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

August 13, 2026, Minutes

#	Committee Members	Present	Absent
1	Dale, Jaqueline	X	
2	Fils Aime, Louvens	X	
3	Gonzalez, Yvette	X	
4	Henriquez, Maria		X
5	Ingram, Trillion	X	
6	Riley, James	X	
7	Santiago, Grechen		X
8	Santiago, Steven		X
9	Shmuels, Daniel	X	
10	Shmuels, Diego	X	
Quorum: 5			

Guests
Gonzalez de Obando, Tivisay
Machado, Angela
Villamizar, Kira
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/partnership/#caretreatment2.

I. Call to Order *Dr. Daniel Shmuels*

Dr. Daniel Shmuels volunteered to chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair. Dr. Shmuels welcomed everyone, reviewed the tasks of the day, and called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

II. Introductions *All*

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Meeting Housekeeping *Dr. Daniel Shmuels*

Dr. Daniel Shmuels reviewed the housekeeping presentation which detailed meeting participation reminders, meeting etiquette, and reminders of access to the meeting materials via the QR code on the agenda.

IV. Floor Open to the Public *Dr. Daniel Shmuels*

Dr. Daniel Shmuels 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. Staff requested to defer the Client Satisfaction Survey presentation until the next meeting. The Committee approved the agenda with the update.

Motion to accept the agenda with the deferral of the Client Satisfaction Survey presentation.
Moved: James Riley **Seconded: Trillion Ingram** **Motion: Passed**

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of July 9, 2026

The Committee reviewed the minutes of July 9, 2026, and noted a spelling correction on page two from, "Whtie" to "White".

The Chair, Dr. Diego Shmuels arrived and resumed control of the meeting and requested a motion on the minutes.

Motion to accept the July 9, 2026, minutes with the discussed correction.
Moved: Louvens Fils Aime **Seconded: Dr. Daniel Shmuels** **Motion: Passed**

VII. Reports

- **Part A** *Tivisay Gonzalez de Obando*

Tivisay Gonzalez de Obando reviewed the FY 2026 utilization Ryan White Program Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) report. . As of August 2026, the report indicated 7,781 clients had been served in the Fiscal Year to date. Contracts are still being finalized, so expenditures are pending.

Award letters are being disseminated for Part A/MAI Sweeps #1. Next month, additional Sweeps for MAI funding will take place to account for the $500,000 reduction in the carryover request for MAI.

The Statewide Needs Assessment is still active through the end of the month.

Within the next one to two weeks, the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Part A/MAI/Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) will be released for direct services. The RFP for quality management and staff support is expected to follow within one to two weeks of the direct services RFP.

Last week the Ryan White Conference was held and was well attended, with over 3,000 in-person attendees and over 4,000 online participants. Tracks at the conference included HIV and aging and planning council membership information sessions. AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) sessions were available to case managers and clinicians who could earn continuing education credits. Presentations will be posted online on the conference app in September, as they become available.

- **Part B** *Kira Villamizar*

Kira Villamizar reviewed the June 2026 Ryan White Part B expenditure report. She advised that a new Test and Treat formulary has been released, including the expectation that medication samples (e.g., Biktarvy®) or vouchers (e.g., Semtuza®) will be used to extend the availability of medications. All providers must comply with the new samples requirements indicated in their contracts.

Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) can cover rental and utility assistance, transportation, and food. There is concern that clients are signing lease agreements without the income to maintain the lease. EFA funds are one-time use. To access the assistance, a care plan must be developed that address long-term planning.

Assistance under the EHE Housing Assistance Program includes up to two years of aid. Under EHE, long-term planning must also be done, and job skills training may be provided.

Training needs for Part B and Part A medical case managers have changed to address gaps in skills related to housing assistance and the requirement to develop "next step" planning for clients receiving temporary assistance. Carla Valle-Schwenk suggested a training of supervisors be conducted to cover housing related topics including how to budget, what next steps are necessary, and how to provide proper documentation. It was suggested to host the training once then post online for additional access. Additionally, samples of a good care plan should be shared. Some members suggested requiring mandatory onboarding training and updates every six months.

- **ADAP** *Marlen Meizoso*

Marlen Meizoso referred to the June AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) report, which was posted online. Ms. Villamizar advised members that there is no grace period in the ADAP program and clients need to pick up medication to stay compliant. The ADAP program has is limited to a 21,000-person cap through June 2027.

- **General Revenue** *Angela Machado*

Angela Machado reviewed the June 2026 General Revenue report detailing the top three services, number of unduplicated clients, and total expended. General Revenue is preparing final close out of the year.

- **Vacancies** *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the vacancies on the Partnership and the Committee and highlighted that anyone who is interested can attend a meeting or attend a training.

Members suggested hosting tables at events such as Pride, 12-step programs, and other events in the community.

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

Dr. Shmuels reviewed the Medical Care Subcommittee (MCSC)report. MCSC:

- Heard updates on the Ryan White and ADAP Programs;
- Recommended Carlos Palacios, pharmacist, as a new member;
- Continued its review of documents crafted as a response to the HRSA "Dear Colleague" letter reviewing the Allowable Conditions list;
- Reviewed request for addition of four codes (D0602, D0603, D9110, and D0171) to the Oral Health Care Formulary. Only two codes: D0171 (Post Operative Re-evaluation); and D9110 (Palliative Treatment of Dental Pain – per visit), were recommended for approval. Additional information is being requested for caries risk assessment codes D0602 and D0603.

Motion to recommended Code D0171-Post Operative Re-evaluation and Code D9110-Palliative Treatment of Dental Pain-per visit to the Ryan White Program Oral Health Care Formulary.
Moved: James Riley **Seconded: Dr. Daniel Shmuels** **Motion: Passed**

- Reviewed the latest version of the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary and requested additional editing. Biktarvy® had been recommended for removal, in anticipation of removal by ADAP, however ADAP reinstated the medication as of July 1, 2026. The Partnership tabled the removal motion.

The next MCSC meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2026, at Behavioral Science Research Corp., 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 240, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

- **Partnership Report (reference only)** *Marlen Meizoso*

  Mrs. Meizoso reviewed July Partnership Report and stated that anyone who is interested can attend a meeting or attend a training.

VIII. Standing Business

There were no standing business items.

IX. New Business

- **RWP FY 2025 Client Satisfaction Survey Findings** *Dr. Robert Ladner*

  This item was deferred.

- **Unmet Need/Projections** *Dr. Robert Ladner*

  Dr. Ladner reviewed the unmet need and population worksheet which detailed several population needs using surveillance data, and provided similar data on these populations in the Ryan White Program. In addition, information on the estimated unaware HIV-positive, access to other funding, and Women, Infants, Children, and Youth, was presented.

  Dr. Ladner reviewed the estimated Part A/MAI projections for 2027, totaling $21.7 million. Estimates are difficult since actually funding is unknown and other funding issues such as those with ADAP will affect the Ryan White Program. Reductions are expected going forward while more people are expected to be in the program. The distribution of service category percentages reflects decisions made by the Care and Treatment Committee in 2025 and is the basis for the Recipient's issuing of the direct services RFP in September.

  The key take-aways from the presentation were:

  - Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS) utilization is a lagging indicator of the repercussions of the ADAP decision to discontinue premium support for Affordable Care Act policies. Movement to Ryan White Part A OAHS providers by persons insured under the ACA is expected to take at least two calendar quarters to reflect final impacts on OAHS service utilization.
  - The impact of new service categories (e.g., non-medical case management, psychosocial counseling) is unknown, the amount of the RWP budget that can be dedicated to Support Services is still limited to 25%.
  - Food Bank services are limited to clients with income below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
  - Health Insurance Services may be limited to $3,000 per client annually.
  - Medical Case Management will require peers to be certified, or to be paid under Non-Medical Case Management.

- Psychosocial Services can also include uncertified peers.

- **Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) 16-02 and Local Services** *Dr. Robert Ladner*

Attendees reviewed edits for local restrictions on services described in HRSA Policy Clarification Notification #16-02. The document included the additional services selected in FY 2024 for inclusion in the RFP for FY 2027, as well as services that are not funded but which still must be prioritized. The Committee approved the document, as presented.

Motion to approve the Miami-Dade Ryan White Program Service Standards Excerpts for FY 2027, as presented.
Moved: Dr. Daniel Shmuels Seconded: Louvens Fils Aime Motion: Passed

- **Summaries to Date** *Marlen Meizoso*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the summaries to date for all presentations through July including their location in the Needs Assessment book and on the website. Members were reminded to review all meeting materials when starting the priority setting in September and during the resource allocation process.

- **Next Steps and Reminders** *Marlen Meizoso*

Meeting dates, steps in the process, and final topics were discussed. Members were reminded that the process needs to be data driven.

- **Bylaws Review-Care and Treatment Section** *All*

The Committee reviewed their Bylaw section and recommended changes.

X. Announcements and Open Discussion *All*

Attendees were reminded:

- The next Get on Board training for September 2, 2026, and registration for the event is accessible via the posted QR code or link.
- It is import to RSVP to the Needs Assessment meetings to ensure that enough meeting materials are available and that there will be sufficient attendance to achieve quorum.
- To complete the online evaluation of this meeting, use the projected QR code. Staff will also distribute the link via email. The evaluations assist with future planning.

There were no open discussion items.

XI. Next Meeting *Dr. Diego Shmuels*

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026, at Care Resource, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

With business concluded, Dr. David Shmuels thanked everyone for participating, and adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.