

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Tobacco-Free Workgroup  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, September 23, 2019

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
<p>Members Present</p>	<p>           Dr. Richard Thurer, Chair, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine            Lourdes Castaneda, University of Miami, Area Health Education Center (AHEC)            Guadalupe Barroso, Jackson Health Systems            Manuel Oliva, Florida Counter Drug Program            Gabrielle Magnanti, Florida Counter Drug Program            Dr. Zinzi Bailey, University of Miami            Nikki Chuck, Community Member            Amber Graham, Miami Dade County Public School System            Melissa Santiago, American Cancer Society            Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County            Robert Ward, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County            Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County            Takyah Smith, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County            Monica Skoko, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County            Francesca Davis, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County         </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Via Conference Call</i></p> <p>           Bill Amodeo, Vice-Chair, All Star Media            John Michael Pierobon, Concerned Citizen            Yara Stanziola, Citrus Health Network            Beatriz Severson, Health Services Advisory Group            Andrew Cuddihy, American Lung Association         </p>	

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<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by Dr. Richard Thurer at 9:41 am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
<p>Review and Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on July 29, 2019 were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. Guadalupe Barrosa made the motion to approve the minutes and John Michael Pierobon seconded the notion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from July 29, 2019.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<p>Assessing Partnership Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takyah Smith presented the results from the assessment tool/survey to the partnership. Highlighting all of the strengths and weaknesses found in the survey. The workgroup is doing well with planning the objectives, supporting the mission, having a strong leadership, and everyone having an interest in the same cause. Areas that may need improvement are recruiting more members, diversifying the partnership, and utilizing social media outlets to promote awareness. Overall, with the information she provided will help the partnership progress and become even more successful in achieving their goals.</li> </ul> <p>Town Hall Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Thurer attended a Town Hall meeting in Coral Gables hosted by Vice Mayor Vince Lago with Congresswoman Donna Shalala and State Representative Javier E. Fernandez. A topic discussed during that meeting was tobacco 21, raising the minimum age of purchasing tobacco nationally.</li> <li>• John Michael mentioned that the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida raised the sale age for tobacco products to 21. Becoming the second city in the state to pass a type of ordinance like this.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Letter to Miami-Dade Commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Michael and Dr. Thurer wrote a letter addressed to the Miami-Dade Commission discussing tobacco 21. Members of the workgroup each got a chance to look over the letter and provided feedback. Some agreed to help rewrite the letter so that it can also have tobacco retailer licensing included and several other key components.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A subcommittee was formed to work on writing this letter. A conference call will be held to begin the planning process.</li> </ul>
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<p>August and September Executive Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Thurer and Bill were unable to attend the Executive Board meeting in August, but Candice Schottenloher was in attendance and was able to provide an update. The August meeting went well and was held at the Jewish Health System at Douglas Gardens. At the September meeting, the Executive Board worked on the strategic plan with the results from the Community Health Improvement Plan, Healthy People 2020, and State Health Improvement Plan.</li> </ul>	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Coastal Cleanup - September 21<sup>st</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monica Skoko provided an update on the Beach Cleanup. It was held on Sep 21, 2019 at Hobie Beach where approximately 30 attendees. It was a rainy day and the turnout was lower than expected but the Students Working Against Tobacco worked diligently to clean up the beach collecting over 100 pounds of trash.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tobacco Retail Licensing Training - September 23<sup>rd</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting the Tobacco Retail Licensing Training will be held at 10:30 am.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• American Lung Association Lung Force Expo – November 15<sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Andy Cuddihy discussed that the American Lung Association will be hosting the Lung Force Expo in Fort Lauderdale on November 15, 2019 at 8:00 AM. The expo</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>is designed for patients, caregivers and healthcare providers to learn more about the latest trends, resources and research surrounding lung cancer, COPD, and other chronic lung diseases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Miami Sylvester Researcher           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Bailey noted her research will be focusing on the use of e-cigarettes and vaping among high-school students in Miami-Dade County and where they are purchasing the products from.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Youth and Young Adult Essay Contest           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The application was submitted to the Miami Dade County School System. Currently waiting for a response.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current tobacco trends in the news selected by the chair will be sent via email to members.</li> </ul>
Closing/Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned by the Chair Dr. Richard Thurer at 10:29 am.</li> <li>• The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 9:30am.</li> </ul>	