MIAMI-DADE HIV/AIDS PARTNERSHIP

Care and Treatment Committee Meeting
Care Resource Community Health Center, Midtown Miami
3510 Biscayne Boulevard, 1st Floor, Community Room
Miami, FL 33137
March 12, 2026 Minutes

Approved May 14, 2026

#	Committee Members	Present	Absent
1	Fils Aime, Louvens	X	
2	Ingram, Trillion	X	
3	Henriquez, Maria	X	
4	Mills, Vanessa	X	
5	Riley, James	X	
6	Santiago, Steven		X
7	Shmuels, Daniel	X	
8	Shmuels, Diego	X	
Quorum: 4			

Guests	
Creeboburg, Moniet	
Dale, Jackie	
Jones, Sandra	
Gonzalez, Yvette	
Singh, Hardeep	
Valle-Schwenk, Carla	
Staff	
Ladner, Robert	
Meizoso, Marlen	

All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to and during the meeting, at https://partnershipmiami.org/the-partnership-2/#caretreatment2.

I. Call to Order *Vanessa Mills*

Committee member Vanessa Mills volunteered to chair in the absence of the vice chair who was stuck in traffic. She welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

II. Introductions *All*

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Meeting Housekeeping *Vanessa Mills*

Ms. Mills reviewed the housekeeping presentation which detailed meeting participation reminders, use of people first language, meeting etiquette, and reminders of access to the meeting materials via the QR code on the agenda.

IV. Floor Open to the Public *Vanessa Mills*

Ms. Mills read the following:

Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any items 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 line for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received.

There were no comments, so the floor was closed.

V. Review/Approve Agenda *All*

The Committee reviewed the agenda and requested that all items indicating Dr. Diego Shmuels prior to reviewing the agenda should be changed to Vanessa Mills. A motion was made to accept the agenda with the correction.

Motion to accept the agenda as discussed.
Moved: James Riley Seconded: Dr. Daniel Shmuels Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of February 12, 2026

The Committee reviewed the minutes of February 12, 2026, and made a motion to accept them as presented.

Motion to accept the February 12, 2026, minutes as presented.
Moved: Louvens Fils Aime Seconded: James Riley Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

- **Part A** *Carla Valle-Schwenk*

Carla Valle-Schwenk reviewed the Ryan White Program expenditures and utilization through January 2026, as of February 25, 2026. The program has served 9,141 clients and will likely increase before the end of the fiscal year. Recipient staff are working on contracts. There has been a delay in the RFP development process so contracts for the current fiscal year have been extended for one additional year and the new RFP will be produced soon.

The Florida legislature has passed a stop gap bill providing $30 million for the ADAP program to provide direct dispense for clients up to 400% FPL. There is no ACA assistance and no Biktarvy. For clients who need Biktarvy, some agencies have samples that can be used while applying for Gilead's Patient Assistance Program (PAP). An easy application process is being developed for the Biktarvy PAP which will require an ADAP letter of denial. Additional money is being sought from the Florida legislature for July 1 onward to complete the fiscal year but additional transparency will be needed. For those providers who have 340B funding they can use program income to pay for insurance premiums for clients. A special enrollment period for those clients needing insurance after being dropped from ADAP ACA is available until April 30.

Legal actions in regard to the ADAP situation are still taking place through the end of March.

- **Part B** *Marlen Meizoso for Kira Villamizar*

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the Part B report for December 2025, highlighting utilization and expenditures.

- **ADAP** *Marlen Meizoso for Dr. Javier Romero*

Dr. Javier Romero was not present at the meeting, but Mrs. Meizoso directed attendees to review the January 2026 posted report and to forward any questions.

- **General Revenue** *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the General Revenue report for January 2026, highlighting utilization, expenditures and notations on the report.

- **Vacancies** *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report from February 23, 2026, highlighting the membership opportunities on the Partnership, committees, and subcommittee. Staff invited committee members who know of individuals interested in the work of this committee or the HIV/AIDS planning council, to invite them to a meeting or direct them to staff.

- **Medical Care Subcommittee Report** *Dr. Diego Shmuels*

Dr. Shmuels read the report from the Medical Care Subcommittee.

The Medical Care Subcommittee (MCSC) continued efforts addressing contingency planning by focusing on the oral health care formulary. They reviewed utilization data and recommendations from former Oral Health Care Workgroup members. They made recommendations on cost containment efforts to sustain some oral health services to clients by addressing the current expenditure cap and implants..

Motion as part of the contingency planning to address ADAP changes to remove implants from the Ryan White Oral Health Care formulary.
Moved: Vanessa Mills **Seconded: Maria Henriquez** **Motion: Passed**
Opposed: Trillion Ingram

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

Motion as part of contingency planning to reduce the oral health care cap between $1,500-$2,000 depending on the rate of expenditures at the time of implementation.
Moved: James Riley **Seconded: Vanessa Mills** **Motion: Passed**

Since funding levels will not be as high as in past years, the decision was made to allow for an override for those clients whose treatment may require exceeding the annual cap, subject to funding availability.

Motion as part of contingency planning for urgent or emergency circumstances that an override be developed by the Office of Management and Budget that dental providers provide, subject to availability of funds replies if it is an emergency; does it affect function; consequences of delay in treatment; and treatment plan of care.
Moved: Vanessa Mills **Seconded: Trillion Ingram** **Motion: Passed**

The next MCSC meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2026, at Behavioral Science Research Corp., 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 215, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

VIII. Standing Business

- **Response to the 2026 ADAP Programmatic Changes-Contingency Planning of Ryan White Program FY 2026-2027** *All*

The Committee was reminded that several contingencies are being worked on trying to mitigate the impact to the service delivery systems depending on the level of funding received. Reductions would start in support services such as reducing the number of treatment days.

IX. New Business

- **Membership Recruitment Presentation**

As part of their new recruitment plan, Community Coalition Roundtable members were tasked with attending other committee meetings and provide an update on the changes to membership that were recently approved. Sandra Jones provided a heartfelt testimonial on how she became engaged with the planning council. Having a mentor to guide her along the process was very important. New members living with HIV are needed. Case managers and providers should encourage clients to participate in membership. The Roundtable recently revamped the application, reducing it to two pages and approved a new mentorship process where an interested applicant will be paired with a Roundtable member who will guide them until they are voted on for membership. It is important that clients are at the table where services are decided.

- **Planning for 2026-RFP and Needs Assessment**

For planning purposes, staff requested clarity on Needs Assessment items and RFP needs. The Needs Assessment process will begin in May, with training and data meetings scheduled June through August, and final motions being decided in September. While some presentations maybe compressed, the entire process would not be completed before July. As the end of the meeting neared, additional time to continue discussion was requested and granted.

Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
Moved: Maria Henriquez **Seconded: Trillion Ingram** **Motion: Passed**

The Recipient indicated that the request for proposal (RFP) decisions that have been developed are in process and are being moved forward to meet the timelines in order to have contracts in place by the new fiscal year. No additions will be made but totals may need to be adjusted in the future through directives such as caps on services, shifting of funding or special requirements.

Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes.
Moved: James Riley **Seconded: Maria Henriquez** **Motion: Passed**

- **Special Projects Discussion**

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

X. Announcements *All*

Attendees were reminded that New Member Orientation was rescheduled and is now taking place on April 1, 2026. Registration for the event is accessible via the posted QR code.

Members were reminded to complete the annual Source of Income forms in their member packets.

XI. Next Meeting *Dr. Diego Shmuels*

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at Care Resource, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment *Dr. Diego Shmuels*

With business concluded, Dr. Shmuels thanked everyone for participating, and adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.