


TOBACCO-FREE WORKGROUP MEETING
September 26, 2011

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<p> Dr. Javier Berezdivin, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Sybil Cherian, Florida Department of Health Andrew Cuddihy, American Lung Association Germaine Ebanks, Miami-Dade County Health Department Christina Gonzalez, Miami-Dade County Health Department Valencia Morris, Miami-Dade County Health Department Dorothy Parker, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Karen Rivo, Miami-Dade County Public Schools/Parent Academy Martha Sanchez, Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center Elena Sebekos, American Lung Association Rachele Theodore, Miami-Dade County Health Department Mikki Thompson, Baptist Health South Florida Ann-Karen Weller, Miami-Dade County Health Department </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>Via Conference Call:</u></i></p> <p> Commissioner Jerry Libbin, Miami Beach City Commission Nancy Maidique, Florida International University Dr. Francisco Pena, Alpha-1 Foundation William Sanchez, City of Hialeah Parks and Recreation Kary Suarez, Miami-Dade County Health Department Frank Zenere, Miami-Dade County Public Schools </p>	
Welcome & Introductions	The meeting of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by Dr. Javier Berezdivin at 9:00 AM. All members were welcomed and introduced.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on July 25, 2011 were reviewed. Mikki Thompson motioned to approve the minutes and Andrew Cuddihy seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from July 25, 2011.	
Subcommittee and Workgroup Updates	<p>  TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL Sybil Cherian reminded the Workgroup there will be a webinar at </p>	

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12pm on September 27, 2011 on tobacco-free parks, and a conference call for the Tobacco Free Parks and Recreation Initiative is scheduled for 3pm. Reminder emails with the links and contact information will be sent by the Miami-Dade County Health Department.

Forty-one youth oriented parks in Miami-Dade County were designated tobacco-free parks and have signage designating the park as a "Tobacco Free Zone". In the City of Hialeah, 125 "Healthy Lungs at Play" were installed at parks and recreation facilities.

Martha Sanchez advised the Workgroup that the Miami-Dade AHEC is assisting Mercy Hospital with going smoke-free. The hospital is hoping to go smoke-free on November 01, 2011.

Mikki Thompson was contacted by Larkin Hospital, and they are also interested in going smoke-free. Mrs. Thompson will follow-up with Nicholas Gross, and update the Workgroup at the next partnership meeting.

☞ **MODEL TOBACCO POLICIES IN K-12 SCHOOLS: VALENCIA MORRIS AND FRANK ZENERE**

Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup will be meeting with Ms. Goldman to discuss the proposed language the Workgroup developed to include in the policy. Javier Berezhdivin requested copies of the proposed policy developed by the Tobacco-Free Workgroup and the Neola that was passed for each person attending tomorrow's meeting.

☞ **CANDY FLAVORED TOBACCO: VALENCIA MORRIS**

On September 20, 2011, Valencia Morris and two SWAT members presented to the City of South Miami. A resolution was passed to ban the sale of candy flavored tobacco not covered by the FDA. Mayor Stoddard of the City of South Miami sits on the League of Cities and offered to help get the SWAT youth and the Health Department on the

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	<p>agenda.</p> <p>Dorothy Parker offered to analyze the data obtained by the Miami-Dade County Health Department in the collection of candy flavored tobacco surveys. Ms. Parker offered to share this information with the Tobacco-Free Workgroup once completed.</p>	<p>☞ Dorothy Parker will share the analyzed data from the candy flavored surveys with the Tobacco-Free Workgroup.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ October 25, 2011: Nineteenth Annual Harry Kapp Symposium at South Miami Hospital ☞ November 17, 2011: The Great American Smokeout The SWAT clubs will be observing this tobacco observance by conducting special activities and events to encourage cessation from tobacco and living tobacco-free. The Tobacco Program will also coordinate with the University of Miami AHEC to participate in their annual activities celebrating this holiday. ☞ November 18, 2011: Fifth Annual Youth Tobacco Prevention Summit at Goodlet Park in Hialeah, Florida 	
<p>Old Business/New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Tobacco Prevention and Control subcommittee vote The Tobacco-Free Workgroup discussed dissolving the Tobacco Prevention and Control subcommittee as the committee is not functioning with monthly meetings. The Workgroup continues to work on the initiatives of the Tobacco Prevention and Control subcommittee, especially with the smoke-free parks initiative through Sybil Cherian and the Communities Putting Prevention to Work program; however, it was suggested that updates be provided through the bi-monthly Tobacco-Free Workgroup meetings. <p>Dorothy Parker made a motion to eliminate the Tobacco Prevention and Control subcommittee, for it to be a standing agenda item, and Ad-Hoc committees be formed or created as needed. Andrew Cuddihy seconded the motion, and the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously</p>	

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	<p>approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Commissioner Jerry Libbin, Miami Beach City Commission: Smoke Free Beach Zones To protect patrons, the environment, and reduce tobacco litter from cigarette butts, Commissioner Libbin is interested in efforts to establish smoke-free zones on the beaches of Miami Beach. Smoke-free zones would be established and pedestal ashtrays would be installed along trash barrels. Petitions supporting this cause are being circulated for signatures, and Commissioner Libbin is hoping to bring this issue to the Miami Beach Commission on October 19, 2011. <p>Commissioner Libbin is also hoping to enlist the support of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup and the Miami-Dade County Health Department to help with the process and this initiative. There is a need to obtain signatures in support of this initiative, health related data to support the need to establish smoke free zones, letters of support for the initiative, and assistance with developing the language for the resolution.</p> <p>Martha Sanchez motioned to approve the Commissioner’s initiative and Karen Rivo seconded. The Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved to support Commissioner Libbin in establishing smoke-free zones in the City of Miami Beach.</p> <p>Commissioner Libbin requested that all petitions and letters of support be forwarded to his attention at jerry@miamibeach.fl.gov. Information can also be sent via mail to 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, or via fax to (305) 673-7096.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Tobacco-Free Workgroup members working on the Smoke Free Beach Zones initiative with Commissioner Libbin will continuously update the Miami-Dade County Health Department and provide updates at the bi-monthly partnership meetings.
<p>Preparation for Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ All Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade members are requested to renew their membership online. A new distribution list for the Tobacco-Free Workgroup will be created based on the membership applications received through the Consortium website. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's website has been updated. Members are requested to inform the Tobacco Program how the webpage can be improved and updated. 	
Closing/Adjourn	The meeting of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup was adjourned at 10:53AM.	
Next Meeting	The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2011 at the Miami-Dade County Health Department's Beacon Center, 8323 NW 12 th Street, Miami, Florida 33126.	