outreach, which used to be allowed all day, has been curtailed to about three hours. Educational and informational brochures are no longer allowed to be distributed.

Rosa Pache from Survivor's Pathway, reported on the FDOH Youth Health Committee's challenges in testing teens and young adults. It was noted that teens can get tested without parental consent, however, getting the word out about the importance of and availability of testing is limited due to restrictions on what can be taught at schools.

Members cited cases of teen pregnancy and STIs and noted that teens are unaware of reproductive health options and sexually transmitted infection transmission vectors. Many teens and college aged youth are getting health mis-information from the internet and word of mouth. It was noted that a small group of vocal parents promoted the restrictions on sexual health education and LGBTQ+ information which led to much of the restrictions in schools today. It was also noted that recent policies restricting education to youth have been devastating and regressive for HIV prevention.

Integrated Plan activities around youth prevention were distributed; discussion on the activities was included in the above synopsis.

The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership, as the official advisory board to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, may write a letter to Mayor Daniella Levine Cava explaining the current state and challenges around youth HIV prevention. The Prevention Committee may draft the letter for the Partnership's consideration. It was noted that the letter should state the basic concerns discussed above and include simple data since the planning council may not lobby. Members agreed to draft a letter to Mayor Levine Cava. Staff will bring the draft letter to the next meeting.

Motion to draft a letter to Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava regarding the current state of HIV prevention, including basic information about HIV, STIs, and teen pregnancy.

Moved: Grechen Santiago

Seconded: Jeremy Johnson

Motion: Passed

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

Staff provided updates to dates and topics for New Member Orientation and Get on Board trainings.

XI. Next Meeting

Mr. Darlington announced the next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Miami-Dade County Main Library, and Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Muñoz called the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.