CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (40)	**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. Simone Cheong, West Kendall Baptist Hospital 5. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 6. Nakeisha Hendricks, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 7. Claire Egret, Barry University 8. Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic School of Medicine 9. Rose Anderson, Larkin University 10. Sarah Rodriguez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 11. Melody Espinozacordova, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 12. Simisola Olowodola, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 13. Stephanie Thomas, Eastern Virginia Medical School 14. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 15. Lina Menendez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida 16. Dana Klein, Gheorg 17. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 18. Benjamin Eliansky, HCA Aventura Healthcare 19. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 20. Michael Mut, Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management 21. Jose Gonzalez, Century Risk Advisor 22. Cósmica Angeles, Cósmica Consulting 23. Nevine Nass, Medical Screenings Unlimited 24. Natouchka Murray, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 25. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami 26. Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna/CVS Health 27. Danay Rodriguez-Arritola, Larkin Community Hospital 28. Andrew Gonzalez, Univision 29. Tara Auclair, SSJ Health Foundation 30. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 31. Melody Velez, United Healthcare Community and State 32. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 33. Natalie Anderson, Nicklaus Children's Health System	

	34. Pearl James-Isler, Jessie Trice Community Health System 35. Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network 36. Alecia Tramel-McIntyre, Positive People Network Inc. 37. Lucette Talamas, Baptist Health South Florida 38. Kayla Greene, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center 39. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 40. Olivia Decastro, 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 2:03 p.m. by Vicki Zou.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the March 2026 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention meeting minutes by Simone Cheong and the motion was seconded by Dr. Natalie Gray.	
Executive Board Update	The Executive Board Updates were provided by Robert Hill. • The Executive Board met virtually on Monday, April 13, 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. Strategies to meet these objectives will be discussed at the next meeting. • Revisions to the Consortium Bylaws were discussed with the inclusion of timeline of requests and approvals needed from the Board and DOH for grant/funding opportunities. During this meeting, the Consortium Bylaws were finalized and approved by the Board. • DOH-Miami-Dade is awaiting approval for the CHA and CHIP.	
Member Spotlight	The Member Spotlight section was skipped.	
Previous Action Items	The committee finished reviewing and making edits to the drafted HPDP 2025-2030 Work Plan and voted for approval of the plan.	
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 40 members in attendance.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	Leyanee Perez and Robert Hill discussed with the committee the following Work Plan committee activities: • By September 30, 2030, the committee will work to identify areas for training opportunities open to the community. ○ Alecia Tramel-McIntyre shared that Positive People Network has various resources and trainings related to HIV and AIDS, and she can share with the committee a more detailed list of things that the organization does.	

	○ Benjamin Eliansky shared that HCA Aventura pushes for the *Stop the Bleed* initiative, a national program that encourages bystanders to act in bleeding emergencies and comes with certification. As a trauma clinical educator, he offers an educational course in the county free of charge for anyone from adolescents to the elderly. If we can find a space and time for this course, he can take care of the outreach for this training opportunity. ○ Mayra Garcia shared that NAMI Miami-Dade has training opportunities on mental health-related topics, such as suicide prevention and knowing the signs for when to refer someone to NAMI's services, and suggested to reach out to Susan Holtzman to ask about that. Tiffinie Bratcher shared that those who are interested in NAMI's virtual trainings can sign up for them on NAMI's website. ○ Robert Hill shared that the American Heart Association offers CPR trainings and certification and that he can do hands-only CPR training if there is demand for it. • By September 30, 2030, the committee will work to support/promote a communications toolkit. ○ The committee did not get to this Work Plan activity this meeting but will discuss it in the next committee meeting.	
New Business	Robert Hill shared a brief update on The Food and Nutrition For All Initiative. The Mayor's Initiative is going well with training and giving out food boxes. We are solidifying collaboration and will be launching more formally very soon.	
Partner Updates	• Simone Cheong shared that the Baptist Health Fit Festwill be on Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Zoo Miami, featuring live DJ, healthy bites, health screening, and activities for all ages. Free registration can be found online at BHFitFest.com. For more information, please reach out to Simone at simonech@baptisthealth.net. • Simone Cheong also shared that the Healthy Hub at West Kendall Baptist Hospital tracks mental health metrics, such as elevated anxiety and depression, on a monthly basis and provides mental health resources for the community. • Michael Mut shared that the Mosquito Control Division of Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management is sharing a lot of specialty content this week for Florida Mosquito Control Awareness Week such as helpful tips on how to control mosquitos in the community. Follow 305mosquito on Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter) for more content. They will be hosting live events on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. on Instagram and then on Friday, April 24, 2026 on YouTube in partnership with community newspapers. • Tiffinie Bratcher shared that the Umbrella of Hope Coalition is hosting a Reentry Summit at the Scott Galvin Community Center in North Miami on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. • Tiffinie Bratcher also shared about North Miami Community Health Council's Bridging Wellness Workshop on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Community Health and Empowerment Network (CHEN), Inc. There will be health screenings, food distribution, food	

	demos, and presentations on diabetes, nutrition, and MyPlate. For more information, please reach out to Tiffinie at bratchert@aetna.com.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m. The next Health Promotion and Disease Prevention committee meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**	