

**Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council
CARE Council Meeting**

June 22nd, 2026 @ 2:05 P.M.- 5P.M. @ Belle Glade Library - 725 NW 4th St, Belle Glade Library //Mayme Frederick Building - 1440 MLK Blvd. Riviera Beach, FL 33404; LUNCH will be provided @ Both the location.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Attendance: CARE Council, Comprehensive Planning Partnership (CPP)
Members, Guests and Recipient staff and CARE Council Staff**

CARE Council Members Present	CPP Members Present	Guests (Belle Glade & Riviera Beach)	Recipient Staff & CARE Council Staff Present	Recipient Staff Absent
Raymond Cortes	Dylan Brooks	John Acevedo	Neeta Mahani	Jasmine Parrish
Kristen Harrington	Denise Brown	Melissa Brown	<u>Recipient Staff</u> Jeffrey Lesanti	
Brittany Henry	Norma Collazo	Francesca Cacoq	Dr. Casey Messer	
Tad Fuller	Regina Cooper	Paige Campbell	Dr. Daisy Wiebe	
Ashnika Ali	Fabianka De Jesus	Johan Castaneda	Geneve Simeus	
Cecil Smith	Caroline Granison	Delcie Clarke	Shoshana Ringer	
Cynthia Walker	Destinee Grant	Crystal Estrada	Jason Gross	
Kim Rommell- Enright	Kristina Hernandez	Christine Ford	Stephne Ellis	
Mary Jane Reynolds	Vince Hodge	Tarrant Gilbert	Lia Head-Rigby	
Rosie Hayes	Sharon Hollis	Fabiola Gonzalez Pedraza	Andres	
Annette Dunn	Richardo Jackson	Payton Hart	Dr. Diane	
Orquidea Acevedo	Nikita Jordon	Esperanza Hincapie	Richard	
Miguel Vasquez	Dr. Jenn Kuretski	Dena Jenne	Anna Balla	
Andi Thomas Wilson	Maggie Louis	Daniel Madistin	Thomas Eaton	

CARE Council Members Present	CPP Members Present	Guests (Belle Glade & Riviera Beach)	Recipient Staff & CARE Council Staff Present	Recipient Staff Absent
Michelle Scott	Dr. Youssef Motii	Jessica Mancilla	Lia Head-Rigby	
Glenn Krabec	Mickey Murdock	Dr. Thamar Maurice	August Frohnhoefer	
Dr. Sandra Anderson	Lysette Perez	Nicole Myers- Ahmed	Geneve Simeus	
Dr. Berthline Isma	Nancy Posada	Ray Nieves	Online guests	
	Keri Ramnarace	Jinga Oglesby- Brihm	Hardeep singh	
	Milagros Rodriguez	John Perez	Sandra Powery	
	Nicole Rossiter	Rony Pierre	Nancy Posada	
	Jennifer Spradling	Elizabeth Robinson- Dixon	Dr Andres Correa	
	Amanda Stevens	Robert Scott	Max Wilson	
	William (Pete) Stewart	Irma Shute	Chloe Bagley	
	Lourdes Vazquez	Jerrold Smithwick	Lyn Todd	
	Austin Wright	Gail Stein		
		Brandon Stephenson		
		Joseph Succar		
		Belinda Thomas		
		Kristie Ward		
		Shockkeria Wright		
		Tracy Young		

CARE Council Members Absent
• Richardo Jackson
• Dominique Lane
• Ashaki Sypher

Agenda

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introduction of Guests

Neeta Mahani called the meeting to order at **2:05 PM**. Roll call was conducted and a **quorum was present**. Members attended in person at the Belle Glade Library and the Mayme Frederick Building, with additional members participating via Zoom. Guests and staff were introduced. Attendance was verified using the CARE Council sign-in sheets and the CPP attendance list as requested.

II. A Moment of Reflection

A Moment of Silence

*A moment of silence is observed in respect to the memory of those individuals
Who have succumbed to AIDS and those who are living with HIV. Let us
Remember why we are here today. Let us have the strength to make the decisions that
Will improve the care of those we serve. Let us be thankful for what we have accomplished to
date.*

III. Acceptance of Excused Absences

Motion to approve excused absences.

IV. Acceptance of June 22, 2026, CARE Council Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve June 22, 2026, CARE Council Meeting Agenda.

Annette Dunn – First and Dr. Berthline Isma – Second – Motion carries

V. Acceptance of May 18, 2026, CARE Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve May 18, 2026, CARE Council Meeting Minutes.

Annette Dunn – First and Brittany Henry – Second – Motion Carries

VI. Comments by the Chair

Chair Tad Fuller welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked members for their continued participation. Members were reminded that the meeting included the final concurrence vote on the Palm Beach County Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan.

VII. Educational Moment

Integrated Plan Overview 2027-2031 – Geneve Simeus

Geneve Simeus provided an educational overview of the Palm Beach County Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. Members were informed that the plan is an **85-page strategic document** required by **HRSA and CDC** and serves as Palm Beach County's five-year HIV strategy.

The presentation reviewed the seven major sections of the plan, including:

- Executive Summary
- Community Engagement
- Data Assessment
- Situational Analysis
- Goals and Objectives
- Implementation
- Concurrence Letters

Discussion highlighted the four pillars of the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative:

- Diagnose
- Treat
- Prevent
- Respond

Special emphasis was placed on the **U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable)** initiative, increasing HIV testing, improving linkage to care, retention in care, viral suppression, PrEP access, and prevention services.

Members discussed language used throughout the document, Ryan White's role within the Integrated Plan, and how prevention services are incorporated alongside treatment services.

VIII. Old Business

A. Integrated Plan Presentation- 2027-2031

Geneve Simeus presented the completed Integrated Plan on behalf of Palm Beach County, the Community Prevention Partnership (CPP), and the Florida Department of Health.

Members were reminded that planning activities had occurred over approximately eleven months with participation from providers, community members, and stakeholders throughout Palm Beach County.

Questions were asked regarding:

- Prevention strategies
- Ryan White program alignment
- Appropriate terminology within the document
- Community engagement
- HIV disparities and service gaps

Discussion clarified that prevention activities include:

- HIV Testing
- PrEP
- PEP
- Linkage to Care
- Viral Suppression
- U=U education

B. Integrated Plan 2027-2031 - Roll Call Vote

First Care Council Members voted individually using one of three voting options:

- Concur
- Concur with Reservations
- Non-Concurrence

Vote Results

- **17 Members voted to Concur**
- **2 Members voted to Concur with Reservations**
- **No votes for non-concurrence**

The Integrated Plan was approved and concurred by the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council.

Following the vote, the meeting recessed briefly to allow the Community Prevention Partnership (CPP) to complete its concurrence vote.

Motion to take a break from Care council meeting:

Annette Dunn – first and Brittany Henry – Second – Motion carries

After CPP completed its vote, the CARE Council meeting resumed its regular business.

Motion to resume CARE Council meeting with its regular business:

Brittany Henry- first and Dr Berthline Isma- Second- Motion carries

Geneve – presented the certificates to the CPP members for participation.

IX. Palm Beach County Part A Recipient Report

Dr. Casey Messer

Dr. Messer provided updates regarding the Florida ADAP Program.

Topics included:

- New legislation awaiting the Governor's signature.
- ADAP eligibility returns to **400% Federal Poverty Level**.
- Restoration of medications to the ADAP formulary.
- A cap of approximately **21,000 clients** within the Direct Dispense Program.
- Potential impacts on local Ryan White funding.
- Palm Beach County's commitment to maintaining access to care despite state-level funding changes.

Members were advised that additional funding decisions should be discussed by the Priorities and Allocation Committee July 21st 2026 .

X. Standing Reports

A. CPP Update

The Community Prevention Partnership approved the Integrated Plan with no opposition. Certificates of Appreciation were presented recognizing members for their participation in the planning process.

B. Part B Report- No update

C. HOPWA- No update

D. Part A Expenditure Report

Jeffrey Lasanti reviewed current expenditures and discussed projected health insurance funding needs with members. Recipient staff reported a projected **health insurance funding shortfall estimated between approximately \$667,000 and \$1 million** for Grant Year 2026 due to increased insurance costs and changes to state ADAP funding.

E. Executive Committee

No additional report.

F. Community Engagement

No report.

G. Priorities & Allocation

No report.

H. QMEC

No report.

I. Planning

No report.

J. Housing

No report.

K. Ad-Hoc Bylaws

No report.

XI. New Business

A. Approval of June 4, 2026, P&A Committee Motions

The CARE Council reviewed the recommendations approved by the Priorities & Allocation Committee. Please see below all the motions. Approved recommendations included:

- Carrying over **\$203,141** in Part A funds to Health Insurance.
- Carrying over **\$14,252** in MAI funds to Early Intervention Services.
- Allocating **\$304,329** in Part A funding to Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance.
- Reducing MAI Early Intervention Services by **\$25,288** and MAI Medical Case Management by **\$40,000**.
- **Neeta will send the abstain forms to all the four providers.**

B. Health Insurance Funding Allocation Review

Jeffrey Lasanti and Dr. Casey presented a financial insurance presentation review outlining the projected health insurance funding deficit.

Discussion included several possible funding strategies that will be presented to the Priorities and Allocation Committee, including:

- Across-the-board reductions
- Reducing lower priority service categories first
- Reviewing historically under-utilized service categories

The CARE Council agreed that the Priorities and Allocation Committee will review the available options at its July 21st P&A meeting before making recommendations and will bring it to July 27th, 2026, Care Council meeting.

Motion to table the recommendations to July 21st, 2026, P&A committee with possible options made by fiscal team

Dr Youseff Motii – First and Annette Dunn – Second- Motion Carries

Motion to approve all the Ryan White providers to receive the contract administration & Program Income training within next 3 months.

Annette Dunn – First and Mary Jane Reynolds – Second – Motion carries

C. CARE Council & Executive Work Plan Ratification

The CARE Council reviewed the updated CARE Council and Executive Committee Work Plans and approved as presented and **Motion carries.**

D. Annual Retreat & Data Presentation

Neeta Mahani reviewed plans for the **Annual CARE Council Retreat and Data Presentation scheduled for July 17, 2026.**

Members were asked to volunteer for planning teams, including:

- Registration
- Food
- Setup
- Technology
- Presentations
- Decorations

An email assigning responsibility will be distributed following the meeting.

XII. Public Comments

None.

XIII. Announcements

- Recipient Staff will submit the Integrated Plan to **HRSA and CDC by June 28, 2026.**
- The Integrated Plan will also be submitted to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners as a receiver-and-file item.
- Members wishing to abstain from the P&A vote will receive an abstention form
- The Annual CARE Council Retreat and Data Presentation will be held on **July 17, 2026.**
- The Priorities & Allocation Committee will review health insurance funding options at its **July 27th, 2026,** meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned following completion of all scheduled business 4:48P.M.

PRIORITY AND ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MOTION SUMMARY June 4, 2026

1. Carryover – Part A Funds

Motion: To carry over Part A funds in the amount of \$203,141.00 into Health Insurance.

2. MAI Carryover to Early Intervention Services

Motion: To move 2025 Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) carryover funds in the amount of \$14,252.00 into GY 2026 Early Intervention Services.

3. Part A Allocation to Health Insurance

Motion: To allocate Part A funds in the amount of \$304,329.00 to Health Insurance.

4. Reduction of MAI Allocations

Motion: To reduce GY 2026 Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Early Intervention Services by \$25,288.00 and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Medical Case Management by \$40,000.00.

***Conflict of Interest**

A CARE Council member who has an identified conflict of interest must abstain from voting on issues related to that conflict. A member who does not abstain from voting on issues where a conflict is identified by the County's Commission on Ethics may be removed from the CARE Council.