

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION NEEDED</b>
<b>Membership Total (53)</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual Via the Microsoft Teams Platform</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Chair:</b> Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance</li> <li>2. <b>Vice Chair:</b> Robert Hill, American Heart Association</li> <li>3. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>4. Michelle D'Ambrosio, Hope For Miami Project Bridge (Intern)</li> <li>5. Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic School of Medicine</li> <li>6. Laura Ramirez, Art Foundation for People with Disabilities</li> <li>7. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>8. Lina Menendez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida</li> <li>9. Cindy Perez, Florida International University</li> <li>10. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>11. Simisola Olowodola, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>12. Dana Klein, Gheorg</li> <li>13. Stacey Silver, Mom's Meals</li> <li>14. Sandra Garcia, Project Access Foundation</li> <li>15. Nakeisha Hendricks, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>16. Joyce Granda, Jackson Health System</li> <li>17. Kristen Meneses, Hope For Miami Project Bridge (Intern)</li> <li>18. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>19. Pearl James-Isler, Jessie Trice Community Health System</li> <li>20. Michael Mut, Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management Mosquito Control Division</li> <li>21. Tiffany Albury, University of Miami</li> <li>22. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>23. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan</li> <li>24. Carmen Ramos-Watson, B/Adaptable</li> <li>25. Sarah Rodriguez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>26. Rosa Novo, Miami-Dade County Public Schools</li> <li>27. Ana Arledge, The George Washington University MPH</li> <li>28. Nancy Bonise-Charlemond, Planned Parenthood South North East</li> <li>29. Simone Cheong, West Kendall Baptist Hospital</li> <li>30. Claire Egret, Barry University</li> <li>31. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami</li> <li>32. Eduardo Chavez JR, University of Miami</li> <li>33. Anthoni Llau, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> </ol>	

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Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

	<p>34. Nicole Aycart, Evernorth Health Services 35. Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna/CVS Health 36. Leiann Palma, Jackson Health System 37. Natalie Anderson, Nicklaus Children's Health System 38. Marie-Carmelle Lindley, Arts A L Inc. 39. Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 40. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 41. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships 42. Diana Toma, Guest 43. Cynthia Umana, Baptist Health South Florida 44. Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network 45. Jennifer Rivas, Cigna Healthcare 46. Triana Abel, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience and Aging 47. Benjamin Eliansky, HCA Aventura Healthcare 48. Melody Velez, United Healthcare Community and State 49. Christine Toledo, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing 50. Morgan Johnson, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine 51. Danay Rodriguez-Arritola, Larkin Community Hospital 52. Jose Gonzalez, Century Risk Advisor 53. Catalina Jaramillo, 305 Apple Trees</p>	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade meeting was brought to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mayra Garcia.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the January 2026 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention meeting minutes by Dana Klein and the motion was seconded by Michael Mut.</p>	
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<p>The Executive Board Updates were provided by Leyanee Perez.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Board recently met virtually on Monday, February 9, 2026.</li> <li>• Major updates from the Mayor's initiative on the Food and Nutrition for All (FNFA) Collaborative included pursuing appropriation to fund Urban Health Partnerships (UHP) and the collaborative. In addition to that, the Quest Foundation is also funding Urban Health Partnerships to steer this work with the team at Deloitte.</li> <li>• The Board had a presentation by Miami Streets Clinic provided by Dr. Dan Bergholz, Founder of Miami Street Medicine, which shared about how their organization provides medical care and support to home-insecure residents throughout Miami-Dade County.</li> <li>• The Board also continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 6th Annual Bounty of Health held on December 12, 2025, at the Officer Ronnie E. Tookes West Perrine Health Center. The free event open to the public held 176 attendees and served 129 households with food items from Caring for Miami’s mobile food market.</li> <li>• The Executive Board also reviewed their brainstorm notes and draft Executive Board work plan and Consortium Strategic Plan from their December 2025 meeting.</li> <li>• The Board briefly reviewed and discussed Consortium Bylaws with the inclusion of timeline of requests and approvals needed from the Board and DOH for grant/ funding opportunities. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.</li> <li>• At the end of this meeting, the board had a moment to wish farewell to Candice Schottenloher as she transitions into her new role with MCI at Baptist.</li> </ul>	
Member Spotlight	<p>This month’s member spotlight was presented by Dana Klein for Gheorg, a mental health app for helping children ages 7 to 12 overcome anxiety, depression, OCD, ADHD, and autism issues before they become teenagers. Gheorg is a child-centric gamified app, delivering independent and interactive quality support with real time parental/caregiver monitoring. It uses AI and evidence-based therapies and puts them in the form of friendly characters that engage children in interactive activities to help them identify, articulate, and cope with triggers in a productive manner. There is a portal and clinician dashboard available for the parents or caregivers to monitor progress and input observations and feedback. Gheorg provides easy access and is affordable for all. For more information, please reach out to Dana Klein at <a href="mailto:Dana.Klein@Gheorg.com">Dana.Klein@Gheorg.com</a>.</p>	
Previous Action Items	<p>Committee members reviewed the sign-up sheet for the 2026 HPDP Member Spotlights. All months except December are currently taken.</p>	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<p>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 45 members in attendance.</p>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert Hill shared updates about The Food and Nutrition For All Initiative. There is an appropriation request at the state level. We are still working on getting a local urging at the commission level with the county. We also have funding from the Quest Foundation and will soon be discussing how to proceed with those funding opportunities to focus on advocacy work, education, food access, and food distribution.</li> <li>• The committee continued with the HPDP 2025-2030 Work Plan Development by reviewing and making edits to the drafted Work Plan.</li> </ul>	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Mut shared that Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control is working with state partners to track mosquito borne illnesses. They now have the 2025 data based on the 320 traps set throughout Miami-Dade County: the number of travel cases and locally transmitted cases for dengue both</li> </ul>	

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	<p>decreased by 50%, so the level of transmission for dengue is going down. For more information, please reach out to Michael Mut at <a href="mailto:michael.mut@miamidade.gov">michael.mut@miamidade.gov</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle D’Ambrosio shared that Hope For Miami’s Project Bridge has an upcoming Youth Mental Health First Aid training on Friday, March 6, 2026. The registration link can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Please feel free to share with anyone who may be interested.</li> <li>• Morgan Johnson from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine shared about an organization called Healthier Together, a group-based weight management and lifestyle change program that offers CDC-approved educational curriculums that help individuals target chronic health conditions by taking preventative measures and making lifestyle changes in diet, exercise, and mental health. The program is run by medical students and physicians who oversee the whole organization. They are currently recruiting for English, Spanish, and disability cohorts for the spring. For more information, please reach out to Morgan Johnson at <a href="mailto:mlj110@miami.edu">mlj110@miami.edu</a>.</li> <li>• Simone Cheong shared that West Kendall Baptist Hospital is having their Baby Boot Camp on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be talks about newborn care, prenatal care, car seat safety, infant CPR, and more. For more information, please reach out to Simone Cheong at <a href="mailto:simonech@baptisthealth.net">simonech@baptisthealth.net</a>.</li> <li>• Nattaliah Earle from Urban Health Partnerships shared that the MDC Age-Friendliness Initiative will be having their virtual Stakeholder's Advisory Committee Meeting on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. The registration link can be found at <a href="http://qrco.de/afi26">qrco.de/afi26</a>. For more information, please reach out to Nattaliah Earle at <a href="mailto:nattaliah@urbanhp.org">nattaliah@urbanhp.org</a>.</li> <li>• Nancy Bonise-Charlemond shared that Planned Parenthood will be having a virtual ed series on Condoms and Beyond on Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please reach out to Nancy Bonise-Charlemond at <a href="mailto:nancy.bonisecharlemond@ppsenfl.org">nancy.bonisecharlemond@ppsenfl.org</a>.</li> <li>• Dayamyra Perez Fernandez shared about <i>Journey to Wellness Rx</i>, a non-pharmaceutical prescription that encourages physical activity and healthy living to help with weight and chronic disease management that is designed to be used with the general public and is available in 3 languages: English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. To request the prescription pads, please fill out the request form here: <a href="http://www.healthymiamidade.org/forms/journey-to-wellness-rx-green-prescription-request-form">www.healthymiamidade.org/forms/journey-to-wellness-rx-green-prescription-request-form</a>. For more information, please reach out to Dayamyra Perez Fernandez at <a href="mailto:dayamyra.perezfernandez@flhealth.gov">dayamyra.perezfernandez@flhealth.gov</a>.</li> <li>• Leyanee Perez shared that the FDA will be holding a virtual public meeting on food allergy and thresholds on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, for anyone who is interested in information on food allergies and food labels. The meeting can be accessed through the FDA website.</li> </ul>	
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Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. The next Health Promotion and Disease Prevention committee meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on <b>Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b>	
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