

## 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

<b>Approval of the Agenda:</b>	The workgroup reviewed the meeting agenda and approved it as presented.
<b>Approval of the November 14 Minutes:</b>	The workgroup reviewed the November 14 minutes and approved them as presented.
<b>Open the floor for Public Comment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There were no public comments.</li><li>• PCS did not receive any comment cards.</li></ul>
<b>New Business:</b>	<p><b>Recap of 2025 Event</b> 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><b>Planning and Direction of 2026</b> 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 &amp; Engagement Committee absorb the workgroup's duties. After some discussion, the workgroup reached a consensus to have the Membership &amp; 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 &amp; 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>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of the quilts with the history of World AIDS Day</li> <li>• Small bites/appetizers instead of a full dinner</li> <li>• Serving the food after programming as people leave</li> <li>• Have a playlist with soft background music rather than hiring a DJ</li> <li>• Seeking people willing to donate their time to perform</li> <li>• Having rows of chairs instead of large tables</li> <li>• Shorter programming to still include the quilt ceremony, proclamations, and awards for community members</li> <li>• Exploring use of the same venue as last year's event</li> <li>• Having the event on December 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Event Sponsorship Pack Overview</b> As part of its discussion, the workgroup recommended that the call for sponsors go out earlier in the year than it did last year and also recommended lowering the dollar amounts for each sponsorship tier.</p>
<b>Announcements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive Assistance is partnering with EBON Temple to host an International AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. More info at: <a href="http://ebontemplechurch.org/services-2/">http://ebontemplechurch.org/services-2/</a></li> <li>• The next Membership &amp; Engagement Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM is 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• The next Integrated Plan Ad Hoc Committee meeting is Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM</li> <li>• The next Ryan White Community Meeting is on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM at Heart of Florida United Way</li> </ul>

<b>Action Items</b>	
<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>IW</b>	Invite 4 Rivers contact to the April RWCM
<b>Adjournment:</b>	2:55 PM

Prepared by: Laura Perez Date: 4/20/2026

Approved by:  Date: 5/12/2026