



CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (55)	<p>Virtual Via the Microsoft Teams Platform</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chair: Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance2. Vice Chair: Robert Hill, American Heart Association3. Vicki Zou, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison)4. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County5. Simone Cheong, West Kendall Baptist Hospital6. Alena Costume, Barry University Health Promotion and Wellness Office7. Dr. Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic School of Medicine8. Dr. Gordon Dickinson, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine9. Lina Menendez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida10. Maria Catalina Jaramillo, 305 Apple Trees11. Rosa Novo, Miami-Dade County Public Schools12. Michelle Espinosa, United Way Miami Center for Excellence in Early Education13. Cynthia Umana, West Kendall Baptist Hospital14. Sandra Delgado, YMCA of South Florida15. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County16. Shabbir Motorwala, Universal Heritage Institute (UHI) Clinic17. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County18. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami19. Sarah Rodriguez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County20. Maha Hejazi, The Advocate Program21. Stacey Silver, Mom's Meals22. Tara Auclair, SSJ Health Foundation23. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County24. Jesus Medina, Miami PrEP Workgroup25. Shelita Bailey, Uhealth26. Anthoni Llau, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County27. Angela Blizzard, Mission Measurement28. Dr. Philene Toledo, Home Heart Florida29. Denise Pineda, The Advocate Program30. Rutendo Chimbaru, University of Miami31. Dana Klein, Gheorg32. Shannon Charles, Epilepsy Alliance Florida33. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	



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	<p>34. Pearl James-Isler, Jessie Trice Community Health System 35. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 36. Hayly Ojeda, Hope For Miami 37. Cortes Maria Lewis James, Southern Birth Justice Network Inc 38. Melody Velez, United Healthcare Community and State 39. Alejandra Godoy, AGAPE NETWORK 40. Emily Jones, University of Florida 41. Evelyn Capdevila, Quality Physical Therapy 42. Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 43. Nancy Bonise-Charlemond, Planned Parenthood South North East 44. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 45. Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network 46. Jacqueline Traverso, Cariblink Health Education 47. Danielle Narcisse, AIDS Healthcare Foundation 48. Sandra Patricia Echeverry-Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 49. Hannah Sprinkle, Mount Sinai Gastric Cancer Care Program 50. Cristina Gonzalez, Brown & Brown 51. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami 52. Alejandra Fiano, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe 53. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships (UHP) 54. Vukosava Pekovic, Florida International University 55. Tiffany Albury, 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 2:05 p.m. by Leyanee Perez.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the October 2025 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 Leyanee Perez. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Executive Board met virtually on Monday, November 3, 2025.• Dr. Brito shared the Food and Nutrition For All Collaborative recently hosted a press release and call to action related to federal SNAP updates.• The Board finalized the 22nd Annual Consortium Event & Worksite Wellness Awards SWOT Activity. They will further discuss if next year they will host separate events and alternate between Consortium Annual Event and Florida Worksite Wellness Awards following the next year.	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As a reminder, the 2025-2030 CHIP Priority Areas will include Access to Care, Chronic Disease, Behavioral & Mental Health, Maternal Child Health, and Healthy Weight/Physical Activity/Nutrition.The Executive Board reviewed their current work plan (2019-2025) and its accomplishments. The Board is reviewing their progress to see what still needs to continue to be addressed in the new 2025-2030 Consortium Strategic Plan and Executive Board work plan.	
Member Spotlight Presentation	This month's member spotlight was for Simone Cheong who presented on West Kendall Baptist Hospital's Healthy Hub, which was opened in October 2014 as part of Healthy West Kendall's vision for a healthier community. The Hub follows the AHA Life's Simple 7 algorithm, the AHA's guidelines for achieving and maintaining ideal cardiovascular health. It offers free biometric screenings and additional food insecurity and mental health screenings. The Hub has onsite events to drive people to get screened. They also have a Mobile Healthy Hub for mobile biometric health screenings at local business for employee wellness. They provide resources such as healthy teaching provided by RN on hypertension, nutrition, weight management, food pantries, mental health resources, etc. Healthy West Kendall is seeking grant opportunities to keep the Healthy Hub going for the future. For more information, please reach out to Simone Cheong at SimoneCh@baptisthealth.net .	
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. The project team helped with looking at the active engagement with this initiative and mapping out needs in order to develop a strategy going forward and decide how to move into the next phase. Funded initiatives will be starting in January.Robert Hill also shared an update that during the past weekend, one of their funded organizations Buddy Systems MIA was at a food pantry to do a food distribution for the community.Leyanee Perez shared updates about the food pantries, which received large donations from two major food distributors recently, and encouraged members to participate in a food distribution or volunteer at a food pantry as well as thanked organizations and food distributors that immediately stepped up to help out with donations to counter recent food insecurity.The committee continued with the HPDP 2025-2030 Work Plan Development, facilitated by Candice Schottenloher and OCHP team members, starting with reviewing the old Work Plan 2019-2024, followed by a MentiMeter activity, during which committee members brainstormed new committee activity ideas for each priority area of the 2025-2030 Committee work plan. We will be finishing up the MentiMeter activity during the next committee meeting.	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Robert Hill shared that the American Heart Association spreads emergency cardiac care education and CPR & AED awareness. If any committee members are interested in working directly with the	



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	<p>American Heart Association on CPR & AED assessments by working to bring AEDs, batteries or AEDs, training for staff, etc. to organizations that need it, please reach out to Robert Hill at Robert.hill@heart.org.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cortes Maria Lewis James shared that Southern Birth Justice Network received a grant from QuestDiagnostics and will be adding another mobile midwife unit and an outreach unit. They are tasked to seeing almost 500 clients a year starting next year. Additionally, they will be opening a new birth center in North Miami. For more information, reach out to Cortes Maria Lewis James at AdvocacyDoula@cmlenterprisesllc.com.• Hayly Ojeda shared that Hope For Miami has December training for Youth Mental Health. To sign up, visit this link here or email hayly@hopeformiami.org.	
Adjournment	<p>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, December 16, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.</p>	