

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting August 19, 2025 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
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	Virtual Via the Microsoft Teams Platform	
	1. Chair: Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance	
	2. Vice Chair: Robert Hill, American Heart Association	
	3. Vicki Zou, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison)	
	4. Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	5. Susan Kennedy, Health Council South Florida	
	6. Simone Cheong, West Kendall Baptist Hospital	
	7. Sandra Echeverry-Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	8. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	9. Doris Yamilet Ramos, Health Council South Florida	
	10. Natalie Gray, Pharm. D.	
	11. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	12. Rebeca Capogreco, WellMed Charitable Foundation	
	13. Natalie Anderson, Nicklaus Children's Health System	
Membership	14. Cindy Perez, Florida International University	
Total (43)	15. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami	
	16. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	17. Julie Katz, Nicklaus Children's Health System	
	18. Sarah Rodriguez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	19. Shannon Charles, Epilepsy Alliance Florida	
	20. Michelle Espinosa, United Way Miami	
	21. Maritza Mendoza, Alliance for Aging, Inc.	
	22. Sandra Delgado, YMCA of South Florida	
	23. Armando Morales, Assisting Hands Home Care	
	24. Dana Klein, Gheorg	
	25. Hayly Ojeda, Hope For Miami	
	26. Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network	
	27. Emilia Solano, YMCA of South Florida	
	28. Tara Auclair, The Clearwater Project	
	29. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships	
	30. Tiffany Albury, University of Miami	
	31. Jair Espinoza, City of Miami	
	32. Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna	
	33. Triana Abel, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience and Aging	



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	34. Jesenia Angeles, Cosmica Consulting	
	35. Melody Velez, United Healthcare	
	36. Marly Hernandez, Barbara Goleman Senior High School	
	37. Danay Rodriguez-Arritola, Larkin Community Hospital	
	38. Carmen Ramos-Watson, B/Adaptable	
	39. Edeline Mondestin, Center For Self Sufficiency	
	40. Ruth Edouard, La Coupe Joseph Farm Project Inc.	
	41. Alejandra Godoy, Agape Network	
	42. Alecia Tramel-McIntyre, Positive People Network Inc.	
	43. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
Welcome and	The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade	
Introductions	meeting was brought to order at 2:01 p.m. by Vicki Zou.	
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Approval of	There was a motion to approve the July 2025 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention meeting minutes by	
Minutes	Simone Cheong and the motion was seconded by Dr. Natalie Gray.	
Executive Board	The Executive Board Updates were provided by Leyanee Perez.	
Update	• The Executive Board recently met virtually on Monday, August 11, 2025. The Board had two	
	important presentations by NAMI Miami-Dade County and the Florida Health Justice.	
	• The 22 nd Annual Consortium Event & Worksite Wellness Awards will be on Friday, September	
	19th, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment in Hialeah.	
	• Registration is required; more details will be provided once registration is open. For sponsorship	
	information, please contact Leyanee Perez (<u>Leyanee.Perez@americanhealthyweight.org</u>) and Kate	
	Edelson (<u>Kate@namimiami.org</u>).	
	• The Event Planning Taskforce has been meeting since April to plan the event. If you are interested	
	in being on the Taskforce, let Candice know so you can be added to the listserv.	
	The Board has approved the digital brochure as well as DOH Communications. This is now going	
	to be shared with the Consortium members to invite new members and interested partners to join the	
	Consortium. There were also discussions once approved, to translate in Spanish and Creole. (Share	
	screen of brochure and invite email.)	
	The Board also continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health.	
Member Spotlight	This month's member spotlight was for Dr. Natalie Gray from Larkin University and Miami Rescue	
Presentations	Pharmacy who shared about the Caring Place Clinics and Shelters where faculty and practitioners from	
	Larkin University serve in conjunction at a Caring Place Clinic to help serve the community and provide	
	instruction for students and faculty. Currently, there are two locations, which both offer healthcare, housing,	
	and employment services for the unhoused, uninsured, and underinsured. Miami Rescue Mission Clinic is	
	located in Miami and is a center for adult men; it is predominantly a shelter, but it also has a clinic attached	



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Previous Action Items	to it, where individuals facing housing dilemmas come through to ensure that they are healthy and don't have any transmissible diseases. The Caring Place Broward Outreach Center is located in Hollywood and mainly houses adult men and women but also accepts children. They are always looking for donations and trying to expand through pharmaceutical partnerships to provide medications and immunizations. Larkin University houses graduate programs that prepare students to go into other programs, such as pharmacy, dentistry or medical school, and collaborates with Miami Rescue Mission Clinic and The Caring Place Broward Outreach Center to take care individuals' medical needs. For further information, please reach out to Dr. Natalie Gray at NGray@larkin.edu. The committee continued the conversation on the CHIP indicator of using push notifications on cell phones, aiming to continue addressing it as the new plan is being developed.	
Recognition of Improved Performance	Leyanee Perez shared that the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee has had the highest attendance and popularity among all the committees in the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade. Last meeting, we had 46 members attend and had good participation during the meeting. We also have all the member spotlights booked for the year. Engagement during the Partner Updates section of the meetings is also high. Thank you to all the committee members for joining and participating in the monthly meetings.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	 The committee continued the conversation on working to identify evidence-based practices to share with the community. Robert Hill gave an overview on the Mayor's Food and Nutrition For All Initiative. As shared before, the Initiative was vetoed as a large amount was removed from the state budget. In the meantime, we will continue to work to develop innovative strategies and bring resources to the community through collaborations and other funded initiatives, such as working with a consulting company to gather data about what we need from the community, how we can better share it, what can be made more accessible, and who we need to work with more intentionally. Leyanee Perez shared that we continue to receive donations from the National Supermarket Association, specifically the Broward supermarkets. One recent opportunity is opening up in the For Pierce area; they are looking to expand donations to that area. 	
New Business	The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade will be hosting the 22 nd Annual Consortium Event & Worksite Wellness Awards. This event will take place on Friday, September 19, 2025, at the Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to attend this event is \$75.00. The link for the tickets will be sent out soon. Leyanee Perez shared that sponsorship packages have been sent out. We are currently looking for sponsors, so if anyone would like to sponsor the event or know an organization that would like to sponsor the event, please reach out to Leyanee Perez via email at lp7777@msn.com .	
Partner Updates	Tiffinie Bratcher shared that City of Homestead is hosting their Community Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Phichol Willliams Community	



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	Center. Tickets can be found here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-homesteads-community-	
	health-wellness-fair-tickets-1538139760429	
	 Tiffinie Bratcher shared NAMI Miami-Dade is hosting their Pathways to Hope Conference on 	
	Friday, August 22, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 10 a.m. to	
	1:30 p.m. at Florida Memorial University (FMU). To register, visit	
	www.Bit.ly/NAMIMiamiPTH25.	
	 Jair Espinoza from City of Miami shared about the Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value, an 	
	employer-led research and education organization that brings together benefits leaders and	
	healthcare stakeholders to develop and implement innovative improvements in healthcare, cost,	
	quality, transparency, and safety in Florida. For more information or interest in becoming a	
	member, please visit the website here: www.flhealthvalue.org. Jair also shared about the State and	
	Local Government Benefits Association (SALGBA), a national organization whose purpose is to	
	provide its members with educational and collaborative support; this organization is for those who	
	have access to municipal or governmental entities.	
	• Tiffany Albury shared that University of Miami is hosting their 2025 4th Annual Sylvester Cancer	
	Survivorship Symposium on October 29-30, 2025, at The Ritz Carlton, Coconut Grove. The	
	registration link can be found here: https://umiamihealth.org/sylvester-comprehensive-cancer-	
	center/research/survivorship-research-at-sylvester/sylvester-cancer-survivorship-symposium.	
	 Dayamyra Perez Fernandez from the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County shared 	
	about the Journey to Wellness Rx Prescription, a non-pharmaceutical prescription that encourages	
	physical activity and healthy living to help with weight and chronic disease management. To	
	request the Journey to Wellness Rx prescription pads, visit the website here:	
	https://www.healthymiamidade.org/forms/journey-to-wellness-rx-green-prescription-request-	
	<u>form.html</u> or contact Dayamyra Perez Fernandez at <u>Dayamyra.Perezfernandez@flhealth.gov</u> .	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. The next Health Promotion and Disease Prevention committee	
	meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday , October 21 , 2025 , from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30	
	p.m.	