CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (39)	**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. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 5. Michael Mut, Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management Mosquito Control Division 6. Simone Cheong, West Kendall Baptist Hospital 7. Nancy Bonise-Charlemond, Planned Parenthood South North East 8. Rose Anderson, Larkin University 9. Lina Menendez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida 10. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 11. Carmen Ramos-Watson, B/Adaptable 12. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 13. Dwight Reynolds, Centers for Health Promotion 14. Nakeisha Hendricks, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 15. Dana Klein, Gheorg 16. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 17. Rachel Ando, Centers for Health Promotion 18. Tara Auclair, SSJ Health Foundation 19. Danay Rodriguez-Arritola, Larkin Community Hospital 20. Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 21. Natalie Anderson, Nicklaus Children's Health System 22. Ruth-Ann Bennett, Overtown Children & Youth Coalition 23. Melody Velez, United Healthcare Community and State 24. Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic School of Medicine 25. Emilia Solano, YMCA of South Florida 26. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 27. Tiffany Albury, University of Miami 28. Joyce Granda, Jackson Health System 29. Rose Anstral, Family in Action Public Health Ministry 30. Natouchka Murray, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 31. Jennifer DeGruccio, Parkinson's Foundation 32. Shara Johnson, NAMI Miami-Dade 33. Benjamin Eliansky, HCA Aventura Healthcare	

	34. Leiann Palma, Jackson Health System 35. Pearl James-Isler, Jessie Trice Community Health System 36. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 37. Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna/CVS Health 38. Cristina Brito, United Way Miami 39. Gwendolyn Grace Sutton, University of Miami	
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 April 2026 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention meeting minutes by Simone Cheong, and the motion was seconded by Tara Auclair.	
Executive Board Update	The Executive Board Updates were provided by Leyanee Perez. • The Executive Board met virtually on Monday, May 11th, 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. During this meeting, the Workplan was finalized and approved by the Board. • The Board discussed the finalized bylaws and reviewed the Letter of support electronic form process. The Bylaws have been sent to Legal for review and will be uploaded to the Consortium website once available. An IT ticket will be opened to upload the electronic letter of support form to the Consortium website as well. • DOH-Miami-Dade is currently awaiting final approval of the budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year.	
Member Spotlight	This month's Member Spotlight was presented on Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management's Mosquito Control Division by Michael Mut who shared information about mosquitos and mosquito control tips since it is currently the time of year for peak mosquito activity. The Mosquito Control Division studies and collects data on mosquito populations on a consistent basis and provides free mosquito inspections, which can be requested by calling 311, visiting the website at MiamiDade.gov/mosquitoinspection, or using the Miami-Dade County Solid Waste mobile app or 311 direct mobile app. MCD is also a research institute that works closely with university research institutes such as University of Miami, Florida International University, University of Florida, University of Indiana, John Hopkins University, UN-Habitat, and Geneva Graduate Institute. To learn more about the Mosquito Control Division, visit MiamiDade.gov/mosquito. To stay updated, follow 305mosquito on Facebook, X (Twitter), and Instagram. For further questions, please reach out to Miachel Mut at michael.mut@miamidade.gov.	
Previous Action Items	Leyanee Perez and Robert Hill continued to lead the discussion from the last meeting with the committee on the following Work Plan committee activity:	

	• By September 30, 2030, the committee will work to identify areas for training opportunities open to the community.
	  ○ Vicki Zou shared that we are still in the process of finding an available room for an in-person training opportunity.
	  ○ Emilia Solano shared that YMCA of South Florida is working with FIU to provide cultural competency training; more details to come. She also suggested identifying trainings for certified CHWs to maintain their CEUs.
	  ○ Tiffany Albury shared that in the Outreach and Engagement Office at Sylvester, they are aiming this year to develop CHW training or to create community training that is focused on cancer prevention and early detection, as well as screening guidelines.
	  ○ Benjamin Eliansky shared that HCA Aventura can provide hands-on Stop the Bleed training free of charge and can find out if they can issue CEUs for it.	

Recognition of Improved Performance	• Last meeting, the HPDP committee finished reviewing and making edits to the drafted HPDP 2025-2030 Work Plan and voted for approval of the plan. • The 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 activity:
	• By September 30, 2030, the committee will work to support/promote a communications toolkit.
	  ○ Leyanee Perez shared and discussed with the committee about the FNFA (Food & Nutrition For All Collaborative) Food Finder.
	  ○ Emilia Solano brought up a point of having multiple options and strategies for the community for this toolkit.	

New Business	Robert Hill shared a brief update on The Food and Nutrition For All Initiative. There will be a formal launch for the broader funded work on June 28, which will include getting members of the community resources with food boxes and potentially free testing for health metrics.	
Partner Updates	• Benjamin Eliansky shared that Wednesday, May 20, 2026 is Stop the Bleed Day, and HCA Aventura will be taking blood donations from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If anyone is in the area tomorrow, please consider donating. For more information, please reach out to Benjamin at • Rose Anderson shared that Larkin University is hosting their first health fair in November. If anyone is interested in supporting, please reach out Rose at randerson@larkin.edu. • Dr. Dwight Reynolds shared that they have a strong partnership with and is interested in collaborating for health fairs. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Rose Anderson at randerson@larkin.edu. • Gwendolyn Grace Sutton shared about their free community nutrition program Healthier Together, a group-based weight management and lifestyle change program that follows a CDC-approved	

	educational curriculum aimed at helping participants develop the skills needed to lose weight, be more physically active, maintain a balanced diet, and tackle any obstacles to such lifestyle changes. It consists of a six-week course with weekly one+ hour educational sessions. For more information, please reach out to Gwendolyn at ggs48@med.miami.edu.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:03p.m. The next Health Promotion and Disease Prevention committee meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**	