

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (32)	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. Olivia Decastro, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 6. Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic School of Medicine 7. Lina Menendez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida 8. Fabimaelsie Jean, Deedco Gardens 9. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 10. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 11. Melody Espinozacordova, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 12. Shabbir Motorwala, Universal Heritage Institute 13. Michael Mut, Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management Mosquito Control Division 14. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami 15. Sarah Rodriguez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 16. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 17. Dana Klein, Gheorg 18. Julie Katz, Nicklaus Children's Health System 19. Natalie Anderson, Nicklaus Children's Health System 20. Maritza Mendoza, Alliance for Aging 21. Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 22. Ruth-Ann Bennett, Overtown Children & Youth Coalition 23. Virginia Munoz, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 24. Stacey Silver, Mom's Meals 25. Lucette Talamas, Baptist Health South Florida 26. Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network 27. Simisola Olowodola, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 28. Jennifer DeGruccio, Parkinson's Foundation 29. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 30. Manuela Thomas, FIU Black Mothers Care Plan 31. Kayla Greene, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center 32. Melody Velez, United Healthcare Community and State	

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Welcome and Introductions	The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade meeting was brought to order at 2:02 p.m. by Vicki Zou.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the May 2026 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention meeting minutes by Simone Cheong, and the motion was seconded by Shabbir Motorwala.	
Executive Board Update	The Executive Board Updates were provided by Robert Hill. • The Executive Board held their in-person meeting on June 8, 2026. • The Board continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health. • Updates were shared regarding important legislative updates, and the Board reviewed the potential impacts along with potential solutions. • The Consortium website now has the updated 2026 Electronic Form Request under "Forms". • 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 Nicklaus Children's Health System by Natalie Anderson, Community Benefit & Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) coordinator at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. As a highlight, they completed their CHNA last year based on three implementation plan priorities: Food & Nutrition Security; Access to Information, Resources, & Healthcare; and Children's Mental Wellness. This year, they have created collaborative community advisory group meetings with various community partners around each priority area to discuss challenges, share updates, identify gaps, and look for opportunities to collaborate. If you would like to be involved in the plan and help collaborate, please reach out to attend the meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. For more information, please reach out to Natalie.Anderson@nicklaushealth.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 shared with the committee the available meeting dates for the Beacon Suite 212 large conference room in Doral. The committee voted on having an in-person training on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is considering Stop The Bleed or CPR training as the topic of training. • By September 30, 2030, the committee will work to support/promote a communications toolkit. ○ Leyanee Perez shared with the committee that Arely Lozano Cantu will give an in-person talk about how the FNFA Food Finder can be updated. She will verify the tentative November meeting date with her. ○ Ruth-Ann Bennett shared that Overtown Children & Youth Coalition has a few initiatives that could use support. The organization supports a fitness class every Saturday morning in the local park for all age groups, and community members have shared qualitative data on	

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	how the fitness sessions have improved their overall health and wellbeing. Overtown CYC is also in the process of working on an initiative around the local Overtown farm to spread more nutritional services by partnering with an organization where a dietitian teaches people the nutritional value of foods and how to prepare healthy meals. ○ Shabbir Motorwala shared that UHI Clinic is doing something similar in partnership with FIU medical students and a dietitian where they grow vegetables inside and educate people on how to grow it. Their plan is to pick around 30 to 40 families from the neighborhood and show them how to use their backyard to grow vegetables and share with the community. If anyone would like to visit the clinic or learn more information about this initiative, please reach out to Shabbir at shmotorwala@uhiclinic.org.	
Recognition of Improved Performance	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 39 members in attendance.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	Performance Measures were discussed in the Previous Action Items section.	
New Business	• Robert Hill shared a brief update on The Food and Nutrition For All Initiative. There are currently four groups operating under the initiative for advocacy & resource allocation, nutrition security, food access, and growers & distributors. For more information on the initiative, please visit foodandnutritionforall.org. The formal launch of the funding from Quest Foundation that supports FNFA will be on Sunday, June 28, 2026, where they will be discussing how some community individuals will have opportunities for support such as learning where resources are, signing up for SNAP or WIC, and receiving direct support in the form of food boxes with healthy groceries. They can also opt in to receive full health panels for free. • Leyanee Perez shared an update about the food pantries. We received a large donation from a major food distributor in Miami this week. We are in the process of collecting all food donations, and we received another large donation last week from a local supermarket that will be going to the Hialeah food pantry.	
Partner Updates	• Shabbir Motorwala shared that UHI Clinic is partnering with Caring for Miami and is providing free fresh fruits and vegetables on their mobile bus on Saturday, June 27, 2026 on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, please reach out to Shabbir at shmotorwala@uhiclinic.org. • Melody Espinozacordova shared that Caring for Miami has a backpack program for kids, so they may possibly also be able to help kids experiencing food insecurity during the school year.	

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	- Stacey Silver shared that Mom's Meals has the ability to provide shelf-stable meals. If you are looking to provide shelf-stable meals, please reach out to Stacey at Stacey.Silver@momsmeals.com. - Simone Cheong shared that West Kendall Baptist Hospital will be providing free breastfeeding classes twice a month, alternating Spanish and English classes. The next Free Baby Boot Camp event will be on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at West Kendall Baptist Hospital. Details on both these opportunities found here: https://baptisthealth.net/events/classes-and-events-results?keywords=prenatal&tag=&location=&onlineOnly=false. They will also be doing a mobile Healthy Hub at the Kendale Lakes Library on Monday, June 22, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, please reach out to Simone at simonech@baptisthealth.net. - Robert Hill shared that the American Heart Association now has the funding to support a training session on hands-only CPR. If any organization is interested in developing a cardiac emergency response plan with support from the AHA that includes certification for a certain number of staff in CPR, an AED with a full maintenance plan for it, and CPR training kits to train additional staff in hands-only CPR, please reach out to Robert Hill at robert.hill@heart.org.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. The next Health Promotion and Disease Prevention committee meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	