

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present (9)	Virtual via Microsoft Teams Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Co-Chair) Robert Hill, American Heart Association (Co-Chair) Julio Esplugas, City of Hialeah Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships Nicole Marriott, Health Council of South Florida Leyanee Perez, American Healthy Weight Alliance Cynthia Umana, West Kendall Baptist Hospital Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)	
Welcome and Introductions	The Executive Board's March 2025 meeting was virtually via Microsoft Teams brought to order by Dr. Cristina Brito and Mr. Robert Hill at 10:08 a.m. All members of the committees introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.	
Approval of Minutes	The committee approved the March 2025 meeting minutes with a motion from Nattaliah Earle and a second from Cynthia Umana.	
Executive Boarding Community Role & Optimal Health Updates	Dr. Cristina Brito, Robert Hill, and Leyanee Perez led the continued discussion with the Executive Board on the Consortium's role as it relates to upper respiratory illnesses, optimal health, and factors and conditions that impact health. The following updates were shared during this conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Brito shared on behalf of West Kendall Baptist Hospital that while colds and flu are circulating, hospitalizations remain slightly down, and no major outbreaks have occurred. West Kendall Baptist has seen a notable increase in detainee patients from Krome Detention Center, rising from 1-2 per month to 4-5 per week, with varied medical issues. Security concerns were noted due to reduced guard coverage, which has been reported to detention leadership. Currently, though system-level discussions are ongoing related to this situation to ensure hospital safety. • Robert Hill shared updates on the <i>Food and Nutrition for All</i> Initiative. He shared that the Food and Nutrition For All appropriation has advanced well in the Florida legislature, with the House recommending full funding—an uncommon outcome. Advocacy efforts continued, and more letters of support are being collected. The initiative's website, foodandnutrition.org, is now live with a new logo, and social 	

	<p>media accounts will launch soon. Two food distribution events are coming up on the 17th and 19th of April, and community presence is encouraged. He also noted the sudden loss of NIH funding for a related nutrition initiative, reinforcing the urgent need for collaboration and creative leadership as this work continues without dedicated funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leyanee Perez provided updates on the food pantry initiative. She shared that food donations from the National Supermarket Association continue, with one Bravo Supermarket in Broward consistently donating to Iglesia Rescate. However, a recent 5,000-pound rice donation had to be discarded due to weevils, likely caused by poor storage conditions. She emphasized the challenge of sustaining donations without dedicated staff to follow up regularly. While the connection was made during the OT21-2103 grant period, ongoing success depends on human effort—like the committed Bravo manager. She hopes future funding will support staff to make those critical reminder calls and prevent wasted resources. 	
Review Draft Consortium Executive Board Digital Brochure	<p>The Executive Board reviewed the draft digital brochure which includes components of the elevator speech and health agenda message. This tool is being created to help mobilize the Consortium members to be leaders and ambassadors of the Consortium. The Executive Board reviewed and recommended edits to the digital brochure which included the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the final English version of the brochure (motion by Leyanee Perez, seconded by Nicole Marriott). Pending an update to the QR code, which no longer was active due to the recent website migration to new DOH website hosting platform. Once QR code is corrected and the English version receives final approval through the communications workflow, translation will proceed using the state-contracted vendor, Language Line. Spanish and Haitian Creole versions will be prioritized to support broader community outreach, including distribution at health fairs and with community partners. 	
Consortium Annual Event Planning Taskforce Update	<p>The Taskforce for the Annual Consortium Event and worksite Wellness Awards met on April 4th to discuss event planning, including purpose, date, time theme, venue options (e.g., Milander, Vineyard, UM Alumni Center, FIU), and event flow (keynote, panels, breakouts). A full-day event is preferred over splitting into half days for better engagement. The tentative date is September 12, with October 24 as a backup. The team is working on Save-the-Date materials and a vibrant Miami-Vice color theme. Partner outreach is a top priority, with</p>	

Marketing & Membership Updates	<p>members committing to support efforts. Once the package flyer and digital brochure are ready and approved, they'll be used for outreach and introductions. The next meeting will include venue site visits and further logistics discussed.</p> <p>For Marketing and Membership, Candice Schottenloher shared that the Consortium website has moved to the state's hosting platform. Updates to the site and directory are in progress. The event calendar is also displaying events through February; past entries are being restored. Members were encouraged to review the website and flag any outdated information or broken features to please send to your Committee Liaison to update.</p>	
DOH Programmatic Updates	<p>Mrs. Adebisi provided DOH programmatic updates on behalf of the Office of Community Health and Planning (OCHP). The Well-being Survey is still open, and several clusters—specifically Clusters 4, 6, 8, 12, and 13 (including Aventura, Miami Beach, Miami Shores, Coral Gables, Key Biscayne, and Downtown Miami)—have not met the minimum response goal. Materials in English, Spanish and Creole will be shared to support outreach. The OT21-2103 CDC grant has ended and is now in the closeout phase; highlights of its impact will be shared. Florida Public Health Week featured state-led themes such as workforce development, personal health, and emergency preparedness. The CHIP meeting originally scheduled for May is being postponed to June and will include voting on new CHIP priorities. Updates will follow.</p>	
Partner Updates	<p>West Kendall Baptist: Cristina Brito shared that Miami Homes for All is seeking community spaces for rental assistance workshops and donations for “welcome home kits” for those moving into housing. A meeting will discuss collaboration and donation logistics, with a potential collection drive at the next Consortium meeting. Housing remains a key priority for the community.</p> <p>Health Promotion Disease Prevention: Leyanee Perez shared that the committee met in person at the Health Council, but attendance was low despite efforts. While virtual meetings may not be as engaging, they tend to have better participation. In-person meetings can be difficult due to logistics. During the meeting, there were presentations on the PACE program and Ryder Trauma Center program.</p> <p>Children's Issues: Candice Schottenloher shared that the committee is finalizing objectives on Alzheimer's awareness through a children's book and training childcare providers on holistic children's health and well-being. They're also aligning their work with observance months. Robert Hill from AHA will present on children's hearth health. The Healthy Baby</p>	

	<p>Taskforce is reviewing data and updating their plan to address persistent gaps in infant mortality.</p> <p>Elder Issues: Nattaliah Earle shared that the committee met virtually and received a presentation from Dementia Care and Cure Initiative. Also, a redesigned flyer, available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, will be presented for approval at the next meeting. The team also reviewed timelines for workplan activities.</p> <p>DOH-Miami-Dade: Candice Schottenloher shared that the Office of Community Health and Planning will be hosting a “Passport to Health” screening event on Friday, April 25, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the North Miami Library. It is open to the community and can be shared with clients and partners.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be virtual via Microsoft Teams on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	