

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (45)	<p style="text-align: center;">Virtual Via the Microsoft Teams Platform</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Simone Cheong, West Kendall Baptist Hospital 5. Tara Auclair, SSJ Health Foundation 6. Gordon Dickinson, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine 7. Olivia Decastro, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 8. Angela-Perla Almodovar, Early Childhood Initiative of America 9. Nakeisha Hendricks, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 10. Natalie Anderson, Nicklaus Children's Health System 11. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 12. Ryan Patrick Macdonald, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 13. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 14. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami 15. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 16. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 17. Julie Katz, Nicklaus Children's Health System 18. Michelle, Hope For Miami Project Bridge (Intern) 19. Dana Klein, Gheorg 20. Tiffany Albury, University of Miami 21. Kayla Greene, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center 22. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 23. Cindy Perez, Florida International University 24. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 25. Paulina Garcia Owens, University of Miami 26. Natouchka Murray, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 27. Kenya Snowden, SASC Health and Wellness 28. Jennifer DeGruccio, Parkinson's Foundation 29. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 30. Lina Menendez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida 31. Simisola Olowodola, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 32. Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 33. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 	

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	<p>34. Cynthia Umana, Baptist Health South Florida 35. Lucette Talamas, Baptist Health South Florida 36. Benjamin Eliansky, HCA Aventura Healthcare 37. Emily Jones, University of Florida 38. Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network 39. Stacey Silver, Mom's Meals 40. Anthoni Llau, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 41. Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna/CVS Health 42. Philene Toledo, Home Heart Florida 43. Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic School of Medicine 44. Alejandra Godoy, Agape Network 45. Zuzer Calero, University of Miami</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade meeting was brought to order at 2:03 p.m. by Vicki Zou.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the December 2025 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention meeting minutes by Simone Cheong and the motion was seconded by Candice Schottenloher.	
Executive Board Update	<p>The Executive Board Updates were provided by Leyanee Perez.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Board last met in-person at the Health Council of South Florida on Monday, December 8, 2025. January's Board meeting was cancelled. • During the December meeting, they hosted their annual holiday potluck with a White Elephant gift exchange. • The Board over the last couple of months has been brainstorming and discussing ideas for the 2025-2030 Consortium Strategic Plan and Executive Board work plan. They have reviewed accomplishments for Executive Board's 2019-2025 work plan and some of the committees Menti feedback last time which included Children Issues, Elder Issues, and Tobacco Free Workgroup. • During the December meeting, the Board worked to brainstorm and develop an activity and/or a policy, system, environmental (PSE) change initiative for each of the 2025-2030 priority areas which include, Access to Care, Chronic Disease, Behavioral & Mental Health, Maternal Child Health, and Healthy Weight/Physical Activity/Nutrition. • Additionally, the Board in February will review the Consortium Bylaws and process for grant funding and letter of support requests 	
Member Spotlight	This month's member spotlight was skipped.	
Previous Action Items	Committee members reviewed the sign-up sheet for the 2026 HPDP Member Spotlights. All months except December are currently taken.	

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Recognition of Improved Performance	HPDP Committee continues to be one of the committees with the highest number of members in attendance and plenty of engagement during the Partner Updates portion of the meetings. Last meeting, we had 43 members in attendance.	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Hill shared updates about The Food and Nutrition For All Initiative. We are approaching the milestone anniversary of the initiative. For funding, Urban Health Partnerships, as the backbone agency with funding from Quest Foundation, will be reaching out to find who will be directly supporting and receiving engagement and resources coming out of the collaborative as part of the long-term funding from Quest. There is also possibility for more funding through state appropriation, which we are hoping to get an urging at the next commission meeting. • Leyanee Perez shared updates about the food pantries. We continue to receive support from food distributors and supermarkets. One of our biggest food distributors and partners in Miami-Dade County is providing a very large donation and doing the pick-up today. • Leyanee Perez also shared about the new changes in dietary guidelines and its potential impacts and went over the 10-page guidelines document with the committee. • The committee continued with the HPDP 2025-2030 Work Plan Development, going through the results from the MentiMeter activity and labeling each of them as an activity, PSE, and/or partnership, and started looking at the drafted Work Plan. 	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Hill shared that Miami-Dade County Public Schools CPR Day is on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be 9 locations across Miami-Dade County for awareness and education on CPR as well as CPR certification. The event is open to the public. For more information, please reach out to Robert Hill at robert.hill@heart.org. • Paulina Owens Garcia shared that the University of Miami research team is currently looking to recruit for different types of studies. One of the main studies is related to endometrial cancer and is looking to enroll women that are aged 45 and older that are going through menopause. If anyone is interested in more information or would like to share flyers at your organization, please reach out to Paulina Owens Garcia at pxg532@miami.edu. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m. The next Health Promotion and Disease Prevention committee meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	