



## **Miami Beach Community Health Center joins the national fight against the Opioid Crisis**

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(MBCHC) has been awarded \$288,750 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to advance evidence-based strategies for expanding access to quality integrated substance use disorder prevention and treatment services; and expanding access to quality integrated mental health services. “Our community has not escaped the opioid epidemic, and access to quality, affordable mental health services has long been a challenge,” said Trudy Pacheco, Director of Grant and Project Development.

Of particular interest to HRSA is opioid use disorder and conditions that increase risk for, or co-occur with substance use disorder. With HRSA’s assistance, MBCHC will add two clinical case managers to support the provision of quality integrated mental health and substance use disorder services to patients and provide staff training. Evidence-based strategies at MBCHC supporting its expansion of quality integrated substance use disorder and mental health services include:

- Patient-Centered Medical Home
- Integration of behavioral health into primary care
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder

**About Miami Beach Community Health Center:** Since 1977, [Miami Beach Community Health Center](#) is dedicated to providing quality medical care to the uninsured and underinsured in South Florida and turns no patient away for inability to pay. Visit [www.mbchc.org](http://www.mbchc.org) for more information.

**About HRSA:** HRSA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for improving access to health care by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthy communities and achieving health equity. HRSA's programs provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable. Visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/about/index.html> for more information.

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