

Central Florida HIV Planning Council

World AIDS Day (WAD) Workgroup Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2025

Call to Order: The World AIDS Day Workgroup was called to order by the Workgroup Chair, Rene Cotto-Lewis at 2:05 PM via Webex.

Participants Present (all via Teleconference): Rene Cotto-Lewis, Charlie Wright, Pedro Huertas-Diaz, Sueanne Vazquez

PCS Staff Present: David Bent, Whitney Marshall, Laura Perez

Approval of the Agenda:	The workgroup reviewed the meeting agenda and approved it as presented.
Approval of the October 30 Minutes:	The workgroup reviewed the October 30 minutes and approved them as presented. PCS will correct the date.
Open the floor for Public Comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no public comments.• PCS did not receive any comment cards.
New Business:	<p>Final Event Flow Review and Updates</p> <p>David Bent informed the committee that the award recipient for the Lifetime Achievement Award declined the nomination. David will follow up to clarify and confirm, and if they truly do not want the award, it will go to the individual with the second-highest number of votes for the category. In the future, all potential award recipients will be notified at the nomination stage in order to avoid this possibility. PCS will be reaching out to all nominees to confirm their attendance at the event and to inform the recipients that they have won.</p> <p>Whitney Marshall gave a final overview of the event flow, and PCS provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCS received a video from the Orange County Mayor with the county & city proclamations.• PCS is still waiting to hear from an Orlando city representative to see who will be presenting the physical proclamation on the city's behalf.• A draft of the script for the host has been created. The event host will be Monica May.• Regarding the event flow, the history of WAD will be part of the welcome and opening remarks, and the event agenda will be updated to reflect this change.• HFUW did reach out to Anna Eskamani to have her speak at the event, but there is no guarantee that she will be able to attend the entire event as there are conflicting events on the same day, so she

