



**Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting
Behavioral Science Research
2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 240
Coral Gables, FL 33134**

November 21, 2025 Minutes

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Baez, Ivet	X		Goffe, Ashlee
2	Dougherty, James	X		Gonzalez de Obando, Tivisay
3	Friedman, Lawrence	X		March, Ashley
4	Miller, Juliet	X		Nieto, Ana Maria
5	Rojas, Vanessa		X	Valle-Schwenk, Carla
6	Romero, Javier	X		
7	Serrano-Irizarry, Yendi	X		
8	Ysea, Cristhian A.	X		
Quorum: 4				Staff
				Ladner, Robert
				Meizoso, Marlen

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

I. Call to Order

James Dougherty

The Chair, James Dougherty, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. He introduced himself, provided an overview of the work for the day's meeting, and welcomed everyone.

II. Introductions

All

Mr. Dougherty requested that members, guests, and staff introduce themselves.

III. Meeting Housekeeping

James Dougherty

Mr. Dougherty reviewed the meeting housekeeping presentation, including people first language, meeting protocols, location of Subcommittee meeting items online, and identification of resource persons.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Cristhian Ysea

The Vice Chair, Cristhian Ysea, read the following:

"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 phone line and email 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 Subcommittee reviewed the agenda and approved it as presented.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Seconded: Dr. Javier Romero

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of October 24, 2025

All

Members reviewed the minutes of October 24, 2025, and Dr. Romero noted the following corrections on page 2: to strike the sentence, “If tax credits... \$15 million” and replace with “Total tax credits for ADAP Miami clients receiving premium assistance for ACA plans in 2025 are estimated at \$15 million.”

Motion to accept the minutes of October 24, 2025, with the corrections discussed.

Moved: Cristhian Ysea

Seconded: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk referenced the October utilization and expenditure reports, posted online, which indicated the Ryan White Program (RWP) is serving over 8,800 clients year to date. At this rate, the total number of clients served by the Ryan White Program Part A/MAI for FY 2025 will be greater than in FY 2024.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance enrollments have started. The Florida Department of Health has shared the 14 ADAP- approved plans for Miami-Dade County. Enrollment in ACA insurance through the RWP is restricted to current ACA clients only: no new clients may be enrolled in ACA. Clients must file taxes and present documentation of income. Clients who file taxes as “married, filing separately” will not be eligible for ADAP subsidies. The cut off for enrolling for a January start date is December 12. Clients can still enroll using the American Exchange site.

▪ **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**

Dr. Javier Romero

Dr. Javier Romero reviewed the October 2025 ADAP report as of November 2, 2025, including enrollments, expenditures, prescriptions, premium payments, and program updates. The 14 ACA plans approved for ADAP support for FY 2026 include only gold and silver plans. As cited in the RWP report above, only clients who are currently enrolled in ACA plans are eligible for re-enrollment. If clients lose ADAP eligibility, they will lose premium insurance assistance. Proper paperwork filing will be required. The payor of last resort will be enforced, so if a spouse has insurance, the other spouse will need to use it.

▪ **Vacancy Report**

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the November 2025 vacancies, which indicated vacancies on the Partnership and the Subcommittee. If anyone knows of any individuals interested in membership who are Miami-Dade County registered voters, they may contact staff, and invite them to attend a meeting or training sessions.

VIII. Oral Health Care Items

All

▪ Oral Health Care Standards and Oral Health Care 2026 Service Definition Revisions

Staff sent the Oral Health Care Standards and Oral Health Care Service Definition with edits for 2026 to the remaining members of the Oral Health Care Workgroup for comment, but no replies were received. The Subcommittee reviewed both documents and made suggestions as follows to the Oral Health Care Standards:

- In Standard 1, change “HIV/AIDS” to “Ryan White program”; change “HIV/AIDS trainings” to “trainings on HIV related topics”.
- In Standard 1.1, change “HIV/AIDS” to “Ryan White”.
- In Standard 1.4, strike “ongoing” and change “HIV/AIDS” to “on HIV topic related to dental care”.
- In Standard 2.1, add “internal” after “Program” and at the end of the sentence “or out of network referral with documentation”.
- In Standard 2.2, add “integrated” before “consent” and strike second bullet
- In Standard 3.2., add “including labs if needed”.

Requested edits will be forwarded for additional input to the Oral Health Care Workgroup and provided at the next meeting. The Subcommittee would also like clarification, if necessary, on what labs need to be provided before oral health care treatment and how recent the labs need to be. Additionally, a client does not have to have a suppressed viral load in order to be provided with oral health care services, and this clarification should be included in the standards and service definition.

IX. Standing Business

▪ Allowable Conditions Response to “Dear Colleague” Letter

All

The Subcommittee used the revised review tool for the allowable conditions and Open Evidence AI results for the first page and half of conditions. The Subcommittee went item by item checking off the replies for each section. Comments were added and will be incorporated into the next draft as the Subcommittee continues its review.

▪ Minimum Primary Care Standards Review

All

Staff indicated they had not had an opportunity to make any additional edits to the minimum primary care standards. Updates will be brought to the next meeting.

▪ Opinion Request-Update

All

At the last meeting, the Subcommittee was asked to offer an opinion on whether the Ryan White Program should pay for certain procedures for a particular client. The Subcommittee asked for the service provider to furnish additional details; since that time, the service provider has communicated that the client is no longer going to undergo the procedure. No further action is required.

X. New Business

- 2026 Service Descriptions Revisions-Mental Health and Substance Abuse

All

The Subcommittee briefly reviewed the 2026 edits to the mental health and substance abuse service definition. Edits to the document included updates to ranking, dates, references, and some wording. On the mental health service description, the following additional comments were made and recommended:

- Removal any reference to harm reduction in this description and throughout the document;
- Change “ARNP” to “APRN”;and
- Add “Physician Assistants”.

These changes will be made and brought back.

Edits to the 2026 Service Description for Substance Abuse services were briefly reviewed and will be brought back to the next meeting.

Additional time was needed to conclude business items, so the Subcommittee moved to extend the meeting.

Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Moved: Crithian Ysea

Seconded: Juliet Miller

Motion: Passed

- Letters of Medical Necessity: Edits for 2026

All

The Subcommittee reviewed the letters of medical necessity for dental implants, food bank services, and continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices. The dental implant letter was updated in May 2025, and no additional edits were requested. No additional edits were also requested of the food bank letter. On the CGM devices questions were raised as to why only two were listed. Staff will query pharmacy providers for options and possible pricing, bringing the information to the next meeting.

- 2026 Elections

All

Staff provided a memo reminding the Subcommittee that elections for officers will take place at the January 2026 meeting. Both Chair and Vice-Chair have served for two years and are not eligible for re-election. If anyone is interested in serving as an officer of this Subcommittee, they can indicate their interest now, let staff know in advance of the January meeting, or declare their interest at the January meeting.

- 2026 Calendar of Activities

All

The proposed 2026 calendar of activities was provided and reviewed, and a motion was made to approve it.

Motion to approve the 2026 calendar of activities as presented.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Serrano-Irizarry

Motion: Passed

XI. Announcements and Open Discussion

All

Staff projected the QR Code for accessing and completing the State Department of Health Needs Assessment survey, and urged attendees to please share it with clients. The information is also posted online at www.PartnershipMiami.org.

XII. Next Meeting

Cristhian Ysea

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 23, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at BSR.

XIII. Adjournment

James Dougherty

Mr. Dougherty thanked everyone for participating in the meeting, wished everyone happy holidays, and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Juliet Miller

Seconded: Cristhian Ysea

Motion: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.