

**CAB Conference Call
February 22, 2024
12:00 ET
Meeting Minutes**

Participants:

Andrea	Jacobi Medical Center
Antoinette	University of Miami
Chitara	Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital
Claire	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Eduardo	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Exzavia	Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Ft. Lauderdale
Falon	University of Colorado, Denver
Gena	University of Miami, Florida
Jackie	Westat
Jennifer	
Karim	Westat
Kate	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Kim	Texas Children’s Hospital
Liz	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Lorena	University of Miami
Mandy	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Raiko	University of Colorado, Denver
Rosalva	UCSD
Tameka	St. Jude Children Research Hospital

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the January call were approved with no changes.

• **ICEBREAKER**

Mandy led the icebreaker.

• **SPACES FOR SELF-CARE**

Eduardo led the space for self-care.

• **CREATIVE PROJECTS: PROJECT POSITIVE WALK-THROUGH**

Mandy explained that Project Positive website is a creative multimedia hub to showcase all the community work that is done in the PHACS network. The website focus is to engage the general public and people related to PHACS. She mentioned that this website will be completely anonymous, no one needs an account to browse through the website.

Mandy presented pages on the website:

- Interactive timeline 40+ years

- It has information about HIV/AIDS Research in the US.
- It is divided into 4 categories:
 - Research – big milestones in science, development of medications.
 - Art – that has happened over the last 40 years.
 - Advocacy – movements of advocacy in different levels.
 - PHACS voices – History of PHACS, role of the network in HIV research.
- Timeline has different media: reports, videos.
- Creative HUB will house HECC materials, including a comic series titled “Legacy of Ryan White” and a photovoice section with their narrative.
- Events: possibility of hosting virtual events.
- Soft launch of the Project Positive website will happen in Spring. People involved in PHACS will be invited to view it.

CAB members comments:

- **Chitara** likes the interactive timeline and the colors on the webpages and said it is a beautiful website. She asked how people will access the website.
 - **Mandy** explained that the website will be in the public domain, so anyone can access it.
 - **Chitara** mentioned that the website is a great tool for teaching others.
- **Falon** suggested a brighter font in each of the facts on the timeline.
- **Kim** likes the diversity of the pictures and the colors of the timeline. She explained that the website could be used as a recruitment tool.
- **Mandy** mentioned that the website is focused on research. However, it will include fun activities and fun ways to educate people.
 - **Kim** suggested an adult version of Coco or using the butterfly of the HOPE study to explain HIV research.

- **DISCUSSION: AGENDA INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP (AIDS CONFERENCE)**

Kate explained she coordinates a seminar related to children and adolescents who are HIV exposed and uninfected. The seminar is conducted in conjunction with the International Aids Society Meeting. This meeting happens in July every year. To plan the seminar, there’s a small committee that gets direction from the International Aids Society, World Health Organization and UNICEF. The committee presented a proposed agenda. However, the organizations suggested that parents and adolescents should be involved in the planning. **Kate** asked the CAB members which topics should be discussed during the seminar. They are most interested in topics about families affected by HIV and/or children and adolescents who are HIV exposed and uninfected.

CAB members comments:

- **Chitara** suggested outreach to children and adolescents focused on prevention (e.g., protected sex).
- **Kim** mentioned that there are other diseases that affect people who have lived with the HIV virus for a long time.
 - **Chitara** noted that another important topic would be the impact of other diseases on people's body in the long term.
 - **Kim** added that sometimes symptoms are not caused by the HIV, instead it could be another disease.
- **Rosalva** suggested the topic of stigma when people lose a family member due to complications of HIV.
- **Kim** mentioned that babies exposed to ARV medication could have predisposition to diabetes, heart disease or other diseases.
- **Chitara** indicated that the SMARTT study looks at the side effects of exposure to ARV medication on children until 10 yrs. old. However, children exposed to ARV medication could have side effects after 10 yrs. Maybe, they develop the condition later in life.
- **Tameka** suggested behavior and adaptation to education in kids who are HIV exposed and uninfected.

Claire will send a Qualtrics survey to the CAB members with questions about which topics should be discussed in the seminar.

NOTE: The next CAB call will be on March 28, 2024, at 12:00 PM ET.