CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (34)	**Virtual Via the Microsoft Teams Platform** 1. **Chair:** Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance 2. Vicki Zou, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 3. Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 4. Simone Cheong, West Kendall Baptist Hospital 5. Rose Anderson, Larkin University 6. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 7. Benjamin Eliansky, HCA Aventura Healthcare 8. Nancy Bonise-Charlemond, Planned Parenthood South North East 9. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 10. Simisola Olowodola, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 11. Pearl James-Isler, Jessie Trice Community Health System 12. Tamia Medina, University of Miami 13. Melody Espinozacordova, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 14. Dana Klein, Gheorg 15. Shara Johnson, NAMI Miami-Dade 16. Michael Fox, Barry University 17. Lilia Bandrich, United HealthCare 18. Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic School of Medicine 19. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 20. Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna/CVS Health 21. Lina Menendez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida 22. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami 23. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 24. Tara Auclair, SSJ Health Foundation 25. Natalia Rodriguez, CREATE Kids Inc 26. Emilia Solano, YMCA of South Florida 27. Sarah Suarez, Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department 28. Christelle Cesare, The Women's Hospital at Jackson Memorial 29. Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network 30. Susan Holtzman, NAMI Miami-Dade	

	31. Trudy Gaillard, Florida International University 32. Danay Rodriguez-Arritola, Larkin Community Hospital 33. Stacey Silver, Mom's Meals 34. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
Welcome and Introductions	The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade meeting was brought to order at 2:05 p.m. by Vicki Zou.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the September 2026 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention meeting minutes by Dr. Natalie Gray, and the motion was seconded by Pearl James-Isler.	
Executive Board Update	The Executive Board Updates were provided by Zadymon Moore. • The October Executive Board meeting was held virtually on October 5, 2026. • The Board welcomed Mr. Robert Hill as he recently transitioned as the Executive Director of Greater Miami and The Keys for the American Red Cross. • The Board continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health. • The Board continued to discuss potential impacts of the important legislative updates and proposed solutions. • The Board discussed the upcoming 2027-2029 committee election cycle. Nominations for Chair and Co-Chair will commence on October 1, 2026 and conclude on October 30, 2026. The Board will announce when elections will be held once the information is finalized. • Updates to the Consortium website are still currently on hold due to the transition of the webmaster from the agency. • In lieu of attending the "Building Our Mosaic: A Miami-Dade Children's Health & Prevention Summit", the November 9, 2026, Executive Board Meeting has been canceled.	
Member Spotlight	This month's Member Spotlight was presented by community health educator Nancy Bonise-Charlemond on Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest provider of evidence-based sex education delivered by trained professionals. The organization advocates for protecting and expanding access to sexual health information and reproductive healthcare. They provide a variety of medical services, including low-cost teen medical services, abortion care, behavioral and mental health services, gender-affirming care, birth control, STI testing and treatment, and more. Nancy works in the education department, which includes health education and youth development programs such as Time For Your Teen, Peer Education: L.I.G.H.T., Rainbow Room, and a virtual education program. A free Time for Your Teen caregiver education workshop will be hosted on Wednesday, October 21, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. For questions or more information, please reach out to Nancy at nancy.bonisecharlemond@ppfl.org.	
Previous Action Items	Leyanee Perez continued to lead the discussion from the last meeting with the committee on the following Work Plan committee activities:	

	• By September 30, 2030, the committee will work to identify areas for training opportunities open to the community.
	  ○ Leyanee Perez reminded the committee about our upcoming November meeting, which will include a highly engaging training opportunity on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Beacon Suite 212 Large Conference Room. We will have our regular committee meeting followed by CPR training from the American Heart Association.
	• By September 30, 2030, the committee will work to support/promote a communications toolkit.
	  ○ Leyanee Perez shared that Arely Lozano Cantu from Urban Health Partnerships will be coming in to talk about the Food Finder during a committee meeting.	

Recognition of Improved Performance	The HPDP Committee continues to be one of the committees with the highest number of members in attendance. Last meeting, we had 39 members in attendance.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	Leyanee Perez led the discussion with the committee on the following Work Plan committee activities: • By September 30, 2030, the committee will work to support the work of the Healthy Baby Taskforce (HBT) and Children's Issues (CI) committee. • By September 30, 2030, the committee will host and/or promote educational trainings related to maternal child health. ○ Children Issues Committee and Healthy Baby Taskforce Liaison Eunice Mesumbe shared that HBT/CI meetings and updates have been shared with committee liaison Vicki Zou to find opportunities for the HPDP Committee to support. For information about CI/HBT, please reach out to Eunice at eunice.mesumbe@flhealth.gov.	
New Business	• Leyanee Perez shared with the committee that the Committee Nominations Form for the Chair and Co-Chair position has been sent out. Committee members may nominate themselves or another member. All nominees must be active members of the committee. An active member needs to have attended 50% of the meetings. The nominations will close on October 30, 2026, at 5:00 pm. • Leyanee Perez shared an update on the food pantries. We continue to receive ongoing donations to the food pantries. We received four donations from four different supermarkets this week and a large donation from a food distributor last week. Emilia Solano shared that demand is ongoing and continuing to increase, so they are always looking for more opportunities or support, including transportation resources and partners.	
Partner Updates	• Tamia Medina shared that University of Miami Health System is conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) with Health Foundation South Florida. On Wednesday, Novermber 4, they will be hosting a summit to review the data collected from the CHNA, presenting to community to ask for guidance and next steps. The registration link can be found here: https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://surveys.holleranconsult.com/s3/MiamiDadeCountyCommHSRSVP__;!!K	

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Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. The next Health Promotion and Disease Prevention committee meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**	