



Haitian American Nurses Association

FACILITY SPACE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL

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This proposal is to officially request the use of the North Miami Beach facility located at 1870 NE 171 Street, North Miami Beach, Florida 33162 from the City Commission of North Miami Beach. Due to the overwhelming burden of health disparity and the crisis of the global COVID-19 pandemic and its impact in the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, and more precisely in the City of North Miami Beach, therefore, the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc. (HANA) sees the need to expand its services to the underserved and the uninsured population. HANA is urgently seeking a larger space to keep its mission and offer a variety of services to the North Miami Beach community and its surrounding.

About HANA:

HANA is a non-for profit, 501(c)3 organization established in 1984. **The mission of HANA** is to provide nurses the opportunity to unite as a group, to share and provide ideas of interest, and to become effectively involved with the issues and services relevant to the health and welfare of the community.

HANA's Goals: HANA seeks to improve health literacy, increase access to care and promote healthy lifestyle for the most vulnerable population in the Miami-Dade and Broward County through education via radio and television to reduce racial health disparity in the underserved communities. This partnership opportunity with the City of North Miami Beach will strengthen HANA's capacity for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Furthermore, it will enhance one of HANA's goals to address the racial health inequity and to alleviate the burden of high costs of care.



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BACKGROUND: Since its inception in 1984, HANA has been very instrumental in leading many endeavors including community health outreach by educating the community at large in the Miami-Dade, Broward counties, throughout South Florida and abroad. The primary care services provided are health education, health promotion and prevention of diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, breast, colorectal, lung and prostate cancers and mental health awareness, just to name a few. Direct services provided to the community are blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, Body Mass Index (BMI) screenings, vaccination to children for back to school in collaboration with the Florida Department of Health, educational programs through radio, television shows, webinars, health fairs, medical mission to Immokalee and Homestead, Florida for the migrant workers and with other Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Other programs such as health literacy to address racial health disparities through focus group in churches, colleges, and universities are addressed. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, HANA has strategically incorporated and enhanced the use of technological approaches to meet the needs of the underserved and underinsured population using social media such as Facebook and WhatsApp, webinars to provide information and resources for the community in collaboration with other organizations and taskforces.

The City of North Miami Beach is an urban oasis well-known for its diverse, multicultural population with more than 45,000 people calling this place “HOME”. With a median age of 37.2 years, North Miami Beach residents has a median income of approximately \$40,952, which was increased from 40,316 in 2018. The population has also grown from 43,963 to 45,069 between 2017 & 2018. The percent of uninsured citizens in North Miami Beach, FL is 25.4% (<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/north-miami-beach-fl>).

HANA’s vision for the use of this proposed space is to increase the capacity of educational programs for the North Miami Beach community to improve access to areas of health and to reduce health disparities. HANA also seeks to be the liaison to guide the community toward the best available health resources in North Miami Beach and its surrounding communities to help them reach their optimum health.

OBJECTIVES:

Upon approval of the proposed space, HANA will:

- Continue to emphasize on the importance of prevention of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, cancers (breast, prostate and colorectal) that are prevalent in the community.
- Seek to increase awareness on mental health issues including the psychological impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the population.
- Build a strong navigator system aimed at reaching the uninsured and underserved residents with comorbidities and low socio-economic status.



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- Educate the community to reduce the health disparities through the radio and television program and with focus group sessions in facility.
- Build a network of linguistically and culturally competent providers through collaboration with various local health care and private clinics in the community to increase access to care to many of the underserved and uninsured population.
- Continue focus groups via local churches and create virtual webinars to address the mental health issues specifically the psychosocial effects of the COVID -19 and other chronic diseases related to losses of loved ones; and coping strategies for survivors and their families.
- Establish a strong relationship with community centers and local primary care providers offering low-cost services to help them familiarize with linguistically and culturally sensitive approaches to better serve the community.
- Build a navigator system consisting of primary care facilities which HANA will have a memorandum of understanding to boost access to care for the underserved and uninsured population and provide pertinent education materials.

This proposed facility will allow HANA to expand its services and make them more accessible to the City of North Miami Beach population and its surrounding communities. HANA will be able to continue its mentorship program while exposing students and future nurses to community health and service-learning. It will also offer the organization the opportunity to hold training sessions such as health literacy skills, health education, and conduct focus groups in the facility to assess the need of the residents in North Miami Beach and provide quality services for the betterment of the community.

Sincerely,

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