

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Dr. Richard Thurer, Chair, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Bill Amodeo, Vice Chair, All Star Media Lourdes Castaneda, University of Miami, Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Tatiana Perrino, University of Miami Dr. Zinzi Bailey, University of Miami Manuel Oliva, Florida Counter Drug Program Melissa Santiago, American Cancer Society Amy Pont, Community Care Plan Keren Joseph, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Monica Skoko Rodriguez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Nikki Chuck, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Francesca Davis, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Takyah Smith, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Via Conference Call John Michael Pierobon, Concerned Citizen Andrew Cuddihy, American Lung Association Robert Hill, American Heart Association Jason Danh, Miami VA Healthcare System Bryanna McDaniel, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by Dr. Richard Thurer at 9:35 am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	



Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on November 18, 2019 were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. Bill Amodeo made the motion to approve the minutes and Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi seconded the notion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes November 18, 2019.	
Previous Action Items	Legislative Update	
	 There have been several bills proposed that are currently being watched that focus on tobacco and nicotine products. Dr. Thurer gave a brief introduction to each of those bills (SB 810: Tobacco and Nicotine Products, HB 151: Use of Regulated Substances, SB 1394: Taxes and Fees, HB 1037: Tobacco Products, CS/SB 670: Smoking on Public Beaches and in Public Parks, SB 630: Regulation of Smoking, HB 457: Smoking, and SB 694: Nicotine and Tobacco Products) and members chimed in on their opinions concerning some of them. Nancy Adebisi briefly noted that Tobacco 21 was passed federally and that the Public Health Law Center released a webinar and guidance document on what tobacco 21 means for state, local, and tribal governments. 	
	Letter to Decision Maker	
	• The letter to decision makers that the Policy and Surveillance Subcommittee created will be revised to reflect the new legal minimum age of sale for tobacco products. In addition, this letter will be sent electronically to Commissioners via email, due to the lack of response from mailing it.	
	 New Workplan 2020-2024 Partners conducted the final review for the new 5-year workplan, to check for feasibility and provide input about areas that need improvement. There were some recommended changes 	Action item: Liaison will update Workplan with suggestions made and



	provided by the committee. Once the changes are made it will be final and the workplan will be shared with the committee.	provide it to the Consortium Team.
Executive Board Update	December & January Executive Board Meeting	
	They also discussed creating a Consortium Health Agenda to highlight the focus areas of the Consortium and committees by creating talking points that can assist partners when talking to the media or any other outlets about the Consortium.	
Topics Selected by Chair	 Current Tobacco Trends in the News Dr. Thurer shared tobacco related articles to the workgroup and briefly summarized each article. Articles discussed are as followed: Miami Herald Open Mic: Helping those age 18-20 Kick the bad smoking habit Are Electronic Cigarette Users at Risk for Lipid-Mediated Lung Injury? Amicus Brief on Case 8:18-cv-00883-PWG FDA Expands Youth Vaping Prevention Campaign with Stories from Addicted Teens Smoking Cessation – A Report of the Surgeon General 	Action item: Liaison will share articles via email to all committee members.
	 Members discussed various ways they can recruit members. One possible recruitment idea was to host a Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting after a High School event, sending out press releases, and/or having a meeting later in the day for a social event. During previous events held at a High School, turnout was great and parents and students were engaged in the activities. 	



	Youth Cessation Lourdes Castaneda mentioned that the Area Health Education Center and Children's Trust are in the process of working on a grant to implement a youth cessation program. Due to the growing notion of youth becoming addicted to nicotine.	
Tobacco Control Observance Days	 Through with Chew Week: February 16-22, 2020 The main focus of this week is to educate on the harms of chewing tobacco. Kick Butts Day: March 18, 2020 – Take Down Tobacco Day – On this day, SWAT youth will participate in activities to educate peers on the harms of tobacco. 	
Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit	 Nikki Chuck provided information about the Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit which will be held on February 28, 2020 from 9:00am ~12:00pm. This event will allow participants to receive free educational information, learning about the benefits of becoming a tobacco-free worksite and the steps to developing and implementing policy change. A guest speaker from the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida and a panel of tobacco cessation professionals and employers familiar with tobacco policy change will also be in attendance to guide, encourage and help interested organizations understand the benefits of becoming a tobacco free worksite. Guests will also learn about our free services and resources to help smokers quit. In addition, the event has been approved for 2.0 CEUs through select Florida boards, 2.5 CEUs for HRCI business and SHRM 2.5 PDUs. The committee is searching for sponsors to support the event. 	



Partner Updates	 John Michael Pierobon mentioned the Youth & Young Adult Essay Contest is accepting participants. Please encourage youth and young adults to participate. The contest winner will receive a gift card. World No Tobacco Day – May 31, 2020 Tobacco-Free Hockey Night – February 15th, 2020
Closing/Adjourn	 The meeting was adjourned by the Chair Dr. Richard Thurer at 11:30 am. The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 9:30am.