



Running Meeting Minutes

Health Care Access and Quality Committee

Meetings take place every third Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Committee Chair: Anamarie Ferrero de Melo, Urban Health Solutions

October 18, 2023

Attendance

[Ashley Falcon](#), UM, and Healthy Little Havana Board Director

[Carlina Ferro](#), Bio Networks Therapy

[Islara Souto](#), Healthy Little Havana

[Lilia Bandrich](#), United Healthcare

[Raissa Fernandez](#), Healthy Little Havana

Sandra Estevez, DOH [TestMiami.org](https://www.testmiami.org)

[Tiffany Zakka](#), Kidnetics Fit Kids

[Virginia Munoz](#), DOH STD/HIV Prevention & Control Program

Meeting Summary

In Anamarie's absence, a brief welcome and introduction was provided by Raissa Fernandez, Islara Souto and Ashley Falcon, our Healthy Little Havana Board Director.

Partner Introductions and Updates

- **Raissa Fernandez, Healthy Little Havana** - provided information on the events leading up to Dia De Los Muertos, highlighting sponsorship opportunities and our last two workshops for the month of October. To register, please click [here](#).
 - Raissa also provided an overview of our Social Determinants of Health Program, highlighting our linkage to services through Axis Miami. The survey is written in English/Spanish and can be found [here](#).
- **Virginia Munoz, Department of Health** - spoke about our collaborative HIV Mobile testing that took place at the HLH offices on October 5th, which was a great success! They are conducting another testing event in our Little Havana community, this time on Flagler. A flyer and information will be shared with the committee.
- **Carolina Ferro, Bionetworks Therapy** - spoke about the need for parents to recognize signs of developmental delays, and when to reach out to pediatricians. She has a flyer that we will share with the committee and residents.
 - Bionetwork Therapy accepts Medicaid. Referrals from pediatricians are processed immediately.
 - Act Me, A Chance for Therapy is a grant that helps support those without insurance. The link to apply is provided [here](#).



- Raissa highlighted the need in our committee for assistance with speech therapy and developmental delays. Residents want more information and need to know where to turn for assistance.
- Spoke about having an informational session at the HLH offices for parents - signs to look for and how to navigate the system.
- **Tiffany Zakkas, KidNetics** - Addressed the issue of stigma linked to Autism and how pediatricians are more reluctant to “wait and see”.
 - Step Up Scholarship provides financial assistance for children with major disabilities to have home-schooling options.

Collective Impact

- Potential Funding Opportunities
 - The US Breastfeeding Committee announces the [Creating Space Scholarship](#). 100 organizations will receive complimentary membership for 2023. Open to Organizations that are new USBC applicants, led by and serving BIPOC communities.
- Capacity Building and Other Opportunities
 - USDA is seeking input on how to better meet the needs of those in need of Kosher and Halal foods through the Emergency Assistance Food Program. Feedback can be shared via USDAFoods@usda.gov
 - “Misbelief: How Loneliness and Social Isolation Leads to Mistrust in Healthcare ” virtual event hosted by Wisdow Health. To register click [here](#). October 16th at 12:00 pm.
 - CDC has several diverse fellowships, internship training, and volunteer opportunities for students and professionals.
 - a. [Prevention Effectiveness Fellowship](#)
 - b. [Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program](#)
 - c. [Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship](#)
 - d. [Science Ambassador Fellowship](#)
- Please share your events and flyers with Islara who will showcase them on our newsletter and website.

Review of Action Items

Action Item	Designee	Date Due	Status
Share our SDOH survey. The survey can be found via this link .	Islara Souto	10/18/2023	Completed



Share flyer and event details for the next HIV Mobile testing event on Flagler.	Virginia.Munoz@flh...		
Schedule a meeting with Carolina Ferro to discuss a potential workshop geared toward educating parents on the signs of developmental issues, and how to link to services (insurance and appointments). Grant for the uninsured can be found here.	Islara Souto, Carolina@bionetwo...		Completed
Shirley Dominguez will meet with Islara and Raissa to finalize the Navigation dates and times for the community out of the HLH office.	sdominguez@eafla.... Islara Souto	09/28/2023	Pending Flyers and promotion
German Mata, City of Miami Parks Department, can assist HLH with coordinating the Health Resource Fair for early 2024, gmata@miamigov.com , 305-960-2927.	Islara Souto	11/20/2023	Sent invite
Yomna Rodriguez, Banyan Clinic will provide a flier about services. Please share the referral email with residents: referrals@banyanhealth.org	Yomna Rodriguez	10/20/2023	Pending Sent an email requesting flier 09/29/2023

September 20, 2023

Zoom Recording

Attendance

1. [Anamarie Ferreira de Melo](#), Urban Health Solutions / HCAQ Committee Chair



2. [Dominique Phillips](#), UM, Child & Adolescent Mood, and Anxiety Treatment Program
3. [German Mata](#), City of Miami, Parks and Rec.
4. [Lilia Bandrich](#), United Healthcare
5. [Raissa Fernandez](#), LHLH Program Manager
6. [Shirley Dominguez](#), Epilepsy Alliance Florida
7. [Yoamna Rodriguez](#), Banyan Health

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome, Anamarie Ferreira de Melo
 - a. Organization and Committee goals and objectives were reviewed
 - b. Review of August Action Items
 - i. Dia de Los Muertos will take place at HLH offices on Thursday 11/2
 - ii. HLH Resource Fair, Rescheduled for January 2024. Please email Islara Souto if you would like to join the planning committee.
 1. Juliana Shapiro - Iniciativa Hispana & Virginia Munoz - HIV Prevention/Testing
 2. Dominique Phillips - Stress and Anxiety Group Classes
 3. Shirley Dominguez - ACA Health Insurance/Medicaid/Health Literacy
 4. HLH SDOH Resource Navigator
 - c. Healthcare Navigator @ HLH Office - Licensed Navigators will be on-site for in-person assistance with Marketplace and/or Medicaid applications. Service provided by licensed Healthcare Navigators under Epilepsy Alliance Florida. Dates will be finalized and sent out via a dedicated flier. For appointments, you can call 877-553-7453.
 - d. HIV Mobile Quarterly testing @ HLH office parking
 - i. Thursday, October 5 (4-7 pm)
 - ii. Thursday, March 7 (4-7 pm)

2. Partner Introductions and Updates

- a. Raissa Fernandez from HLH gave an update on our SDOH Community Navigation Program and the CEAL Phase 4 grants. Both grants run through February 2024.
 - i. Please refer any community members who are in need of linkage of resources. An official flier will be forthcoming.
 - ii. We would like partners to be a part of a listening session for CEAL Phase 4. If you are interested please contact Raissa or Islara. We are aiming for mid-October.
- b. Dominique Philips from UM introduced herself. Partner update on Child and Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Treatment Program is officially moving forward with a grant from the Children's Trust to provide no-cost therapy to youth through age 17 in the Miami Dade area. Dominique shared a flier. HLH will share the flier



- with the community. Groups start in October. Most are full for Fall but the Spring groups start on February 5th.
- c. Yoamna Rodriguez, Supervisor for Care Coordination at Banyan Health Systems - Mental Health services are provided by Banyan to those without Insurance. They have an Emergency Admission at their location on Flagler Street. Will bring more information to share during our October meeting. For referrals, contact Banyan at 305-900-4817 or referrals@banyanhealth.org
 - d. German Mata, City of Miami Parks and Rec. Sitting in for Omar Bayona. 305-960-2927 gmata@miamigov.com Possibly work together for the site location of the Resource Fair. Islara will coordinate a call.
 - e. Shirley Dominguez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida. Gearing up for Open Enrollment Nov 1st - January 15th. Helping with Medicaid Unwinding by assisting with Medicaid applications and redetermination. Will provide education within the LH area during October. Will create a flier to promote the dates they will be at the HLH offices.
 - f. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare - Offered her assistance with Marketplace enrollment. Shirley and Lilia to connect on resources and education. Islara to schedule a meeting with United Health and HLH for possible partnerships. Would like to support our Dia de los Muertos event.

3. Collective Impact, Anamarie for Islara Souto

- Two NIH grant funding opportunities that close in early October. If anyone is interested or already planning on applying, please let us know so we can support your efforts.
 - 1. [NIH grant to improve access to cancer screening and prevention services for underprivileged populations. Deadline October 5th.](#)
 - 2. [NIH grant to determine best practices when conducting community-engaged health equity research in populations that experience health disparities. Deadline October 4th.](#)
- Capacity Building Opportunities
 - [Centering Communities in Dissemination Research to Promote Health Equity. 09/19 @ 11:00 am](#)
 - [Sustaining Lessons Learned for Community Engagement in COVID-19 Testing Equity. 09/27-28 @ 12:00PM](#)
 - [CMS Administration for Children and Families released new Resource Guides to help communities connect to ACF Programs. Each is geared toward special hard-to-reach populations.](#)
- Please do not forget to send your QR codes, fliers, and events to Islaraxs@healthylittlehavana. We will be sure to share via newsletter, Whatsapp, printed materials, and our website calendar.

5. Review of September Action Items, Islara Souto



September Action Item	Designee	Date Due	Status
Dominique Phillips, UM will send the updated flier to add sessions to the HLH calendar and share the flier with residents. Newsletter and Website.	Dominique Philips	NA	Completed
Islara will share Juliana's contact information with Liliana to connect UnitedHealth and Iniciativa Hispana.	Islara Souto	09/20/2023	Completed
Islara to get sponsorship information to Lilia for United Health.	Islara Souto/Raissa Fernandez	10/02/2023	Completed
Shirley Dominguez will meet with Islara and Raissa to finalize the Navigation dates and times for the community out of the HLH office.	Shirley Dominguez/ Islara Souto	09/28/2023	Completed Pending flyers, MOU. Newsletter, website calendar.
German Mata, City of Miami Parks Department, can assist HLH with coordinating the Health Resource Fair for early 2024, gmata@miamigov.com , 305-960-2927.	Islara Souto	10/31/2023	Pending
Yomna Rodriguez, Banyan Clinic will provide a flier about services. Please share the referral email with residents: referrals@banyanhealth.org	Yomna Rodriguez	10/20/2023	Pending Sent an email requesting flier 09/29/2023



Lilia Bandrich, UnitedHealthcare, 786-200-7790 Lilia_bandrich@uhc.com , to meet with HLH to discuss navigation and other resources that LH residents may be qualified for.	Lilia Bandrich, Anamarie, Raissa, and Islara	10/06/2023	Pending
Dia de Los Muerto sponsorship packets will go out by October 2nd. Follow up with individual committee members who expressed interest in sponsorships.	HLH	10/02/2023	Completed
HLH has received many requests for speech, children with disabilities, domestic violence services, LBTQIA+ services, and services for non-legal status residents. Contact BioNetwork and schedule a meeting.	HLH and partners BiopNetwork The Advocate Program, Building Families and Communities Pridelines, Survivors Pathway	10/30/2023	In progress Requested a meeting with BioNetworks. Need to follow up.305-541-34 00