

Miami's \$50M Mental Health Center Is Built, Funded — and Still Closed.

One vote stands between this community and a solution 20 years in the making.

VOTE HEARING
April 21
9:30 AM

The Miami Center for Mental Health & Recovery (MCMHR) is voter-approved, 20 years in the making, and fully constructed — yet the Miami-Dade County Commission has still not voted to open it. Here's everything you need to know, and what you can do right now.

THE CRISIS: MIAMI JAIL IS FLORIDA'S #1 PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY

75%+ of jail inmates have mental health needs	57% rise in mental health jail population 2020–23	3x longer in custody for people w/ mental illness	\$3.9B spent on jail operations over the last decade
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63% of all jail costs — \$2.5 billion — are tied to people with mental health needs. Miami-Dade Jail houses more people with serious mental illness than all Florida state hospitals combined.

THE BROKEN CYCLE WE ARE ALL PAYING FOR



THE SOLUTION — MIAMI CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY: 181,000 SQ FT · 7 STORIES

Crisis Stabilization & Addiction Treatment	Transitional Housing & Housing Assistance	Full Medical Care Dental · Eye · Foot
Vocational Training & Employment Services	On-Site Courtroom & Legal Services	Outpatient Behavioral Health Programs

Zero cost to Miami-Dade County for the first 2.5 years.

Fully covered by ARPA funds and Opioid Settlement money already secured. Medicaid. **PROVEN RESULTS FROM MIAMI'S EXISTING DIVERSION PROGRAMS** state appropriations, and philanthropic revenue sustains it long-term.

83% No new arrests within 1 year for program completers	92% Reduction in jail days among successful participants	\$32K Average taxpayer cost avoided per person per year
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PROJECTED ANNUAL SAVINGS BY YEAR 5:
\$40 – 45 Million / year

Per independent Boston Consulting Group analysis

WHY IS IT STILL CLOSED? (SOURCE: LOCAL 10 NEWS, FEBRUARY 2026)

Funding questions — already answered.

BCG projects the center becomes revenue-neutral by Year 3. The University of Miami will independently track outcomes. Zero county cost for the first 2.5 years.

Commissioners stall and cut microphones.

All 13 commissioners say they support it — yet hearing after hearing ends with new questions, cut mics, and no vote taken. (Local 10 News, Feb. 2026)

City of Miami already acted — County must follow.

The City issued a completion certificate AND passed a formal resolution urging the County Commission to open the facility without further delay.

\$1 million per year is being spent just to maintain this finished, empty building while people suffer.

TAKE ACTION NOW

- Contact Commissioner Keon Hardemon**
Email or call — vote YES
- Attend the Hearing April 21**
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COMMISSION HEARING

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April 21
9:30 AM 2 minutes can change lives.
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