



Florida Department of Health - Health District Center

Approved June 1, 2026

#	Partnership Members	Present	Absent
1	Burks, Laurie Ann	x	
2	Dougherty, James	x	
3	Duberli, Francesco		x
4	Forrest, David		x
5	Gonzalez, Nilda		x
6	Henriquez, Maria	x	
7	Jones, Keddrick	x	
8	Machado, Angela		x
9	McIntyre, Harold	x	
10	Medina, Jesús E.		x
11	Muñoz, Virginia		x
12	Robinson, Joanna	x	
13	Romero, Javier	x	
14	Sarria, Manuel		x
15	Shmuels, Diego	x	
16	Tazoe, Roberto	x	
17	Tramel-McIntyre, Alecia		x
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24	Vacant Hospital or Health Care Planning Agency Representative		
25	Vacant Housing, Homeless or Social Service Provider		
26	Vacant Mental Health Provider Representative		
27	Vacant Other Federal HIV Program Grantee Representative (SAMHSA)		
28	Vacant Ryan White Program Part D Representative		
29	Vacant Other Federal HIV Program Grantee (Part F)		
30	Vacant MDC Government Representative (Non-RWP)		
Quorum = 7			
Ex-Officio Representatives			
Representative from the Office of the Miami-Dade County (MDC) Mayor			
Representative from the MDC Board of County Commissioners			
Representative from the MDC School Board			

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/.

I. Call to Order

The Chair, Harold McIntyre, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m., and reviewed the agenda topics and meeting documents.

II. Introductions

Mr. McIntyre asked for introductions by members and guests. Those arriving late also introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping/Meeting Rules

Mr. McIntyre and Vice Chair, Joanna Robinson, read the Housekeeping slides, including reminders of code of conduct, language matters, and resource persons.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Ms. Robinson 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 and there were no changes.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Keddrick Jones

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of March 2, 2026

Members reviewed the minutes of March 2, 2026, and there were no changes.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2026, as presented.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Keddrick Jones

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

A. Membership

Staff reminded members of the new on-boarding and mentorship process. Every attendee was given a copy of the new Committee Membership application to assist with recruitment. Mr. McIntyre and Ms. Robinson spoke about their experiences attending the March and April Prevention Committee and Strategic Planning Committee meetings and emphasized the need for people living with HIV to be involved in decision-making at those meetings.

James Dougherty offered to send staff information to assist with filling the vacancy for the Grantee Representatives of Other Federal HIV Programs (SAMHSA) seat on the Partnership.

B. Committee Reports

The motions below were brought to the Partnership for their consideration. 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**

Ms. Robinson put forward the motions from the Executive Committee.

The Committee has been working on edits to the document for several months. Of note, the Membership Application and On-Boarding Process sections were updated to reflect the changes approved last month; Meetings were updated to include details on cancellation policies; Parking was updated to reflect various meeting locations; references to aidsnet.org were updated to PartnershipMiami.org; and clarifying language and general edits were made throughout as needed. Shared reference copies were available at the meeting, and members passed them around to review.

Motion as accept the Policies and Procedures Manual as presented.

Moved: Joanna Robinson

Seconded: Keddrick Jones

Motion: Passed

The Committee reviewed and approved the Staff Support FY 2026-27 Scope of Work Deliverables, included as an addendum to BSR's Staff Support contract.

Motion to accept the Staff Support FY 2026-2027 Scope of Work Deliverables as presented.

Moved: Joanna Robinson

Seconded: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Motion: Passed

▪ **Care and Treatment Committee**

Dr. Diego Shmuels put forward the motions from the Care and Treatment Committee.

The Committee continued its work on contingency planning in response to ADAP funding cuts, including consideration of recommendations from the Medical Care Subcommittee. The Subcommittee focused contingency planning on changes to the Oral Health Care Formulary. The Subcommittee reviewed utilization data and recommendations from former Oral Health Care Workgroup members. Based on their review, to sustain some oral health services, the Subcommittee made cost containment recommendations addressing the current annual client expenditure cap and implants.

The current annual oral health care expenditure cap is \$6,500 per client per year. A range of \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the cap was discussed. The lower cap (\$1,500) is closer to the average cost per client last year. The higher cap (\$2,000) would allow clients to access dentures, which are a more costly item. The cap level will be selected depending on what the expenditure level is at the time of implementation.

Since funding levels are expected to be lower than past years, the Committee recommends an allowance for an expenditure cap override for those clients whose treatment may require treatment exceeding the annual cap, subject to funding availability.

It was noted that all the motions refer to Ryan White Program Oral Health Care services.

Motion, as part of the contingency planning to address ADAP changes, to remove implants from the Ryan White Oral Health Care formulary.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

Motion, as part of contingency planning, to reduce the oral health care cap to between \$1,500-\$2,000, depending on the rate of expenditures at the time of implementation.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

Motion, as part of contingency planning and subject to availability of funds, for urgent or emergency circumstances that an annual expenditures cap override be developed by the Office of Management and Budget and that Oral Health Care subrecipients will provide information on whether or not the service is an emergency; if it affects function; the consequences of delay in treatment; and a treatment plan of care.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

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)

Carla Valle Schwenk advised attendees on the FY 2025 Part A/MAI contracts, the FY 2026 Part A/MAI and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) contract extensions, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) EHE site visit, the Miami-Dade County Ryan White Program Public Outreach Campaign, and the 2026 AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) changes, as detailed in the Top Line Summary Report.

The County has been authorized to send eight representatives to the National Ryan White Conference in August. The Partnership Chair and Vice Chair, a peer navigator, and County and BSR staff will attend.

Dan Wall reported on the County's response to the ADAP funding crisis. ADAP medication coverage and medication copay and deductible assistance is ongoing for individuals with incomes up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. There are stop-gap measures in place to extend coverage through June 2026.

Biktarvy has been removed from the ADAP and Ryan White prescription drug formularies. The County is working with Gilead to make the patient assistance program (PAP) easier to access. People taking Biktarvy are encouraged to submit a letter from their doctor with their PAP documents explaining the importance of them being on that drug. There is also discussion on clarifying that ADAP is not insurance, and clients should not be denied PAP coverage based on ADAP status.

Pending budget decisions from the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Tallahassee include lowering the FPL eligibility rate, elimination of Affordable Care Act (ACA) premiums, and removal of Biktarvy.

The state is expected to hold a special budget session to discuss FDOH-Tallahassee's response to the ADAP crisis, including making ADAP whole again; adding language to make FDOH restore ACA coverage; requiring FDOH to provide a monthly report of proposed changes to the ADAP Formulary; and to improve collaboration.

Mr. McIntyre asked about how people leaving jail or prison should go about getting medications. Ms. Valle-Schwenk noted the resources on the County's website and will find out if there is still a jail linkage coordinator working to help formerly incarcerated persons.

Yvette Gonzalez asked about the implications of not getting Biktarvy for pregnant women. Mr. Wall suggested writing a letter to the House and Senate representatives alerting them of this concern as this is not currently part of the discussion.

- **Ryan White Part B and General Revenue (GR) at SFAN**

The Chair called for a motion to defer the reports until the next meeting since the representatives were not present.

Motion to defer the Ryan White Part B and General Revenue (GR) at SFAN reports until the next meeting.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: James Dougherty

Motion: Passed

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

Dr. Javier Romero noted ADAP data for March 2026, including the number of clients served, and the cost of pharmacy expenditures. Pharmacy expenditures were higher in February due to clients picking up 3-month supplies of medications in anticipation of ADAP funding cuts. Also noted, there were no payments made in March for ACA premium expenditures since the state has discontinued that funding.

ADAP is sending non-qualification letters to clients to alert them of programmatic changes, though some clients have not received letters. Clients are urged to enroll in the ACA Marketplace during the special enrollment period ending April 30, 2026.

As noted in the Part A/MAI report, legislation and budgeting around ADAP changes is still pending.

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

Roberto Tazoe reported that the City received \$14.7 million for HOPWA funding which is still a deficit for the upcoming year. Although the City has received \$25 million dollars in federal grant funds. Nonetheless, the program is not sustainable at the current housing rates, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development is not supportive of funds being used towards long-term housing or permanent housing. The White House has suggested to completely eliminate HOPWA funding, and the County and City are monitoring those budget proposals.

The City of Miami Public Hearing on HOPWA funding is being held on April 29; details are posted online.

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: Joanna Robinson

Seconded: Keddrick Jones

Motion: Passed

VIII. Standing Business

There was no standing business.

IX. New Business

- **2026 Ryan White Conference – Partnership Member Attendance**

The Partnership may send two representatives who are people living with HIV to the Ryan White Conference. Generally, representatives are the Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership. Mr. McIntyre asked if there were any objections to the representatives being himself and Ms. Robinson. As there were no objections, Mr. McIntyre called for a motion.

Motion to approve Harold McIntyre and Joanna Robinson to represent the Partnership at the 2026 Ryan White Conference.

Moved: Dr. Diego Shmuels

Seconded: Keddrick Jones

Motion: Passed

▪ **Revised Minutes of May 12, 2025**

Staff announced that in the review of the approved Minutes of May 12, 2025, an approved motion was missed. Members had a copy of the corrected minutes. Mr. McIntyre called for a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

Motion to approve the revised minutes of May 12, 2025.

Moved: Maria Hernandez

Seconded: Dr. Javier Romero

Motion: Passed

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

Keddrick Jones asked about housing assistance and expressed concerns about the lack of guidance from Salvation Army case managers.

Dedra Brown announced the group Diamonds in the Rough which is in its third year supporting women with HIV. Ms. Brown will send additional details to staff for promotion through the Partnership's website, PartnershipMiami.org.

Staff showed the County's new website and the Support Groups page on PartnershipMiami.org on the meeting screen.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for Friday, May 29, 2026, Report for Action Meeting Briefing via Teams; and Monday, June 1, 2026, for the Partnership meeting at the Florida Department of Health – Health District Center, Room 410.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. McIntyre thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.