

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Health and the Built Environment Committee
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (11)	1. Cynthia Umana, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Chair) 2. Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green (Vice-Chair) 3. Tara Auclair, SSJ Health Foundation 4. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 5. Sandra Echeverry-Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 6. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 7. Rob Collins, Miami Foundation 8. Carmen Ramos 9. Khamai Simpson 10. Wren Ruiz, Urban Health Partnerships 11. Trudy Gaillard	
Welcome and Introductions	The Health and the Built Environment Committee meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade was brought to order at 10:04 a.m. by Cynthia Umana and Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.	
Approval of Minutes	A motion to approve the November 2025 HBE meeting minutes was made by Candice Schottenloher and seconded by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.	
Executive Board Update	Cynthia Umana and Barbara Martinez-Guerrero provided the Executive Board. The Board met in-person on Monday, December 8, 2025. The Board hosted their annual potluck and discussed the Consortium Strategic Plan and Executive Board workshop. Additionally discussed during this meeting was the 2026 meeting schedule and Consortium Bylaws Review.	
Previous Action Items HBE Committee 2025-2030 Work Plan	During this meeting, the Health and the Built Environment Committee 2025-2030 had the Work Plan Development Workshop results to determine where partners are most aligned in the new priority areas. The committee also discussed goals and how those goals align with the drafted workplan.	
New Business HBE 2026 Meeting Schedule	The Health and the Built Environment (HBE) Committee members present reviewed the 2026 meeting schedule. The committee meets every second Tuesday bi-monthly virtually via Microsoft Teams from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cynthia shared that The Underline is currently a finalist for the USDA marketing grant to promote local farmers and asked the board to consider supporting the promotion of healthy eating initiative.	

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Partner Updates	Partner updates were shared on behalf of the Health and the Built Environment Committee members: Dream in Green: Barbara Martinez-Guerrero shared that Dream in Green is currently working with Miami-Dade County to input free workshops in various locations. The workshops focus on conservation as it relates to energy efficiency, water conservation, and waste reduction. The presentations are about 45 minutes long and provide toolkits to participants. The workshops are available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. West Kendall Baptist: Cynthia Umana shared that West Kendall Baptist held the adopt a highway event on January 19th and February 16th.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m. The next Health and the Built Environment Committee meeting will be hosted virtually on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, from 10 to 11 a.m.	