

**Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Meeting**  
**Florida Department of Health - Health District Center**  
**1350 NW 14th Street, Conference Room 401B, Miami, FL 33125**  
**February 2, 2026, Minutes**

*Approved March 2, 2026*

#	Partnership Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Burks, Laurie Ann		x	Bigler, Erin
2	Chassi, Kai		x	Bush, Lekeshia
3	Dougherty, James	x		Cortez, Wanda
4	Duberli, Francesco	x		Creepsburg, Moniet
5	Forrest, David		x	Eldanaf, Amal
6	Gonzalez, Nilda		x	Erbstein, Silvana
7	Henriquez, Maria	x		Ferrer, Luigi
8	Jones, Keddrick	x		Francis, Rosemonde
9	Machado, Angela	x		Gonzalez De Obando, Tivisay
10	McIntyre, Harold	x		Hallmon, Rolando
11	Medina, Jesús E.		x	Hoadley, Yvette
12	Muñoz, Virginia	x		Hunter, Tabitha
13	Robinson, Joanna	x		Ortiz, Angela
14	Romero, Javier	x		Pizarro, Cesar
15	Sarria, Manuel	x		Riley, James
16	Shmuels, Diego	x		Singh, Hardeep
17	Tazoe, Roberto	x		Stonestreet, Stephanie
18	Tramel-McIntyre, Alecia	x		Valle-Schwenk, Carla
19	<b>Vacant</b> Representative of the Affected Community			Villamizar, Kira
20	<b>Vacant</b> Representative of the Affected Community			Wall, Daniel T.
21	<b>Vacant</b> Representative of the Affected Community			Williams, Stephen
22	<b>Vacant</b> Representative of the Affected Community			Wynn, Joey
23	<b>Vacant</b> Representative of the Affected Community			
24	<b>Vacant</b> Hospital or Health Care Planning Agency Representative			
25	<b>Vacant</b> Housing, Homeless or Social Service Provider			
26	<b>Vacant</b> Mental Health Provider Representative			
27	<b>Vacant</b> Other Federal HIV Program Grantee Representative (SAMHSA)			
28	<b>Vacant</b> Ryan White Program Part D Representative			
29	<b>Vacant</b> Other Federal HIV Program Grantee (Part F)			
30	<b>Vacant</b> MDC Government Representative (Non-RWP)			
<b>Quorum = 7</b>				
<b>Ex-Officio Representatives</b>				
Representative from the Office of the Miami-Dade County (MDC) Mayor				<b>Staff</b>
Representative from the MDC Board of County Commissioners				Bontempo, Christina
Representative from the MDC School Board				Ladner, Robert

Note: All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to and during the meeting, at [www.partnershipmiami.org/the-partnership-2/](http://www.partnershipmiami.org/the-partnership-2/).

**I. Call to Order**

The Chair, Alecia Tramel-McIntyre called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and announced the topics on the agenda.

**II. Introductions**

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre asked for introductions by members and guests. Members were asked as part of their introductions to include their Partnership membership assignments. Those arriving late also introduced themselves.

### **III. Housekeeping/Meeting Rules**

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre read a brief of housekeeping rules into the record, including disclaimer, code of conduct, language matters, and resource persons.

### **IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Vice Chair, Harold McIntyre, opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

*“Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any item on our agenda today. If there is anyone who wishes to be heard, I invite you to speak now. Each person will be given three minutes to speak. Please begin by stating your name and address for the record before you talk about your concerns. BSR has a dedicated telephone line as well as a general email address for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received via the telephone line or email.”*

There were no comments; the floor was then closed.

### **V. Review/Approve Agenda**

Members reviewed the agenda. The lead for the Ryan White Part A/MAI Report was changed from Carla Valle-Schwenk to Tivisay Gonzalez De Obando; and the lead for the Care and Treatment Committee motions was changed from Dr. Diego Shmuels to Angela Machado.

**Motion to approve the agenda with the noted changes.**

**Moved: Keddrick Jones**

**Seconded: Joanna Robinson**

**Motion: Passed**

### **VI. Review/Approve Minutes of December 8, 2025**

Members reviewed the minutes of December 8, 2025, and there were no changes.

**Motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2025, as presented.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Joanna Robinson**

**Motion: Passed**

### **VII. Reports**

#### **A. Committee Reports**

The motions below were brought to the Partnership for review. Additional committee activities were detailed in the *Committee Reports to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership*, distributed to members, and included in the materials posted online. Details regarding the motions were included in the report and are noted *in italics* prior to the motions.

##### **▪ Care and Treatment Committee**

Angela Machado put forward the motions from the Care and Treatment Committee Report: As part of this presentation, she read the following preamble:

*The State of Florida AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is in the process of implementing dramatic programmatic changes. Changes to be implemented beginning March 1, 2026, include removing ARVs and other medications from the ADAP formulary, discontinuing insurance premium coverage, and limiting access to persons whose income is at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).*

*These changes will have a drastic impact on both Ryan White Program clients and on the Ryan White Program to cover expected shortfalls in medical care coverage. Although the Ryan White Program has not received the FY 2026-27 award notification, members referred to prior expenditures and proposed allocations made during Needs Assessment in the deliberations that led to the first 12 motions below.*

*Members made several recommendations as part of contingency planning to focus funding on essential core services. Reduction of allocations and other cost-saving strategies were discussed. Additional work will continue at upcoming meetings to ensure essential core services – specifically medical care – are available for the greatest number of clients within the limits of the program.*

**Motion to grant the Recipient the discretion to provide a phased approach to funding changes in response to pending ADAP implementation of programmatic changes.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: James Dougherty**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: The Care and Treatment Committee did not explicitly state where the proposed cut funds will be allocated. They will deliberate on the allocations at their next meeting. For the purposes of this meeting, and to allow the Recipient time to begin contingency planning, it should be noted that all cut funds are expected to be reallocated to some combination of Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS), and AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance, specifically antiretroviral medications. At the time of this meeting, pending the outcome of legal challenges to the ADAP changes, it is unknown if changes will begin March 1, 2026, or if there will be a pause or a reversal on the announced changes.

**Motion to reduce the Federal Poverty Level eligibility from 400% to 350% for the Ryan White Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Program.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Keddrick Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: The reduction of FPL eligibility is expected to impact approximately 400 Ryan White Part A/MAI clients. Members discussed the impacts on reciprocal eligibility, which would no longer be valid since ADAP and Part A/MAI would no longer have the same eligibility criteria. It was noted that clients are still eligible for self-insurance. Regarding re-enrollment, clients are expected to advise their case manager if they have any changes in their income status prior to re-enrollment dates. The Recipient is preparing outbound communications to the Ryan White Medical Case Managers on how to address this concern.

It was proposed that a list of operational questions be forwarded to the HIV Section at FDOH-Tallahassee. The Recipient may submit these questions, including how changes are expected to impact service delivery, and who should expect to receive updates on how and when changes go into effect.

**Motion to reduce the maximum annual allowance of the Part A Substance Abuse Residential days from 180 to 120 days.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Harold McIntyre**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: The number of days allowed for Part A Substance Abuse Residential services is based on a 12-month year beginning the date of the first service. Should a person need more than 120 days of treatment in that 12-month period, every effort will be made to connect them to other programs, with the understanding that other programs may have long wait times.

**Motion to remove ride share services from the Part A Medical Transportation service.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Manny Sarria**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: The public transportation system can be cumbersome and unreliable for getting to medical appointments on time. However, the cost of ride share programs is not sustainable under the current circumstances.

**Motion to cut the Part A Oral Health Care service allocation in half and to allow the Medical Care Subcommittee to provide input on priorities and reduced services included in the Oral Health Care Formulary.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Manny Sarria**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: Oral Health Care services are expected to be reduced to basic preventative care services in FY 2026, similar to Medicaid standards. Anyone wishing to take part in the discussion on changes in the Oral Health Care Formulary is invited to attend the Medical Care Subcommittee meeting on February 6, 2026, at BSR.

**Motion to eliminate the Part A Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing for Low-Income Individuals allocation.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Manny Sarria**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: Only the funding allocation for FY 2026 is being eliminated, and not the service category itself. The service category will be maintained so that when the next Request for Proposal is issued for FY 2027, if circumstances allow, one or more subrecipients may be found to provide this service.

**Motion to eliminate the Part A Outreach allocation.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: James Dougherty**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: Only the funding allocation is being eliminated. The service category will be maintained so that when the next Request for Proposal is issued for FY 2027, if circumstances allow, one or more subrecipients may be found to provide this service. Currently funded Outreach services will be discontinued as part of the phase out process.

**Motion to reduce the Part A Food Bank allocation to \$500,000.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Keddrick Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: The recommended allocation of \$500,000 is a small reduction from the base funding approved for FY 2025 but well under the FY 2026 recommended allocation. The Partnership noted that there are a variety of food resources available in the community, and case managers should assist their clients in identifying alternatives. Also, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC) has Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) funds which may be used for food vouchers.

**Motion to reduce the Part A Medical Case Management allocation to \$3.5 million.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Manny Sarria**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: BSR is working with Medical Case Managers to evaluate case loads and time spent per client. The Recipient counts on Medical Case Managers to communicate information with clients because the Recipient does not have direct access to client contact information, nor would they contact a client directly.

**Motion to reduce the Part A Legal Services allocation to \$25,000.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Roberto Tazoe**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to remove the allocation for MAI Outreach.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Manny Sarria**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: Only the funding allocation is being eliminated. The service category will be maintained so that when the next Request for Proposal is issued for FY 2027, one or more subrecipients may be found to provide this service. Currently funded Outreach services will be discontinued as part of the phase out process.

**Motion to remove ride share services from the MAI Medical Transportation service.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Keddrick Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

- Discussion: The removal of ride-share services may create a hardship for persons who choose to receive services outside their home area. However, as discussed under Part A funding of this service, the cost of ride share programs is not sustainable under the current circumstances.

*The Florida Comprehensive Planning Network indicated that current membership would be extended until January 2026, so nominees would be needed. For the Care and Treatment representatives, Dr. Diego Shmuels indicated he would be interested in remaining as the alternate member.*

**Motion to nominate Dr. Diego Shmuels as the Florida Comprehensive Planning Network alternate member.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: Manny Sarria**

**Motion: Passed**

*In December, members reviewed, edited and approved the Psychosocial Support (a new service), and Outreach service descriptions.*

**Motion to accept the 2026 Psychosocial Support Services service description as presented.**

**Moved: Angela Machado**

**Seconded: James Dougherty**

**Motion: Reconsidered**

- Discussion: Staff noted that the Psychosocial Support Services and Outreach service descriptions may want to be returned to the Care and Treatment Committee for additional updates based on contingency planning as detailed above. There is not currently a funded subrecipient for Psychosocial Support Services for FY 2026, and the Outreach category may be unfunded for FY 2026 as noted above. Both services may be reconsidered for funding at the time of the next Request for Proposal in FY 2027. Members agreed to reconsider the previous motion and instead moved to defer approval of the service descriptions following additional updates by the Care and Treatment Committee.

**Motion to defer the approval of the Psychosocial Support Services and Outreach service descriptions as presented and to review further updates in the future when the services are being provided.**

**Moved: James Dougherty**

**Seconded: Manny Sarria**

**Motion: Passed**

▪ **Community Coalition Roundtable**

*The Committee received Partnership Membership applications from Rolando Hallmon, applying as a Member of the Affected Community; and from James Riley, applying as the Mental Health Provider Representative. Mr. Hallmon is the newly appointed Chair of the Community Coalition Roundtable, and Mr. Riley has applied for membership on the Care and Treatment Committee. Both applicants*

*shared their expertise and expressed their interest in serving on the Board. Members completed score sheets and moved to recommend both applicants.*

**Motion to recommend to Mayor Daniella Levine Cava the appointment of Rolando Hallmon to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership for a Representative of the Affected Community seat, and the appointment of James Riley to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership for the Mental Health Provider Representative seat.**

**Moved: Joanna Robninson**

**Seconded: Maria Henriquez**

**Motion: Passed**

## **B. Membership**

Staff advised that Charles Bennedit had rescinded his application since he is relocating, and that Nilda Gonzalez, Federally Qualified Health Center Representative, will resign her position on the Partnership and is assisting staff in finding a replacement. For the sake of timing, there were no other membership updates.

## **C. Grantee/Recipient Reports**

Members received the Top Line Summary Report and copies of the referenced expenditure and utilization reports.

- **Ryan White Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)**

Tivisay Gonzalez De Obando advised attendees to review the Top Line Summary as presented to members and available online.

- **Ryan White Part B**

Kira Villamizar noted the top three expenditures and service utilization categories in December 2025, as detailed in the Top Line Summary Report. She noted that Part B contracts are due for renewal on March 1, 2026.

- **General Revenue (GR) at SFAN**

Angela Machado reported on the GR top three expenditures and service utilization categories in December 2025, as detailed in the Top Line Summary Report. She noted that the 12 beds at the Salvation Army are at capacity.

- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Miami**

Dr. Javier Romero noted ADAP data for December 2025, including the number of clients served, the cost of pharmacy expenditures, and the cost of Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium expenditures, as detailed in the Top Line Summary Report. In response to pending changes, there are four groups of clients for ADAP to manage: 1) clients above 130% FPL receiving direct dispense drugs; 2) clients at or below 130% FPL receiving direct dispense drugs; 3) clients above 130% FPL receiving premium assistance; and 4) clients at or below 130% FPL receiving premium assistance.

Clients who are self-insured will continue their ADAP assistance uninterrupted. Clients must be advised that if they do not cancel their ACA premium coverage, they may be responsible for the cost of the premiums. Since there is expected to be a ruling on the legality of the ADAP changes later this month, clients may want to wait until after that ruling (possible February 20, 2026), to make changes. The timing of canceling or not cancelling ACA insurance is extremely concerning, considering clients may cancel insurance and then the ADAP program may not be unfunded, or they may fail to cancel their insurance and incur responsibility for premium payments they cannot afford.

Members of the affected community want to know how they can help and what message they should send to people whom they encounter in their community service and advocacy. The cuts harken back to the 1980s when people were dying from AIDS. There is a significant fear that these cuts will erase the progress of treatment as prevention and treatment that keeps people healthy. While the Partnership cannot lobby as a planning body, individuals are urged to call their state legislators and express their concerns over the proposed ADAP cuts. Members of the community should also be invited to Partnership meetings to be educated and to serve as representatives. Also, the County is preparing to launch a media campaign to promote Ryan White services.

The meeting time was due to expire. Ms. Tramel-McIntyre called for a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

**Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.**

**Moved: James Dougherty**

**Seconded: Harold McIntyre**

**Motion: Passed**

▪ **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**

For the sake of timing, Roberto Tazoe offered to defer his updates until the next meeting.

**D. Approval of Reports**

Ms. Tramel-McIntyre called for a motion to approve all reports.

**Motion to accept the Membership, Grantee/Recipient, and Committee Reports as presented.**

**Moved: Roberto Tazoe**

**Seconded: James Dougherty**

**Motion: Passed**

**VIII. Standing Business**

There was no Standing Business.

**IX. New Business**

▪ **Officer Elections**

Members received a copy of the memo regarding Officer Nominations and Elections stapled to their agenda. Staff received two nominations for Chair of the Partnership, Harold McIntyre and Joanna Robinson, and the new Chair will be chosen from these two candidates in an election of officers at the March 2, 2026, meeting. No other nominees were announced.

**X. Announcements and Open Discussion**

There was not time on the agenda for announcements. Staff offered to forward any information to members after the meeting.

**XI. Next Meeting**

The next meetings are scheduled as Friday, February 27, 2026, Report for Action Meeting Briefing via Teams; and Monday, March 2, 2026, at the Florida Department of Health – Health District Center, Room 410.

**XII. Adjournment**

Ms. Tramel McIntyre thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.