

V. 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.

VI. Review/Approve Agenda

Ms. Muñoz asked members to review the agenda. There were no Miami-Dade County HIV Prevention Workgroups reports so Ms. Muñoz called for a motion to accept the agenda with the reports removed.

Motion to approve the agenda with changes indicated.

Moved: Jeremy Johnston

Seconded: Eddie Orozco

Motion: Passed

VII. Review and Approve Minutes of August 29, 2024

Ms. Muñoz gave members time to review the minutes of August 29, 2024. There were no changes to the minutes, so the Committee adopted them as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 29, 2024, as presented.

Moved: Juan Buch

Seconded: Dr. Jack Vertovec

Motion: Passed

VIII. Reports

▪ Membership

Mr. Darlington announced that the Membership Report is posted online and included in today's meeting packet. At this time there are 20 members on the Prevention Committee and one application pending. The committee may have up to 24 members. Going forward, all vacancies on the Prevention Committee must be filled by persons with HIV which may be Ryan White Program clients.

▪ Partnership Report to Committees

Ms. Muñoz announced that the latest Partnership Report to Committees is posted online and is in member packets and thanked members who participated in the Partnership meeting. Members completed Priority Setting and Resource Allocations and the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism Report. Both activities are legislative requirements for Ryan White Planning Councils like the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.

IX. Standing Business

▪ Review of Draft Letter to Mayor Daniella Levine Cava Regarding Youth HIV Prevention

Members reviewed the draft letter regarding youth prevention in schools and recommended the following changes:

- Draft two letters: 1) Mayor of Miami-Dade County regarding ages 13-24; 2) Miami-Dade County School Board superintendent regarding ages 13-19;

- Copy each letter to the other recipient as well as the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership members;
- In paragraph one:
 - Indicate the letters are sent on behalf of the Prevention Committee;
 - Clarify the role of the Partnership as dealing with prevention and care;
 - Indicate the letter is written to address both HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
- In paragraph two:
 - Indicate the source of the referenced data;
 - Highlight HIV in bulleted items;
- Move paragraph three up to the second paragraph and rewrite to stress a call for action;
- In paragraph four, indicate that prevention efforts are in line with Ending the HIV Epidemic and Fast Track Cities initiatives.

Staff will bring revised drafts to the next meeting. Once members are satisfied with the letters, the drafts will be reviewed by the County Attorney and presented to the Partnership for ratification.

- **Presentation: The Women’s Engagement Initiative at IDEA Miami Syringe Services Program (SSP): IDEA Exchange and UM Pathways to Wellness Clinic, presented by Dr. David Forrest**

The presentation was tabled until Dr. Forrest arrived.

Motion to table the presentation.

Moved: Eddie Orozco

Seconded: Jesus Medina

Motion: Passed

Dr. Forrest arrived and proceeded with the presentation, including a brief overview of the Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA) Exchange Program enrollments, service sites and services, and specific data on the Women’s Engagement Initiative. Dr. Forrest presented the numbers of encounters and HIV test results for women who inject drugs (WWID) through anonymous engagement; and explained confidential linkage to care data. He explained the outcomes from clinical visits, including diagnoses of syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and HIV; and the instances of pregnancy. All the women (n=19) testing positive for HIV were linked to HIV care at the IDEA Wellness Clinic and are currently in treatment. Reproductive health counseling began in March 2023. The data on the initiative was included in the presentation handouts.

X. New Business

- **Integrated Plan Activities Review: Syringe Services Program**

Members were reminded that they are responsible for oversight of the Integrated Plan Prevention activities and that review of activities will be included in each meeting going forward.

Members reviewed Objective P6. Support the local Syringe Service Program (SSP) – locally, the Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA Exchange) – and ensure access to harm reduction services; and discussed the measurements:

- Measurement 1.10.1.1: Number of persons linked to IDEA Exchange.
 - Due to confidentiality and anonymity, it is difficult to measure “linkage”; this measurement should be refined in the 2027-2031 Integrated Plan.
- Measurement 1.10.1.2: Number of referrals made to IDEA Exchange by partners.
 - There currently is no mechanism in place to track referrals, though a system could be established if this measurement is needed.
- Measurement 1.10.2.1: Number of social media posts by IDEA Exchange (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).
 - IDEA Exchange has an active social media presence; Twitter is no longer being used. Clients are asked how they heard about the program. This measurement could be captured by recording the

number of impressions each month. Members were encouraged to share social media posts to increase engagement.

XI. Announcements and Open Discussion

Staff announced that Legal Services of Greater Miami is presenting on a low-income tax clinic and Ryan White services at the September 30 Community Coalition Roundtable. Staff noted that members had a copy of the Annual Needs Assessment Dashboard Cards in their meeting materials and expressed the value of this tool for data-based decision making and understanding the Ryan White Program.

XII. Next Meeting

Mr. Darlington announced the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XIII. Adjournment

Ms. Muñoz adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.