



**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**  
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (37)	<p><b><u>Chair:</u></b> Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance</p> <p><b><u>Co-Chair:</u></b> Robert Hill, American Heart Association</p> <p>Diana Alvarado, The Children's Movement of Florida</p> <p>Darianna Andujar, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Jenny Audain, Memorial Healthcare System</p> <p>Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare</p> <p>Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna Better Health of FL</p> <p>Simone Cheong, West Kendall Baptist Hospital</p> <p>Evelyn Corrales-Randle, Community Care Plan (CCP)</p> <p>Michelle Espinosa, United Way Miami</p> <p>Luigi Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network</p> <p>Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Ashley Giritli, Caring for Miami</p> <p>Jose L Gonzalez, Century Risk Advisor</p> <p>Marta Cristina Grande, UM</p> <p>Natalie Gray, Pharm. D.</p> <p>Robert Hill, American Heart Association</p> <p>Susan Holtzman, NAMI Miami-Dade</p> <p>Emily Jones, UF/IFAS</p> <p>Marie-Carmelle Lindley, Arts A L</p> <p>Jack Lin, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Intern)</p> <p>Bryan Mejia, University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center</p> <p>Virginia Munoz, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</p> <p>Natouchka Murray, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</p> <p>Olatokunbo Osibogun, FIU</p> <p>Dayamyra Perezfernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</p> <p>Franchine Peters, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center</p>	



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	<p>Jailyn Raposo, Hope for Miami          Danay Rodriguez-Arritola, Larkin Community Hospital          Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade          Griselle Solorzano, Brain Center          Monique Spence, Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control          Jeanne Tamargo, Informed Families          Carmen Teixeira, Alliance for Aging          Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade          Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee meeting was brought to order by Leyanee Perez at 2:00 PM.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the August 2024 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention minutes by Spence Monique; the motion was seconded by Cynthia M. Mejia	
Executive Board Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Agenda Communication: The Executive Board is focusing on effectively communicating the goals and initiatives of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade. They discussed providing consortium members with ways to speak about their collaboration during meetings and while representing the organization in the community.</li> <li>• Worksite Wellness Awards Event: Discussions took place regarding the Worksite Wellness Awards Event, which may be combined with the Consortium's Annual Event to make it larger and more impactful.</li> <li>• Committee Elections: The upcoming committee nominations and elections were discussed, with nominations set for the week of November 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and voting scheduled for the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Training for new chairs will begin in January 2025.</li> <li>• Hybrid and In-person Meetings: The board discussed ongoing challenges regarding in-person meetings versus virtual participation. There were considerations on whether to continue with virtual-only meetings or to explore hybrid formats again due to participation challenges.</li> </ul>	
Member Spotlight	Emily Jones from University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences presented about the New Worlds Reading and Books and Cooks Program.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Worlds Reading: Free statewide reading program in Florida that provides nine free books per year to children from VPK through 5th grade who are reading below grade level. The program is available in multiple languages, including Spanish, Haitian Creole, English, and Braille. Even if a child catches up to grade level, they remain eligible for the books until 5th grade.</li> <li>• Books and Cooks Program: This is a seven-week in-person program in several counties, including Miami-Dade. It is targeted at children and their parents from VPK through 5th grade. Each week, participants receive a book, learn literacy tips, discuss nutrition topics, participate in a cooking demonstration, and receive a free Hello Fresh meal kit. The current cohort is taking place in Hialeah, and a new one will start in January.</li> </ul> <p>The program aims to help families develop literacy and cooking skills together, with an emphasis on nutrition. Families interested in participating can apply using QR codes provided by the program.</p>	
Workplan Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWOT Analysis Activity: The committee conducted the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) committee activity for this year. As the activity was facilitated, they reviewed the 2023 plan. This work plan activity ties back to the following objective: By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to complete a SWOT analysis annually.</li> <li>• Food Security Initiative: The committee is currently in the operations phase of the food security initiative. They are focused on consolidating data, centralizing communication, and ensuring continuity. The goal is to establish a funding mechanism that will provide sustainability for the initiative and secure its long-term impact within Miami-Dade County.</li> <li>• Bounty of Health Fair: The Bounty of Health Fair is scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2024, at West Perrine Health Center, located at 18255 Homestead Avenue, Miami, FL 33157. The fair will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and it will have limited 10 tables, available on a first-come, first-served basis.</li> </ul>	
New Business  HPDP Meeting Logistics Conversation	<p>The committee will meet in November and December. The committee discussed during the SWOT Activity the opportunities and weaknesses to meeting in person the committee has encountered this year. Currently, the committee will continue to meet virtual and will explore new potential opportunities for virtual platforms like breakout rooms or member introductions or polling activities. The other opportunity the committee could try is one in-person meeting for the year where the partners come together and have food available during this meeting. This will be further discussed when the committee reviews their 2025 meeting schedule.</p>	



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Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farm Share Update: There is now a drop-off location for food donations in North Dade, which is aimed at facilitating food access for organizations in need. Since its launch in August, this drop-off location has served 33 agencies and over 10,000 residents in the northeast area of Miami-Dade. This step was taken to make food donations more accessible without the need to travel all the way to Homestead.</li><li>• Emily Jones - University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences: Updates on the "New Worlds Reading" and "Books and Cooks" programs. Emily invited members to share these programs with relevant families, especially those in low-income communities, and provided details on how families could enroll.</li><li>• Committee Election: Update regarding committee nominations and elections, noting that the nomination process will be from November 12th to 19th, followed by voting between December 2nd and 9th. Training for new committee chairs will commence in January.</li><li>• There was a discussion about combining the annual Consortium event with the Worksite Wellness Awards. This combined event will likely be held every other year, as organizing it annually was challenging.</li></ul>	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday, November 14, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.</li></ul>	