

Central Florida HIV Planning Council

World AIDS Day (WAD) Workgroup Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2026

Call to Order: The World AIDS Day Workgroup was called to order by the Planning Council Support Coordinator, Laura Perez at 2:05 PM via Webex.

Participants Present (via teleconference): Iradarnell Westbrook, Kara Williams, AJ Johnson, Jenna Rice, Sarah Southern, Claudia Yabrudy, Pedro Huertas-Diaz

PCS Staff Present: Whitney Marshall, Laura Perez, Nishika Stafford

Approval of the Agenda:	The workgroup reviewed the meeting agenda and approved it as presented.
Approval of the November 14 Minutes:	The workgroup reviewed the November 14 minutes and approved them as presented.
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>Recap of 2025 Event The workgroup discussed the pros and cons of last year's event. Some of the positive impressions shared were of the venue, the quilt displays, the ribbon ofrenda, the programming, and the musical performance by the Jr. Co-Chair of the Planning Council. Some of the negatives shared included the length of the line for the food, the availability of seating, the room temperature, and the lack of available bathrooms.</p> <p>Planning and Direction of 2026 In response to Orange County Government's rules preventing voting online, the workgroup discussed whether to begin to have workgroup meetings held in person with a quorum requirement or to instead have the CFHPC Membership & Engagement Committee absorb the workgroup's duties. After some discussion, the workgroup reached a consensus to have the Membership & Engagement Committee absorb the workgroup's duties starting in May. To continue to allow guest participation, the workgroup suggested clearly defined portions of the Membership & Engagement meeting agendas that will be open to public feedback.</p> <p>Within the context of the current political and funding landscape, the workgroup discussed ways to scale down the size and cost of this year's event while still honoring the significance of World AIDS Day and allowing a space for the community to reflect and honor those whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS. The discussion included the following suggestions:</p>

