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Honorable Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, PD.D.
Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Commitment Letter for Miami-Dade County's "Minority AIDS Initiative: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention and Treatment Pilot Program".

Dear Secretary Delphin-Rittmon:

On behalf of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership, I am pleased to provide this Commitment Letter for Miami-Dade County's Minority AIDS Initiative: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention and Treatment Pilot Program (Short Title: MAI PT Pilot), to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The program will increase engagement and care to provide substance use prevention, substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, HIV, and viral hepatitis prevention and treatment services for racial and ethnic medically underserved individuals vulnerable to a SUD and/or mental health condition, HIV, viral hepatitis, and other infectious disease.

Over a five-year project period, 1,000 individuals are projected to receive services including, but not limited to 1) community outreach; 2) screening; 3) HIV, viral hepatitis, and other infectious diseases testing; 4) education and prevention; 5) case management; 6) referrals and linkages to follow-up care; and 7) residential and outpatient SUD treatment.

The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership is the official Ryan White Program planning council and the official Miami-Dade County advisory board for HIV/AIDS care, treatment and prevention. The objective of the MAI PT Pilot is to increase engagement in care for people at increased risk for substance use and co-occurring disorders, HIV, viral hepatitis, and other infectious diseases. The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership is committed to working with Miami-Dade County as a collaborative partner in support of the MAI PT Pilot.

By providing needed services and support to racial and ethnic minority populations at high risk for HIV and viral hepatitis, this important project will serve to reduce the health and social costs of substance abuse and dependence on the public and increase the health and safety of the target population and the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this endorsement. If you have any questions, please contact Partnership Administrative Staff at 305-445-1076 or mdcpartnership@behavioralscience.com.

Sincerely,

Alecia Tramel-McIntyre
Chair, Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership

c: Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Members