

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Executive Board
Monday, March 9, 2026

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present (16)	1. Dr. Cristina Brito, United Way Miami (Executive Board Co-Chair) 2. Robert Hill, American Heart Association (Executive Board Co-Chair) 3. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships 4. Nicole Marriott, Health Council of South Florida 5. Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green 6. Leyanee Perez, American Healthy Weight Alliance, Inc. 7. Cynthia Umana, West Kendall Baptist Hospital 8. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 9. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 10. Lymari Rivera, Mount Sinai Eldercare PACE 11. Dennise Nicola, Florida PACE Centers 12. Praveena Saxena, Florida Department of Health In Miami-Dade County 13. Teara Jackson, UHP 14. Olga Tomasello, UHP 15. Dr. Andrea Iglesias, UHP 16. Arely Lozano Cantu, UHP	
Welcome and Introductions	The Executive Board's March 2026 meeting was held virtually and brought to order by Mr. Robert Hill at 10:05 a.m. All members of the committees introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.	
Approval of Minutes	The committee approved the February 2026 meeting minutes with a motion from Nicole Marriott and a second from Nattaliah Earle.	
2026 Executive Board Meeting Schedule Reminder	Dr. Cristina Brito reminded the Executive Board of the 2026 meeting scheduled and reviewed the in-person meeting dates. The meeting room for all in-person meetings has been reserved, and the next meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Monday, April 13 th , 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	
Executive Board's Community Role	Dr. Cristina Brito and Robert Hill led and continued the conversation with the Executive Board on the Consortium's role as it relates to the community, optimal health, and factors that impact overall health. • Dr. Brito shared that the discussions regarding food security are still ongoing and that United Way is currently working on a flyer to advertise a new initiative. United	

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& Optimal Health Updates Consortium Strategic Plan & Executive Board	Way received a grant that focuses on providing financial assistance to those who face barriers to care due to social, economic, and environmental factors. The grant can provide individuals in need with \$1,500 to cover the costs of housing, transportation, utilities, or food. The awardee process is being handled through United Way's Center for Financial Stability. Additionally, through the Center for Financial Stability, individuals who experience barriers to care may also receive \$500 toward the cost of a prescription or medical bill. For any questions or concerns, please reach out to United Way's Financial Stability center. Virtual appointments are also available. • Robert shared that the Food and Nutrition for All Collaborative had kicked off the funding from the Quest Foundation. More Details to come as they are available. • The American Heart Association (AHA), through Food and Nutrition for All, will be gathering a baseline evaluation and overall evaluation for the food pantries that there are currently supporting. The food pantries will then be put into a cohort for the next round of engagement. • AHA is also looking to expand and support food pantry infrastructure via refrigeration or shelving to pantries they have not yet worked with. • Additionally, Robert shared that Miami-Dade College Wolfson campus, which is the largest population of unhoused individuals served within the state of Florida, will be partnering with AHA to receive funding for their food pantry. • Leyanee shared that AHWA received a large donation of food items last week that they were able to share with Food Rescue. AHWA continues to support their partners. • Robert shared that there may potentially be food security issues in the fall. During this meeting, the Board members present reviewed the brainstorm notes and drafted Executive Board work plan and Consortium Strategic work plan to determine if there were more suggestions to add. Updates were made to the work plan workshop regarding PSE changes in the 2025-2030 CHIP Priority Areas. The next Executive Board meeting will finalize and make a motion to approve the Executive Board work plan and Consortium Strategic work plan.
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Work Plan Workshop		
UHP Presentation	The board had a presentation by Urban Health Partnerships provided by Dr. Andrea Iglesias and Olga Tomasello. Dr. Andrea and Olga provided an overview of their Community-Driven Health Planning Initiative and discussed potentially collaborating with the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade. The Executive Board will continue discussing in a future meeting.	
New Business Bylaws Review & Grant/Funding Opportunity Process Discussion Future Policy Update from Legislative Session Miami-Dade County Commission for Women	Dr. Brito and Mr. Hill shared a Save the Date with the Executive Board members that during our next meeting, as a group, we will continue reviewing and revising the Consortium Bylaws. It was highlighted that the Consortium has received various funding requests, letters of support, and potential funding opportunities over the last year. The Co-Chairs would like to discuss this process with the Board as well as with DOH-Miami-Dade. Some of these discussion items include timeline of request; approvals needed from the Board and DOH. Regarding legislative highlights, Robert shared that in the next 1-2 months, the board will discuss legislative health updates. There will be a special session in April in Tallahassee to discuss the halting of property taxes and the various avenues it would affect such as childcare, policing, fire rescue, libraries etc. The AHA is working towards receiving CPR funding and providing blood pressure cuffs to those who are on Medicaid or any type of plan or policy in the state. Robert also discussed the potential halt of property taxes and the effect that it could have on childcare, fire rescue, libraries, etc. There will be a special session in April. The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women completed an annual review to determine what needs and issues need to be addressed. A recommendation from the Commission is that they collaborate with the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade and DOH-Miami-Dade to address issues related to maternal child health. Further logistics will be determined later and the plan will be sent out to the Executive Board.	
Marketing & Membership Updates	The Marketing and Membership update was provided by Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi. Nancy shared that talking points were published and shared with the Executive Board and their committees which showcases the Consortium. Designed materials are also in the process of being printed. She also shared that the we are continuing to work with IT to keep the Consortium website updated. If the Board members notice any updates or edits needed, please send them to their committee liaison to work with IT to update.	

DOH Programmatic Updates	Mrs. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi shared DOH Programmatic Updates for the Office of Community Health and Planning with the Executive Board. She shared that there are funding changes that are occurring, and DOH-Miami-Dade is working locally with partners to ensure that populations are served.	
Partner Updates	UHP: UHP is planning to have an Age Friendly Initiative Capacity Building Event between May 17th and 23rd. Local Commissioners will attend this event. Details are forthcoming. West Kendall Baptist: In honor of water safety month, WKB will be hosting a Splash Day event on May 17th, 2026, located at Little Swimmers in West Kendall. Flyer details are forthcoming. Florida PACE Centers: Dennise shared two upcoming events. The Latino Center on Aging will be hosting a conference focusing on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease awareness to senior citizens on May 13th, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Further details are forthcoming. The Elder Affairs Advisory Board will be hosting a Senior Healthcare fair on April 30, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Details are also forthcoming. United Way Miami: The University of Miami will be hosting a Community Partner Engagement tabling/networking event for MPH and Doctoral students interested in internships. This event will be held on April 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If your organization is interested in having interns or anyone who may want to work on their capstone project, please reach out to Cristina, so that she may provide an E-intro. American Health Association: The American Heart Association will be kicking off the Cardio Kidney Metabolic Health Initiative with 5 FQHCs as the Diabetes Initiative will wrap up this year. The initiative focuses on engagement through different populations within the public school system.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be virtually on Monday, April 13 th , 2026, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.	