

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Health and the Built Environment Committee
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (16)	1. Cynthia Umana, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Chair) 2. Tara Auclair, SSJ Health Foundation 3. Shara Johnson, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 4. Sheila Gutierrez, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens 5. Joyce Granda, Jackson Health System 6. Hilda Gabby Alvarado, Florida Community Care 7. Natouchka Murray, Florida Department of Health 8. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health 9. Luz Gallardo, St. John Bosco Clinic 10. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 11. Rob Collins, Miami Foundation 12. Emily Jones, University of Florida 13. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami 14. Zuzer Calero, University of Miami 15. Kevin Walford, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) 16. Alexandra Scroggin, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)	
Welcome and Introductions	The Health and the Built Environment Committee meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade was brought to order at 10:00 a.m. by Cynthia Umana.	
Approval of Minutes	A motion to approve the March 2026 HBE meeting minutes was made by Natouchka Murray and seconded by Camille Simpson.	
Executive Board Update	Cynthia Umana provided the Executive Board updates. The Board met in person on May 11, 2026. The Board also continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health. The Executive Board reviewed the Consortium Strategic Plan and added Consortium objectives to the healthy weight/physical activity, and nutrition priority area. During this meeting, the Workplan was finalized and approved by the Board. The Board discussed the finalized bylaws and reviewed the Letter of support electronic form process. The Bylaws have been sent to Legal for review and will be uploaded to the Consortium website once available.	

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Previous Action Items HBE Committee 2025-2030 Work Plan 2025-2030 CHIP Priority Areas HBE 2026 Presentation Sign-Up	- During this meeting, the committee provided an update on the HBE Committee's 2025–2030 Work Plan. The committee discussed the development of clear, actionable strategies to support member participation and advance committee priorities. Additional work on the action steps will continue prior to the next meeting, with recommendations to be presented for committee review and input. - Brief review of the 2025-2030 CHIP priority areas: 1. Access to Care, 2. Chronic Disease Prevention, 3. Behavioral & Mental Health, 4. Maternal Child Health and 5. Healthy Weight/Physical Activity/Nutrition. - The HBE 2026 Meeting Schedule Reminder and Presentation Sign-Up were reviewed and discussed.	
New Business 2026 The Underline Conservancy Partnership-Farmer's Market	The Farmers' Market initiative is currently being revamped, with plans to relaunch in the fall. Additional details will be shared once finalized. Committee members were encouraged to participate in the initiative, and a promotional email and sign-up opportunity will be distributed to support volunteer recruitment. They will be hosting about 24 market days in 2026. (Possibly one every other week).	
Partner Updates	Partner updates were shared on behalf of the Health and the Built Environment Committee Members: Community Connections Spotlight: The St. John Bosco Clinic and Emergency Room Diversion Program, presented by Tara Auclair of the SSJ Health Foundation, was featured during today's meeting. Committee members were encouraged to contact the HBE Committee Liaison if they had questions or wished to be connected with the presenter for additional information or follow-up. West Kendall Baptist: Cynthia Umana shared that West Kendall Baptist will be hosting Splash Day on May 17, 2026, at Little Swimmers in honor of Water Safety Month. Also, committee members were invited to attend Splashing Safely: Water Safety Tips for Children with Autism, an in-person and virtual event for parents and caregivers of children with autism. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 20th, at the West Kendall Regional Library, with a hybrid option available for those unable to attend in person. Swimming scholarships will also be available, providing families with an opportunity to access swimming lessons and water safety resources. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)- Shara Johnson shared that the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be hosting its annual walk on Saturday, May 16th, at Loan Depot Park. Information, including the registration link, was shared with committee members. The event is	

	expected to attract more than 3,000 participants and provides an opportunity to promote mental health awareness and community engagement. Vizcaya Museum & Gardens- Sheila Gutierrez shared that she serves as the Agriculture and Market Programs Manager at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, where she oversees agriculture education initiatives. She highlighted the organization's pilot farm, which provides students with opportunities to learn about the farm-to-table food cycle. Sheila also discussed plans to launch a teaching kitchen within the next year to support cooking and wellness education. Additionally, she provided information about Vizcaya's Farmers Market, held every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., as well as a monthly evening market held on the second Thursday of each month. Jackson Health System: Joyce Granda shared that she serves as the Director of Population Health at Jackson Health System. She oversees programs that support uninsured and underinsured patients by connecting them to healthcare services and resources. Joyce highlighted the work of care teams and case managers who assist patients both during hospitalization and in outpatient settings, particularly those with high-risk chronic conditions. She also shared that the program helps connect patients to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), free clinics, the Jackson Card program, and other community-based resources and services. Florida Community Care: Hilda Gabby Alvarado shared that she serves in community outreach for Florida Community Care, a Medicaid health plan. She highlighted her commitment to supporting the community by connecting individuals with available resources and services and encouraged members to reach out for assistance as needed. Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO): Kevin Walford and Alexandra Scroggin shared information about the Miami-Dade TPO and its ongoing efforts to support active transportation initiatives. Alexandra highlighted her role as Mobility Planner I and Coordinator of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, which meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Committee members were encouraged to learn more about opportunities to support bicycle and pedestrian mobility throughout Miami-Dade County.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m. The next Health and the Built Environment Committee meeting will be hosted virtually on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 10 to 11 a.m.	