MIAMI-DADE HIV/AIDS PARTNERSHIP

Prevention Committee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research Corporation
2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 215, Coral Gables, FL 33134

April 30, 2026, Minutes

Approved October 29, 2026

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Buch, Juan	x	
2	Darlington, Tajma		x
3	Duberli, Francesco		x
4	Forrest, David		x
5	Gallo, Giselle	x	
6	Ichite, Amanda		x
7	Johnston, Jeremy		x
8	Lopez, Crystal	x	
9	Marques, Jamie	x	
10	Medina, Jesus	x	
11	Muñoz, Virginia	x	
12	Orozco, Eddie		x
13	Pierre, Ross		x
14	Quirino, Xema	x	
15	Sanchez, Kenia		x
16	Santiago, Grechen	x	
17	Shmuels, Diego		x
18	Vertovec, Jack		x
Quorum = 7			

Guests
Eldanaf, Amal
Ferrer, Luigi
Flores, Roman
Gonzalez, Yvette
McIntyre, Harold*
Robinson, Joanna
Williams, Stephen
*Partnership Chair, voting member
Staff
Bontempo, Christina

All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to and during the meeting at www.partnershipmiami.org/partnership/#prevention1.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Virginia Muñoz, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

II. Introductions

Ms. Muñoz called for introductions of members, guests, and staff.

III. Housekeeping

Officers read the Housekeeping PowerPoint slides including general reminders, code of conduct, meeting participation best practices, and resource persons.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Committee Vice Chair, Crystal Lopez, 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 the floor was closed for public comment.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

Ms. Muñoz requested members review the agenda. The Committee made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Moved: Jesus Medina **Seconded: Harold McIntyre** **Motion: Passed**

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of March 26, 2026

Members reviewed the minutes of March 26, 2026, and there were no changes. It was noted that the minutes reflect the next meeting location as FDOH-MDC, however, the location change happened after the meeting, so the minutes properly reflect the location as announced at the time. Ms. Muñoz called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2026, as presented.
Moved: Harold McIntyre **Seconded: Jesus Medina** **Motion: Passed**

VII. Reports

- **Membership**

Ms. Munoz announced that all meeting packets include the revised Committee Application and the flyer for the new mentoring process. All committees are in need of Ryan White client members.

- **Partnership**

Staff announced that the Partnership Report of Approved Motions is posted online and includes additional contingency planning actions in response to the ADAP funding crisis. Members were reminded that the approved motions for contingency planning will only be implemented if needed, depending on the outcome of ADAP funding deliberations, which will not be known until the end of June.

VIII. Standing Business

- **Miami-Dade County HIV Prevention Workgroups – Updates and Calls to Action!**

Prevention Workgroup leaders reviewed highlights of their group's activities and calls to action.

- **2027-2031 Integrated Plan Development**

Members read the results of the Integrated Plan Development Prevention Survey aloud and discussed what points should be included in the Situational Analysis section of the 2027-2031 Integrated Plan. Below is an overview of discussions.

1. These are the current HIV prevention strategies for reducing new HIV transmission in Miami-Dade County. Which are the five most effective strategies?

- **Free condoms:** It should be noted that FDOH-MDC can still distribute condoms at events though they can no longer mail condoms. Also, providers do report to FDOH-MDC on their condom distribution efforts. Some providers use 340B rebates to purchase condoms.

2. What are the top five challenges and threats to effective HIV prevention in Miami–Dade County?

   - **Lack of transportation or other geographical barriers:** This is also being impacted by Ryan White Program funding cuts.
   - **Stigma, as a barrier to PrEP:** HRSA and NIH have a stigma mitigation collaborative which may have resources that can be used locally. Those in the community who have experienced stigma are the ones who need to be heard. Education is key to combating stigma.
   - **Insufficient testing opportunities:** This is made more difficult since there are also less funded providers.

3. What are the three most important HIV prevention needs to be addressed in the 2027–2031 HIV Prevention and Care Integrated Plan for Miami-Dade County?

   - **Providing age-appropriate sexual health education in schools:** Members discussed the legislative challenges to HIV testing and PrEP access and the impacts of Parental Rights in Education Act. There are still Healthy Teen Expos and mobile units which provide testing to youth. However, there are concerns over parental access to minor's electronic health records. Also, there is no support from the Miami-Dade County Public School system to promote sexual health education. Some Business Responds to AIDS participants have been effective in promoting condom distribution.

4. What are the three best strategies to improve PrEP awareness, access, and use in Miami-Dade County?

   - **Educating all people in Miami-Dade County about HIV:** FDOH-MDC provides education though Academic Detailing program, the PrEP Workgroup, and 500/501 HIV training. Also, the FDOH-MDC HIV Capacity Development Academy, co-sponsored by Gilead and ViiV, is a three-session training opportunity that provides certification. Having a simplified one-page fact sheet would be beneficial.
   - **Providing culturally and linguistically appropriate educational materials that are easy to understand:** This is not supported on a state or federal level.

IX. New Business

- **Florida Comprehensive Planning Network Nominations**

Members were polled for interest in joining the Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN). Jamie Marques is seated as the Prevention Representative. There was a vacancy for FCPN Prevention Alternate. Two candidates, Crystal Lopez and Jesus Medina were placed on the ballot. Members heard from both candidates and completed their ballots. Staff tallied the ballots and announced the selected candidate as Ms. Lopez. Members voted to approve Ms. Lopez for the FCPN Prevention Alternate.

Motion to approve Crystal Lopez as the FCPN Prevention Alternate.
Moved: Jesus Medina **Seconded: Virginia Muñoz** **Motion: Passed**

Staff will assist with onboarding paperwork. FDOH-MDC will also put forward a local health department Representative and Alternate.

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

There were no announcements.

XI. Next Meeting

Ms. Lopez announced the next meeting is the Joint Integrated Plan Review Team on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Florida Department of Health-Health District Center. Members should expect to see a complete draft of the Integrated Plan and make final recommendations before the Plan goes to the Partnership for approval on June 1. As a reminder, the Plan is due to HRSA by June 30.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Muñoz called the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.