

III. Housekeeping/Meeting Rules

Housekeeping rules were projected on the shared screen and copies of the PowerPoint were available at the meeting.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. 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 with no changes..

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved: Jesús Medina

Seconded: Joanna Robinson

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of March 4, 2025

Members reviewed the minutes of March 4, 2025, and accepted them with no corrections.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025, as presented.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Angela Machado

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

A. Membership

Staff advised that all committees and the Partnership have vacancies for members. The Community Coalition Roundtable has been reaching out to Ryan White Program clients as part of their recruitment plan. Staff thanked Luigi Ferrer for his efforts in promoting membership opportunities to interested clients.

B. 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.

▪ Executive Committee

Angela Machado put forward the following motion as detailed in the Committee Report:

As part of the budget review process, the Executive Committee reviewed and approved the Staff Support FY 2025-26 Scope of Service.

Motion to approve the Partnership Staff Support FY 2025-26 Scope of Service.

Moved: Angela Machado

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

The Executive Committee also reviews the Partnership Staff Support budget on an ongoing basis.

▪ **Care and Treatment Committee**

Dr. Diego Shmuels put forward the following motions as detailed in the Committee Report:

April 20, 2026, note: The following Oral Health Care Service Description motion passed at the May 12, 2025, meeting but was not included in the approved minutes.

The Committee reviewed and approved the Oral Health Care Service Description edits, including updates to language; updates to service priority rankings; reinstatement of annual cap (in Section I, Page 1 of 120); updating licensed medical provider language throughout; adding (MD, DO, APRN, PAs) at first appearance in the document; adding dental in front of licensed provider; and striking e.g. (Dentist, etc.). The effective date will be updated to March 1, 2025, pending approval by the Partnership.

Motion to approve the Oral Health Care Service Description as presented.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Angela Machado

Motion: Passed

The Committee reviewed and approved the Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards. Extensive edits were made including reformatting, updates to standards, references, screenings, and footnotes.

Motion to approve the Minimum Primary Medical Care Standards as presented.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

The Committee reviewed and approved the Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants. Edits include clarifying language on dental restrictions and unit definitions; minor editorial changes; and reorganization of references.

Motion to approve the revisions to the Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Joanna Robinson

Motion: Passed

The 2025 Provider Capacity Survey was approved in March 2025. Subsequently, edits were made to comply with federal Executive Orders. The Committee approved the revisions. The survey will be administered via Survey Monkey to Ryan White Program subrecipients and other service providers.

Motion to approve edits to the 2025 Provider Capacity Survey as presented.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

The Committee reviewed and approved the Allowable Medical Conditions list. Edits include removal of language that conflicts with federal Executive Orders; addition of a disclaimer on federal Executive Orders and three conditions (PVD, oral candidiasis, leukopenia); minor editorial changes; and adjustments of spacing on page 5.

Motion to approve the Allowable Medical Conditions list with edits discussed.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Nilda Gonzalez

Motion: Passed

The Committee reviewed carryover estimates for Part A (currently \$800,000) and FY 2025-26 (YR 35) priority rankings and allocations. The Committee moved to allocate 80% to Food Bank and 20% to

Medical Transportation since these two services are underfunded and have seen substantial increases in utilization.

Motion to allocate FY 2025-26 (YR 35) Part A Carryover Funds according to the following percentages: 80% to Food Bank and 20% to Medical Transportation Services.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

The Committee reviewed carryover estimates for MAI (currently \$1,500,000) and FY 2025-26 (YR 35) priority ranking and allocations. The Committee agreed that if MAI carryover is available, 80% should be allocated to Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services and 20% to Medical Case Management, the two most utilized services in MAI.

Motion to allocate FY 2025-26 (YR 35) MAI Carryover Funds, if available, according to the following percentages: 80% to Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services and 20% to Medical Case Management.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Jesús Medina

Motion: Passed

▪ **Strategic Planning Committee**

Angela Machado put forward the following motions as detailed in the Committee Report:

The Assessment of the Recipient Administrative Mechanism is a HRSA-mandated evaluation, and a major activity of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee reviewed all the 2024 questions and updated language for 2025 as needed. Once the survey is approved, every member of the Partnership will receive the survey link and is asked to complete the survey by May 30. Results will be shared with the Partnership at a future meeting.

Motion to approve the Partnership Assessment of the Recipient Administrative Mechanism as presented.

Moved: Angela Machado

Seconded: Jesús Medina

Motion: Passed

The Committee reviewed all the 2024 Subrecipient Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism questions and updated language for 2025 as needed. Once the survey is approved, every funded Ryan White Program subrecipient will receive the survey link and is asked to complete the survey by May 30. Results will be shared with the Partnership at a future meeting.

Motion to approve the Subrecipient Assessment of the Recipient Administrative Mechanism as presented.

Moved: Angela Machado

Seconded: Nilda Gonzalez

Motion: Passed

▪ **Other**

The report included recent activities of the Community Coalition Roundtable and Housing Committee. The Prevention Committee has not met since the last Partnership meeting. There were no further action items from the committees.

C. Grantee/Recipient Reports

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

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

Carla Valle Schwenk reported updates from the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) to further inform the decisions made about Ryan White Program Part A/MAI carryover requests (see Committee Reports, above). HRSA has advised the County that additional language may be added to the Notice of Award, specifically terms and conditions addressing unexpended grant funds, including award reallocations by HRSA. Further guidance on carryover funds will be requested from the HRSA Project Officer to ensure full expenditure of the 2024-2025 award. Further updates will be brought to the board as needed.

The HRSA Annual Progress Report is due May 29, 2025.

The final Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) count of unduplicated clients served is 9,316 clients.

Renewal contracts for FY 2025 are being processed. The County has received a partial award of approximately 41% of Part A Formula funds and 27% of MAI funds. The Final Notice of Award is pending.

The County is continuing to monitor federal executive orders for programmatic changes. Of note, gender-affirming care is no longer funded by Part A/MAI; diversity, equity and inclusion language has been revised; and surgical procedures requiring anesthesia are under review. Lack of gender-affirming care notwithstanding, subrecipients should continue to offer HIV care to transgender clients.

- **Ryan White Part B**

The Part B Report was not available, and members made a motion to defer the report.

Motion to defer the Ryan White Part B report until the next meeting.

Moved: Angela Machado

Seconded: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Motion: Passed

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

The ADAP report was included in the Top Line Summary; Dr. Javier Romero was not present to give the report, and members made a motion to defer.

Motion to defer the ADAP report until the next meeting.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Nilda Gonzalez

Motion: Passed

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

Angela Machado reported on the GR top line expenditures and utilization for February and March 2025, per the summary. In February 2025, SFAN served 753 unduplicated clients for a total of \$299,601.27. Twenty-eight clients were referred to Mental Health services; 26 clients received assistance with medications under Pharmaceuticals; and five (5) clients are receiving Nursing Home Care. In March 2025, SFAN served 2,347 unduplicated clients for a total of \$ 831,000.00. Eighty-six food vouchers were distributed to clients; and 221 clients received medical transportation between bus passes and Lyft. Temporary shelter assistance beds at the contracted Salvation Army continues at full occupancy.

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

There was no HOPWA report, per the agenda.

D. Approval of Reports

Mr. McIntyre called for a motion to approve all reports.

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

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Nilda Gonzalez

Motion: Passed

VIII. Standing Business

▪ 2025 Officer Elections

Elections are due to be held now for Fiscal Year 2025. Both Alecia Tramel-McIntyre and Mr. McIntyre have served two one-year terms as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, and this represents their terms of office as defined in the Bylaws.. Staff advised that no candidates for either officer's position have expressed interest. Assistant County Attorney, Terrence A. Smith, advised that given the circumstance the board could waive the Bylaws requirement for the term limits and the current officers an additional year in office, to which both officers agreed.

Members voted to waive the Bylaws requirement, Section 5.3, which reads in part, "No elected officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms."

Motion to waive the Bylaws requirement, Section 5.3, which reads in part, "No elected officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms," for the 2025 Officer elections.

Moved: Nilda Gonzalez

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

Having waived the requirements, members voted to re-elect Alecia Tramel-McIntyre as Chair and Harold McIntyre as Vice Chair.

Motion to reelect Alecia Tramel-McIntyre as Chair and Harold McIntyre as Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership for 2025.

Moved: Angela Machado

Seconded: Jesús Medina

Motion: Passed

Members thanked Mr. McIntyre for his continued service.

IX. New Business

▪ HIV Prevention in Miami Dade County Updates

Kira Villamizar

Mr. McIntyre introduced Kira Villamizar, Public Health Services Manager, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC) who provided updates to prevention funding and FDOH-MDC programs. Ms. Villamizar's overview is summarized below:

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)

- All EHE prevention funding contracts end May 31, 2025.
- EHE services include HIV testing, education, outreach, and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).
- The Health Council of South Florida (HCSF) oversees the FDOH-MDC EHE grant with funds distributed to eleven (11) local providers.
- Locally, EHE prevention funding totals \$2.6 million; EHE subcontracts funding totals \$1.9 million (73% of total EHE funding).

Testing

- High Impact Prevention (HIP) funding ends June 30, 2025.
- Locally, HIP funding totals \$1,845,000.
- There are ten (10) funded HIP providers; most will continue testing with funding from other sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and 340B program revenue.
- Access to FDOH-state lab will continue for as long as funds are available.
- HIV testing kits will be distributed by FDOH-MDC for as long as supplies last.
- In 2024, providers administered more than 63,000 tests and identified 648 newly positive persons. Of those, HIP providers identified 55 new positives and EHE providers identified 166 new positives.
- The list of testing sites on the FDOH website will be updated as providers change.
- Test and Treat will not be discontinued; hospitals are still providing testing and persons who test positive should continue to be linked to Ryan White Program services.
- Sandra Estevez is the contact for testing data.

340B Drug Rebates

- Organizations with 340B Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) should use their program income to purchase testing kits and condoms.
- FDOH-MDC will support 340B MOUs with in-kind services including supporting access to state labs (as funding is available), technical assistance, and capacity building.

Condom Distribution

- Condoms will be distributed by FDOH-MDC until June 30, 2025, or until supplies last.
- It was noted that condoms should be stored properly and used before the printed expiration date.

Request for Applications (RFA)

- The FDOH HIV/AIDS Section released an RFA to expand HIV funding and funders.
- Staff will distribute the RFA announcement after the meeting.

▪ **Ryan White Program Updates**

Daniel T. Wall

Mr. McIntyre introduced Daniel T. Wall, Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget, Miami-Dade County, who provided updates to Ryan White Program funding and related legislative issues. Mr. Wall's overview is summarized below:

Federal Overview – Since the beginning of the current presidential administration

- The U.S. Office of Management and Budget issued a memo to federal departments directing that there be a pause in grant funding; that directive was rescinded.
- The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is now part of the federal grants disbursement process and is monitoring drawdowns on existing federal grants. This has resulted in some delays in Miami-Dade County receiving drawdown monies in a timely manner, or receiving partial reimbursements with demands for additional justifications.
- There have been more than 235 federal executive orders and proclamations issued which are binding unless they are rescinded, paused, or overturned.
- HRSA has been directed to comply with all federal Executive Orders as applicable, including those dealing with immigration; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives; and gender ideology. Gender is now specifically defined as sex, either male or female.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had employed 82,000 people. Of those, 10,082 people were laid off, and another 10,000 positions will be reduced through attrition.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been reorganized from 28 to 15 divisions and the Health Resources and Services Administration which manages Ryan White grant

- programs will fall under the new umbrella of the Administration for a Healthy America (AHA).
- Tens of millions of dollars have been lost or cut from National Institutes of Health research.

2026 Budget Cuts under consideration as of May 10

- All recommended budget cuts are subject to Congressional approval and/or may be used as negotiating tools between the President and Congress.
- Eliminate Ryan White Program Part F; \$74 million cut.
- Eliminate Minority AIDS Initiative funding; \$2.6 million cut locally.
- Eliminate Ending the HIV Epidemic care and treatment funding; \$4.4 million locally.
- Cut \$3.1 billion from the CDC Global Health Center.
- Cut \$1.065 billion from SAMHSA programs.
- Merge the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program with Section 8 and other housing funding, reduce HOPWA rental assistance to a two-year cap, and cut \$532 million in nationwide funding.

State of Florida FDOH Updates

- Previous staff filling the four most senior positions within the HIV Section at the FDOH in Tallahassee have separated from state employment. As of now, these positions are undergoing recruitment.
- The Invitation to Negotiate for a statewide RWP Part B fiscal agent has been cancelled.
- Delayed premium payments for Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance are now up to date.
- The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) spending at the current level is unsustainable; cuts to ACA premium payments are expected. Some high-end ACA health plans are likely to not be available in FY 2026.
- The Florida Comprehensive Planning Network was scheduled to meet in June to discuss integrated planning; that meeting is now tentatively scheduled for the end of July or August, if at all.

Advocacy

- Partnership members were reminded that they may advocate as individual citizens, but may not advocate as representatives of the Partnership without the expressed formal approval of the board.
- Notwithstanding the above, the Partnership is an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and as such may consider adopting a resolution regarding proposed and existing funding cuts to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners and the Mayor. Assistant County Attorney, Terrence A. Smith, will assist with writing the resolution following approval by the board to do so.

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

There were no announcements or open discussion items.

XI. Next Meeting

Mr. McIntyre announced that the next Report for Action is scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2025 via Microsoft Teams; and the next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2025, at 10 AM at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. McIntyre thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.