



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

May 15, 2026, Minutes

Approved July 24, 2026

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Dougherty, James		X	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	
2	Friedman, Lawrence	X			
3	Gonzalez, Yvette	X			
4	Miller, Juliet		X		
5	Rojas, Vanessa	X			
6	Romero, Javier		X		
7	Serrano-Irizarry, Yendi		X		
8	Ysea, Cristhian A.	X			
Quorum: 3				Staff	
				Gattorno, Frank	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/partnership/#mcsc1>.

I. Call to Order

Cristhian Ysea

Cristhian Ysea, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. He introduced himself, provided an overview of the work for the day's meeting, and welcomed everyone.

II. Introductions

All

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

III. Meeting Housekeeping

Cristhian Ysea

Mr. Ysea reviewed the streamlined meeting housekeeping summary.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Dr. Friedman 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 discussed striking two items. First, the ADAP Report, since there was no report and Dr. Romero was not present. Second, the Ryan White Formulary since no pharmacists were in attendance.

Motion to accept the agenda as discussed.

Moved: Yvette Gonzalez

Seconded: Dr. Vanessa Rojas

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of April 24, 2026

All

Members reviewed the minutes of April 24, 2026. Yvette Gonzalez's last name is misspelled on pages 4 and 5, and needs to be corrected.

Motion to accept the minutes of April 24, 2026, with the discussed correction.

Moved: Dr. Vanessa Rojas

Seconded: Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ **Ryan White Program**

Carla Valle-Schwenk

Carla Valle-Schwenk referenced the Ryan White Program utilization and expenditures as of May 11, 2026, which were posted online. Final utilization and expenditures will be available for next month since the final reports to HRSA are due at the end of this month. Work continues through the team of advocates working to address the ADAP challenges. There have been rumors that the ADAP program may not be able to continue to pay for single tablet drugs and will focus on generics. With the removal of subsidies generated by paying insurance, the ADAP program will continue to have budget issues. Ms. Valle-Schwenk indicated that the University of Florida was conducting a survey on ADAP. For those clients needing Biktarvy®, the patient assistance program (Advancing Access program) will require a benefits review, and clinicians will also need to provide documentation of medical need for the medication.

Dr. Friedman indicated that the Part D project officers are aware of the issues with ADAP and how this crisis may affect viral suppression rates.

▪ **Vacancy Report**

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the May 2026 vacancies, which indicated several membership opportunities on the Partnership and the Subcommittee. Currently, on the Subcommittee, there are vacancies for a pharmacist, physician, mental health professional, and members living with HIV. Interested individuals may contact staff for additional details or attend a meeting or training sessions.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ **Allowable Conditions Response to "Dear Colleague" Letter Continued**

All

The Subcommittee deferred this item earlier in the year and has been working on this item since the Fall of last year. Over the course of several months, a structured review of the allowable conditions was held using a review tool developed by the Subcommittee accompanied by Open Evidence AI generated literature review provided by Yendi Serrano-Irizarry to assess the conditions. The Subcommittee reviewed the latest version of the review tool and the tool was updated. The next set of allowable conditions to review will be from Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Otolaryngology to Hematology and Oncology.

▪ **Contingency Planning Continued:**

□ **Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS) Review – Vaccines**

All

At the last Subcommittee meeting, staff shared the OAHS utilization report for Ryan White Program FY 2024-2025, but the Subcommittee requested additional details exclusively for vaccines. Staff shared the additional vaccination data at this meeting. Over 1,621 clients received vaccines, and of these, 861 were clients with ADAP coverage on the service date at a cost of \$263,426.68. Clients with ADAP should be referred to pharmacies within the Prime Therapeutics network so that the vaccines can be billed to the ADAP program. The Recipient will remind providers that the Ryan White Program is payor of last resort.

▪ **Oral Health Care Items: D6095, Repair of Implant Abutment – Discontinued**

All

Staff queried former members of the Oral Health Care Workgroup about the need to replace code D6095 which was discontinued. Two of the three former members indicated they never used the code and had no replacements. No further action was required. If a dentist should need to add a code in the future, they can submit a request form for evaluation.

▪ **2026 Calendar of Activities**

All

Staff reviewed the latest version of the calendar of activities. Several members indicated they had a conflict in June and would not be able to attend. The Subcommittee decided to cancel the June meeting and continue to address agenda items at their July meeting.

Motion to cancel the June 26, 2026, Medical Care Subcommittee meeting.

Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman Seconded: Dr. Vanessa Rojas

Motion: Passed

IX. New Business

▪ **Special Projects Discussion**

All

As part of the annual staff-support budget process approved in 2024, the committees and subcommittee are invited to submit requests for support for special projects beyond their regular annual activities. Examples of eligible special projects include needs assessment, comprehensive planning, PSRA, and administrative efficiency work. Once project proposals are developed, the Executive Committee will review them and forward recommendations to the Partnership. The Subcommittee decided to continue to monitor ADAP changes and not put forth a special project.

X. Announcements

All

The next Get on Board training was announced and will take place on June 3, 2026. The training is held on Microsoft Teams and individuals can register via the QR code or click the link imbedded in the notice that was sent out Wednesday.

XI. Next Meeting

Cristhian Ysea

The next meeting is now scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the BSR conference room.

XII. Adjournment

Cristhian Ysea

Mr. Ysea thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.