



MIAMI-DADE HIV/AIDS PARTNERSHIP

Housing Committee Meeting Thursday, January 16, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Care Resource Community Health Centers
3510 Biscayne Blvd., 1st Floor Community Room
Miami, FL 33137

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Meeting Housekeeping Housing Committee



Updated October 25, 2024
Behavioral Science Research



Disclaimer & Code of Conduct

- ❑ Audio of this meeting is being recorded and will become part of the public record.
- ❑ Members serve the interest of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS community as a whole.
- ❑ Members do not serve private or personal interests, and shall endeavor to treat all persons, issues and business in a fair and equitable manner.
- ❑ Members shall refrain from side-bar conversations in accordance with Florida Government in the Sunshine laws.

General Housekeeping

- ❑ You must sign in to be counted as present.
- ❑ Place cell phones on mute or vibrate - *If you must take a call, please excuse yourself from the meeting.*
- ❑ Eligible committee members should see staff for a voucher at the end of the meeting.

About the Partnership

- ❑ The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership is the official Ryan White Program Planning Council for Miami-Dade County.
- ❑ Partnership Members are appointed by the Mayor of Miami-Dade County based on recommendations by the Community Coalition.
- ❑ The Housing Committee is a Committee of the Partnership.
- ❑ All Partnership, Standing Committee and Subcommittee members are volunteers and commit to abiding by the Partnership's Bylaws, including regular meeting attendance and completion of required training and paperwork.
- ❑ See staff after the meeting for additional details.

Membership

Language Matters!

In today's world, there are many words that can be stigmatizing. Here are a few suggestions for better communication.



Remember **People First** Language . . .
People with HIV, *People* with substance use disorders, *People* who are experiencing homelessness, etc.

Please don't say **RISKS** . . . Instead, say **REASONS**.
Please don't say, **INFECTED with HIV** . . . Instead, say
**ACQUIRED HIV, DIAGNOSED with HIV, or
CONTRACTED HIV.**

Please **do not** use these terms . . .
Dirty . . . Clean . . . Full-blown AIDS . . . Victim . . .

Meeting Participation

Everyone has a role to play!

- ❑ All attendees may address the board as time allows and at the discretion of the Chair.
- ❑ Please *share your expertise* on the current Agenda topics and motions. Remember to . . .
 - Raise your hand to be recognized by the Chair or added to the queue during discussions.
 - Avoid repeating points previously addressed.



Meeting Terminology

Meetings can be fast-paced and confusing!

- ❑ Terms and acronyms you might hear at today's meeting are on the back of your Agenda.
- ❑ Please raise your hand at any time if you need more information!

| Meeting Guide | |
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| Partnership, PC, or Planning Council | The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership - Official Ryan White Program Planning Council in Miami-Dade County |
| SWP or RWNSWP | The Ryan White Program or The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (usually referring to Part A, MAAS) |
| ADAP | AIDS Drug Assistance Program. Provides FDA-approved medications for low-income individuals with HIV who have limited or no coverage from private insurance or Medicaid. Provides insurance coverage for uninsured RWSP clients. |
| BSR | Behavioral Science Research Corp. (see page 1) |
| EHE | Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America. Four Pillars: 1. Diagnose, 2. Treat, 3. Prevent, 4. Respond. |
| TEMA | Texas Employment Assistance (see County, Miami-Dade County) |
| FDOSH or FDOH-MDC | Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County |
| FPL | Federal Poverty Level. Used to determine RWSP eligibility and benefits. |
| HOPIWA | Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS Program. Federal program that provides funding to support housing and housing-related services for people with AIDS and their families. Related terms: STRM2, Short-Term Rental, Mortgage and Utilities Assistance, Project-based Funds designated units in a building, STRA, Long-Term Rental Assistance (another program); and FMR: Fair Market Rental. |
| HRSA | The Health Resources and Services Administration. The source of federal RWSP grant funds. |
| Integrated Plan or IP | The Miami-Dade County Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. |
| JIPPT | The Joint Integrated Plan Review Team (Prevention Committee & Strategic Planning Committee) |
| MAI | Minority AIDS Initiative. Additional RWSP funding to improve access to HIV care and health outcomes for disproportionately affected racial and ethnic minority populations. |
| NIAD | National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Four Goals: 1. Prevent new HIV infections; 2. Improve HIV-related health outcomes of people with HIV; 3. Reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequities; 4. Advance integrated, coordinated efforts that address the HIV epidemic among all partners. |
| PC-Miami or Provide Enterprise | Provide Enterprise™ by SynGene Technologies (RWSP client database system). |
| The Budget, the County, or OMB | The Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget. The recipient of RWSP Part A/MAI funds from HRSA. |
| TRIA | Treat and Thrive/Rapid Access. Protocol designed to ensure newly diagnosed people or those returning to care will obtain immediate linkage to medical care and treatment. |
| More terminology at www.aidsnet.org/the-partnership/#housing1 . | |

Resources

- ❑ Behavioral Science Research Corp. (BSR) staff are the Resource Persons for this meeting.
- ❑ See staff after the meeting if you are interested in membership or if you have a question that wasn't covered during the meeting.
- ❑ Today's presentation and supporting documents are online at <https://aidsnet.org/the-partnership/#housing1> or by scanning the QR code on your agenda.

Welcome to AIDSNET.org!

Welcome to the online home of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership (Miami-Dade County Ryan White Program planning council), the Clinical Quality Management (CQM) program, resources for people with HIV and service providers, and the building block for the new and upcoming Miami-Dade County - Community Association.

10/10/2024
9,071
people with HIV

The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership
Resources for people with HIV
Clinical Quality Management Program
Ryan White Program Services Provider Resource Hub
Community Association - HIV Needs and Resources
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Floor Open to the Public

“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 line for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received.”



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October 18, 2024 Minutes

| # | Members | Present | Absent |
|------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| 1 | Burks, Laurie Ann | X | |
| 2 | Hill, Lileaus | X | |
| 3 | Tazoe, Roberto | | X |
| 4 | Sarria, Manuel | X | |
| Quorum: 3 | | | |

| Guests | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Alcala, Francia | Hernandez, Roger |
| Carr, Antoinette | Robinson, Patera |
| Davis, Debra | Sanders, Carol |
| De Leon, Carlos | Williams, Stephen |
| Gomez, Francia | |
| Staff | |
| Bontempo, Christina | |

All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the meeting, at <https://aidsnet.org/the-partnership#housing1>.

I. Call to Order

Lileaus Hill

Lileaus Hill volunteered to be the Acting Chair and called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

II. Introductions

All

Ms. Hill introduced herself and requested members and guests introduce themselves.

III. Meeting Housekeeping

Christina Bontempo

Christina Bontempo reminded attendees of housekeeping items, including meeting recording, public records, that questions should go through the Chair, and if there are any additional questions they can be asked of staff after the meeting.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Lileaus Hill

Ms. Hill opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

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There were no comments, so the floor was closed for public comment.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

All

The Committee reviewed the agenda which was posted in advance of the meeting. The Committee approved the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Manny Sarria

Seconded: Laurie Ann Burks

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of August 15, 2024

All

The Committee reviewed the minutes of August 15, 2024, and approved them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of August 15, 2024, as presented.

Moved: Laurie Ann Burks

Seconded: Manny Sarria

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ HOPWA Program

Roberto Tazoe

The report was tabled since Mr. Tazoe was not available.

A person asked if they would be able to access HOPWA housing. One of the Housing Specialists indicated that the Long-Term Rental Assistance program is closed, and that the City of Miami is working on the current waitlist. Miami-Dade County is opening their Section-8 waitlist October 16-25, 2024.

▪ Vacancies

Christina Bontempo

Ms. Bontempo reviewed the vacancy report in the meeting packets. There are vacancies on both the Partnership and the Housing Committee. Anyone who is interested in membership can see staff after the meeting or attend New Member Orientation.

Ms. Bontempo announced that there are two Housing Committee applications pending, and one applicant was present. Patera Robinson with the Health Council of South Florida, expressed her interest in membership. The Committee made a motion to accept her membership.

Motion to accept Patera Robinson for membership on the Housing Committee.

Moved: Laurie Ann Burks

Seconded: Manny Sarria

Motion: Passed

As a reminder, the Committee can have up to 16 members, and only one member per provider.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Follow-up to Stakeholder Meeting

All

The Committee reviewed the written responses from the stakeholder meeting in the meeting materials. The Committee agreed that the meeting was helpful in learning and providing information on housing resources and would like to hold another meeting next year.

IX. New Business

▪ November and December 2024 meetings

All

The Committee reviewed their meeting dates for November and December 2024. Since meeting dates fall close to holidays the Committee was queried if they wanted to cancel the meeting dates in advance. The Committee suggested keeping the dates in case business items arise, and cancel dates as needed.

▪ **Elections in 2025**

All

The Committee reviewed the elections memo. Officer elections will take place in January 2025, for both Chair and Vice Chair. Anyone interested should forward their name to staff. Nominations are being accepted. Ms. Hill indicated she was interested in the Chair position. Officers of the Committee will also be members of the Executive Committee.

▪ **2025 Meeting Dates**

All

The tentative meeting dates, time, and location for 2025 were shared and the Committee agreed they were fine.

X. Open Discussion

▪ **Questions from the Community**

All

Guests asked some questions to the Committee.

- Is the City of Miami still investing with construction developers for set-aside units? If so, are there any?
- Has the City of Miami acquired any new units? They had acquired some years ago in Homestead.
- Is the City of Miami doing anything with Sugar Hill or the church on 8th Street?
- Is there any surplus in the HOPWA budget?

A member indicated that the County has several projects but these are not specific to HIV rather they focus on the homeless or workforce development.

Questions will be forwarded to Roberto Tazoe and replies will be made available at an upcoming meeting.

XI. Announcements

All

Ms. Robinson indicated that the Health Council of South Florida's housing program is closed. Hopefully, the program will reopen again.

Mr. Sarria announced that the Health Council of South Florida has a new program in conjunction with the Homeless Trust and other agencies for youth experiencing homelessness. The program will provide assistance to people with HIV ages 18-24 who are experiencing homelessness.

XII. Next Meeting

Lileaus Hill

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024, at Care Resource.

XIII. Adjournment

Lileaus Hill

Ms. Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.



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Membership Report

January 3, 2025

The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership

The official Ryan White Program Planning Council in Miami-Dade County and the Advisory Board for HIV/AIDS to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.

Opportunities for Ryan White Program Clients

5 seats are available to Ryan White Program Clients who are not affiliated or employed by a Ryan White Program Part A funded service provider.

Opportunities for General Membership

7 seats are open to people with HIV, service providers, and community stakeholders who have reputations of integrity and community service, and possess the relevant knowledge, skills and expertise in these membership categories:

- Hospital or Health Care Planning Agency Representative
- Mental Health Provider Representative
- Housing, Homeless or Social Service Provider
- Other Federal HIV Program Grantee Representative (Part F)
- Other Federal HIV Program Grantee Representative (SAMHSA)
- Non-Ryan White Program Miami-Dade County Representative
- Part D Grantee Representative

Are you a Member?

Thank you for your service to people with HIV!
Be sure to bring a Ryan White client to your next meeting!

Do You Qualify for Membership?

If you answer "Yes" to these questions, you could qualify for membership!

Are you a resident of Miami-Dade County?

Are you a registered voter in Miami-Dade County?

Note: Some seats for people with HIV are exempt from this requirement.

Can you volunteer three to five hours per month for Partnership activities?



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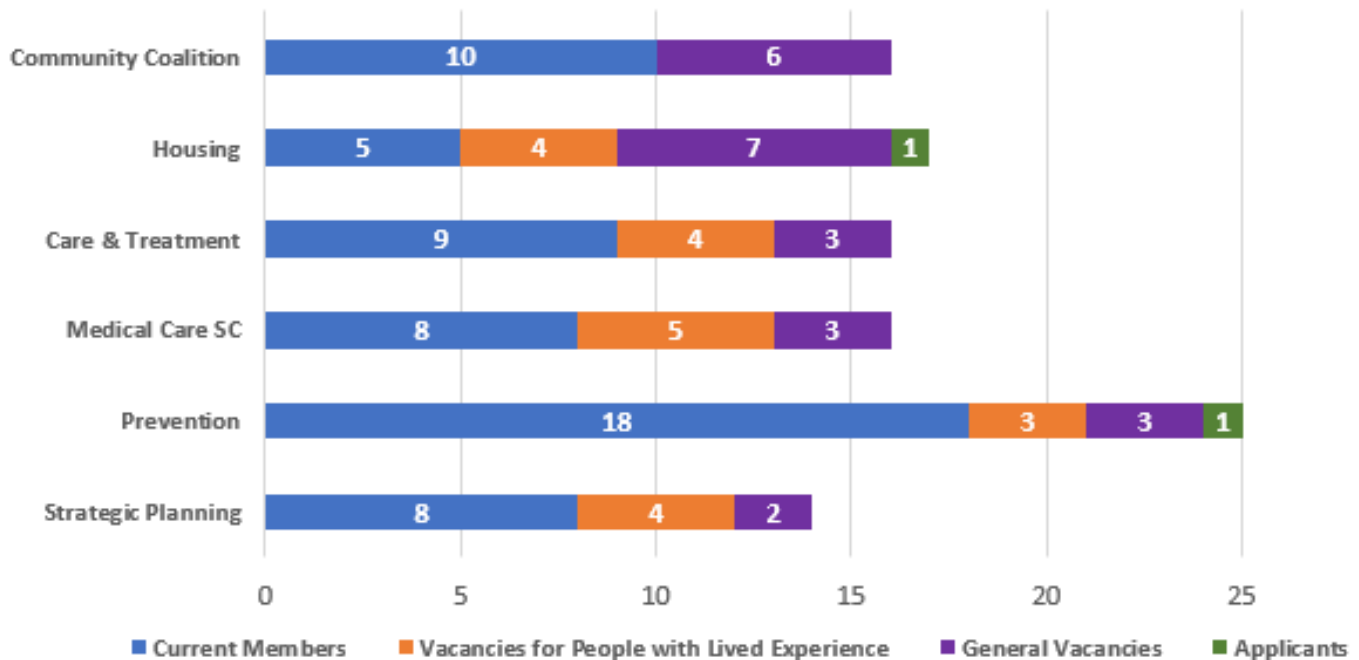
Committees

Work with a dedicated team of volunteers on these and more Partnership activities to better serve people with HIV in Miami-Dade County!
People with HIV are encouraged to join!

- ⌘ Allocate more than \$27 million in Ryan White Program funds with the **Care and Treatment Committee**
- ⌘ Develop an Annual Report on the State of HIV and the Ryan White Program in Miami-Dade County with the **Strategic Planning Committee**
- ⌘ Recruit and train new Partnership members with the **Community Coalition**
- ⌘ Work with the City of Miami Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program to address housing challenges for people with HIV/AIDS with the **Housing Committee**
- ⌘ Oversee updates and changes to medical treatment guidelines for the Ryan White Part/MAI Program with the **Medical Care Subcommittee**
- ⌘ Set priorities for Ryan White Program HIV health and support services in Miami-Dade County with the **Care and Treatment Committee**
- ⌘ Share a meal and testimonials at Roundtables with the **Community Coalition**
- ⌘ Develop and monitor the official HIV Prevention and Care Integrated Plan with the **Strategic Planning Committee & Prevention Committee**
- ⌘ Develop your leadership skills and be a committee leader with the **Executive Committee**
- ⌘ Oversee updates and changes to the Ryan White Prescription Drug Formulary with the **Medical Care Subcommittee**
- ⌘ Develop and monitor local Ending the HIV Epidemic activities with the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County with the **Prevention Committee & Strategic Planning Committee**
- ⌘ Be in the know about the latest HIV activities of the Prevention Mobilization Workgroups with the **Prevention Committee**

Visit www.aidsnet.org/the-partnership/ for the complete list of applications and details on Partnership and committee membership opportunities. Contact us at mdcpartnership@behavioralscience.com or 305-445-1076 for assistance.

Standing Committee and Subcommittee Membership





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Calendar of Activities 2025**

| Meeting Date | Officer Elections | Financial Disclosures | Special Projects Discussion | Committee Items (items added as needed) | Notes |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| January 16, 2025 | x | | | x | Elections, Planning for 2025 |
| February 20, 2025 | | x | | x | |
| March 20, 2025 | | x | x | x | |
| April 17, 2025 | | x | x | x | |
| May 15, 2025 | | | x | x | |
| June 18, 2025 | | | | x | |
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| August 21, 2025 | | | | x | |
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| October 16, 2025 | | | | x | |
| November 20, 2025 | | | | x | |
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Comments:

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Memo

To: Housing Committee Members

From: Marlen Meizoso

Date: October 17, 2024

Re: 2025 Officer Nominations and Elections

Annual nominations for the Housing Committee Chair and Vice Chair (Officers) are scheduled for the October 17, 2024, Housing Committee meeting. Elections will be held at the January 16, 2025, meeting.

Serving as an Officer provides you a great opportunity to enhance your leadership skills, add a new title to your resume, and become a more involved planning council member!

Committee Officers develop agendas with support staff, lead committee meetings, and serve as members of the Executive Committee. Staff provides comprehensive training for all Officers.

For your reference, I am providing the qualifications for Officers as they relate to this Committee, from the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Bylaws (Section 5.1):

- Each standing committee, subcommittee, or workgroup shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members; they shall serve at the will of the standing committee, subcommittee, or workgroup.
- Officers shall be full voting members.
- At least one (1) officer of each standing committee must be a Partnership member who shall be designated to report committee activities to the Partnership.
- Standing committees, committees, and workgroups shall strive to elect at least one (1) officer who is a person with HIV.
- No individual shall serve concurrent terms as an officer of the Partnership and an officer of a standing committee or subcommittee. The exception to this rule is for officers of workgroups, which may be led by the Chair as Chair or Vice-Chair of the committee under whose purview the workgroup was authorized.

You are encouraged to add your name as a nominee in advance of the meeting; nominations will also be taken from the floor at the January 16, 2025, meeting. Current Officers who have served less than two years are eligible and encouraged to add their name to the ballot. If you are interested in this opportunity or if you have any questions, please contact me at (305) 445-1076 or by email at marlen@behavioralscience.com.



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