



Strategic Planning Committee and Prevention Committee
Joint Integrated Plan Review Team (JIPRT) Meeting
Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
July 23, 2024 Minutes

Approved January 21, 2025

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Bethel, Shakka		x	Adan, David
2	Buch, Juan	x		Carballo, Jorge
3	Cardwell, Joanna		x	Castellano, Dennys
4	Darlington, Tajma	x		Coello, Erika
5	Duberli, Francesco		x	Edwards, Shawnequa
6	Fernandez, Chad		x	Ferrer, Luigi
7	Forrest, David	x		Gonzalez, Nilda
8	Hunter, Tabitha	x		Holden, Queen E.
9	Ichite, Amanda		x	Jackie (<i>Care Resource</i>)
10	Johnston, Jeremy		x	Jordahl, Lori
11	Ledain, Ron		x	Lowe, Camille
12	Lopez, Crystal		x	Luna, Victor
13	Machado, Angela	x		Saxena, Praveena
14	Marcelin, Dora	x		Shapiro, Juliana
15	Marqués, Jamie		x	Thomas, Andrew
16	Muñoz, Virginia	x		Valle-Schwenk, Carla
17	Orozco, Eddie		x	Villamizar, Kira
18	Pereira, Daniel		x	Williams, Stephen
19	Pierre, Ross	x		
20	Poblete, Karen	x		
21	Santiago, Grechen	x		
22	Sheehan, Diana M.		x	Staff
23	Shmuels, Diego		x	Bontempo, Christina
24	Singh, Hardeep	x		Gattorno, Frank
25	Stonestreet, Stephanie	x		Hilton, Karen
26	Vertovec, Jack		x	Ladner, Robert
Quorum = 10				Sergi, Sandra

Note: 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/. The meeting agenda and other working documents were distributed to all attendees; members also received committee-specific documents, such as the draft minutes. All meeting documents were projected on the meeting room projection screen, as needed.

I. Call to Order

Strategic Planning Committee Chair, Angela Machado, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

II. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping

Prevention Committee Chair, Virginia Muñoz, directed attendees to review the Housekeeping presentation in the meeting packets. She noted that the meeting is being recorded and that Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff are the resource persons.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Prevention Committee Vice Chair, Tajma Darlington, 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; the floor was then closed.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda and there were no changes. Ms. Machado called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Juan Buch

Seconded: Grechen Santiago

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of February 13, 2024

Members reviewed the minutes of February 13, 2024, and there were no changes. Ms. Machado called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2024.

Moved: Tabitha Hunter

Seconded: Hardeep Singh

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ Membership

Staff announced that the Mayor of Miami-Dade County appointed six new members to the Partnership including three members of the affected community. Attendees congratulated new members Nilda Gonzalez and Virginia Muñoz on their appointments. Staff noted that Ms. Gonzalez is taking the Partnership seat of Tabitha Hunter, who has reached her term limit. Members thanked Ms. Hunter for her years of service.

▪ Partnership

Staff announced the next Partnership meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2024, and members were asked to RSVP as soon as possible to ensure quorum.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ **Prevention Committee Business**

Ms. Muñoz announced that the next Prevention Committee meeting is August 29. The focus of the meeting will be prevention efforts geared towards youth including review of Integrated Plan activities directed at youth. Anyone who has suggestions for guest speakers on this subject is asked to contact BSR staff.

▪ **Strategic Planning Committee Business**

Ms. Machado announced the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting is August 9 at BSR. Members will review the draft Annual Report and the draft Assessment of Administrative Mechanism report.

▪ **VMSG Database Update**

Staff announced that all the Integrated Plan activities have been loaded into the VMSG database. BSR and Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County staff will be working together in the coming weeks to enter data for future reporting.

IX. New Business

▪ ***Miami-Dade County 2022-2026 Integrated HIV Prevention & Care Plan Breakout Groups***

All attendees were seated in one of four Breakout Groups:

1. Prevention: Know Your Status; and Women, Infants, and Youth;
2. Prevention: PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis); Advertising; Condoms; and Syringe Services Program;
3. Care: Linkage to Care; Retention in Care; and Special Populations; or
4. Care: Disparities in Retention in Care and Disparities in Viral Load Suppression Rates Among Priority Populations.

Each group held introductions and designated a person to report back to the full meeting. Groups then reviewed their data sheets, including targets, progress toward targets, challenges to achieving targets, recommendations for improved outcomes, and successes.

▪ ***Breakouts Recap***

Following discussions, each group's spokesperson reported overall impressions to the full meeting:

1. **Prevention: Know Your Status; and Women, Infants, and Youth;** reported by Grechen Santiago.
 - In order to capture more accurate data, a resource inventory of all agencies is needed.
 - Many of the targets seem arbitrary and should be reconsidered, particularly based on the baselines and data points presented from December 2023.
 - A clear definition of non-traditional testing settings is needed to distinguish those settings from mobile testing units.
 - Outcome targets for women of childbearing age and pregnant women will be reconfigured as percentages instead of hard numbers since there is no way to know how many women of childbearing age and pregnant women the program will encounter.

2. **Prevention: PrEP; Advertising; Condoms; and Syringe Services Program;** reported by Erica Coello.
 - Targets for the number of persons educated on PrEP should be revisited and all targets and data sources should be reviewed; many targets need to be adjusted to reflect realistic outcomes.
 - Some activities are not inclusive of Ending the HIV Epidemic data and should be expanded to include all available data sources. Data collection should be inclusive of activities by ViiV, Gilead (FOCUS), and PrEP Connect. As much as possible, all data sources in the County should be included, such as those from hospitals and other PrEP distribution sites; this is an ongoing challenge.
 - Measurements should also include nPEP (Non-occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) access and reference the PrEP Locator tool.
 - The condom distribution target has been surpassed and should be increased by 2% annually.

3. **Care: Linkage to Care; Retention in Care; and Special Populations;** reported by Frank Gattorno.
 - Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) brochures should be evaluated to determine if additional language versions are needed; QR codes should be added as another point of access.
 - EHE implementation is not as far along as it could be. EHE implementation dates are different from the Integrated Plan dates and should be reviewed to align them with the Plan.
 - The outcome of “in care” through EHE should be defined. The Ryan White Program (RWP) standards of care have a complete definition of Retained in Medical Care (RiMC) which might be applicable to EHE activities.
 - How transient populations impact RWP RiMC rates should be considered.
 - Viral suppression outcomes for people with HIV over 50 years old are good; however, there may be opportunities for RiMC Quality Improvement (QI) projects at some agencies for this population.
 - Due to the continued positive viral load suppression rates for the special population: Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) with co-occurring sexually transmitted infections, the group questioned if this population needs to continue to be tracked as a population of concern.

4. **Care: Disparities in Retention in Care and Disparities in Viral Load Suppression Rates Among Priority Populations;** reported by Dr. Robert Ladner.
 - RiMC targets are being met for Hispanic MSM in RWP care.
 - Viral load suppression targets are being met for Black/African-America and Hispanic males in RWP care.
 - The group discussed the challenges of developing QI projects, specifically to address trauma-informed care.
 - Hispanic MSM face unique barriers to care which need to be considered in possible QI projects, specifically language barriers and overcoming fears about immigration status.
 - Determining how stigma impacts viral load suppression among Haitian men and women is another possible QI project.

- **2025 JIPRT Meeting Schedule and Next Steps**

Ms. Muñoz announced that the next Joint Integrated Plan Review Team (JIPRT) meeting will be in January 2025. In the meantime, BSR and the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC) will be working together to populate the VMSG database. In 2025, JIPRT meetings will be held quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Strategic Planning and Prevention committee members were reminded that the JIPRT meetings replace the regular monthly meeting. Specific dates will be announced later this year.

X. Announcements

There were no announcements.

XI. Next Meeting

Mr. Darlington announced the next meeting dates as:

- August 9, 2024: Strategic Planning Committee at BSR; and
- August 29, 2024: Prevention Committee at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Muñoz called the meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.