



General Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendees: April Ganzy, Channel Bonner, Colette Heid, Edwin Torres, Ilemir Otaiza, Michelle Peaslee, Miranda Talley, Myra Howie, Natasha Ramlagan, Onika James, Rashiemah Birks, Sandra Rangel, Yenichel Ruan, Emily Carmichael (HCSEF), Tiffany Canate (HCSEF)

Excused: Carrie Hollinger, Eric Martinez, Jackie Clarke

1. Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence **Eric Martinez**

- E. Carmichael welcomed attendees, calling the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.
- T. Canate conducted roll call and acknowledged the excused absences for this meeting.
- T. Canate led a moment of silence.

2. Review and approval of meeting minutes and agenda (Motion) **Eric Martinez**

- E. Martinez called for a review of the previous General Body meeting minutes and the current agenda.
- J. Clarke motioned to accept the current agenda and previous meeting minutes as distributed, and C. Bonner seconded the motion.

3. Lead Agency Report **Lead Agency Staff**

- C. Bonner reported ongoing delays in the expenditure reporting system. She stated that the team continues to use the same quality assurance indicators and will review the Quality Improvement Plan in the future.
- S. Rangel reported January expenditures totaled \$168,830, and further updates would be shared when available.

4. Committee Updates **Committee Co-Chairs**
Eric Martinez & Carrie Hollinger

Membership

- T. Canate provided a summary of recent developments from the Membership Committee, noting the approval of a new member application. She noted that, at the chairs' request, planning for the new member orientation will proceed following further discussions.
- T. Canate also reported that HCSEF has developed outreach and recruitment materials at the Membership Committee's request. These include Provider Reminder Cards and presentation slides designed for display in clinics and provider offices to enhance Consortia visibility and foster new member engagement.
- E. Carmichael advised members to distribute Provider Reminder Cards within their respective organizations to support ongoing recruitment initiatives.
- There were no additional questions or comments.

EQA/Planning

Jackie Clarke, Natasha Ramlagan, Sandra Rangel

- T. Canate provided a summary of updates from the latest EQA/Planning committee meeting, highlighting delays resulting from ongoing system access challenges, continued

efforts in community engagement and outreach, and discussions regarding strategies to enhance service accessibility for improved client support.

- T. Canate also reported that activities related to the HIV Care Needs survey have resumed, with \$10 food vouchers being offered to participants upon completion. Furthermore, key informant interviews are progressing, and planning and scheduling for resident focus groups are in progress. T. Canate encouraged all members to share the survey with their clients and noted that HCSEF remains available to offer direct assistance.
- No further questions were raised.

5. Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) Committee Updates

Eric Martinez

- T. Canate reported that at the latest FCPN Coordination of Efforts Committee meeting, it was stated that the FCPN meeting date was expected to be announced around April 1, 2026.
- T. Canate noted that the Needs Assessment Committee is actively working to acquire updated provider resource inventories.
- No further questions were raised.

6. Consumer HIV/AIDS Advisory Group (CHAG) Florida Men's Health Workgroup Update

Eric Martinez

- No updates were provided for CHAG or the Florida Men's Health Workgroup.

7. Area 15 Updates

All

- C. Bonner reported that the Women and Girls Summit was rescheduled to April 17, 2026.
- C. Bonner provided an update on the AIDs Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), noting that proposed changes have not yet been approved and current eligibility and formulary restrictions remain in effect.
- E. Torres shared that Midway continues community engagement efforts, including hosting group educational sessions and conducting regular outreach in rehabilitation centers.
- R. Birks shared that Whole Family Health Center will be partnering with the Florida Department of Health in Indian River County to conduct a community health event on April 18, 2026. There will be a symposium, HIV/STI testing, and education on multiple health topics.
- M. Howie reported Florida Community Health Centers' plans to expand HIV testing events and noted the upcoming departure of an infectious disease provider, with plans to refer patients to community specialists.
- C. Bonner reminded providers that Ryan White clients must see contracted providers to ensure services are covered.
- A. Ramirez shared that upcoming trainings on syphilis and hepatitis C will be offered through the Department of Health.
- No further questions were raised.
- Regular after-hours testing through DOH-St. Lucie and DOH-Martin:
 - 1st Tuesday of the month from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (16401 SW Farm Rd, Indiantown, FL 34956)
 - 3rd Monday of the month from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (3441 SE Willoughby, Stuart, FL 34997)
 - 4th Friday of the month from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (1701 S. 23rd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950)

8. Old Business

- No old business items were discussed.

Eric Martinez & Co-Chairs

9. New Business

- No new business items were discussed.

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10. Open Discussion

- E. Carmichael announced that the General Body co-chair position is currently open and encouraged members to consider or recommend candidates.
- C. Bonner motioned to adjourn, and S. Rangel seconded.

All

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 PM.