

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Tobacco-Free Workgroup  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, March 30, 2020

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) Guadalupe Barroso, Jackson Health System Edna Maritza Tejada, University of Miami, Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Dr. Tatiana Perrino, University of Miami Dr. Zinzi Bailey, University of Miami Melissa Santiago, American Cancer Society Amy Pont, Community Care Plan Andrew Cuddihy, American Lung Association Robert Hill, American Heart Association Beatriz Severson, Health Services Advisory Group Kenneth Johnson, Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Mary Goldsworthy, RTI International Dr. Matthew Sutherland, Florida International University Dr. Elisa Trucco, Florida International University Nasreen Hidmi, Florida International University Gargee Patel, American Cancer Society Elizabeth Golshteyn, Town of Miami Lakes William Sanchez, Town of Miami Lakes Monica Mitchell, Coral Way K-8 Center SWAT Advisor Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Nikki Chuck, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Takyah Smith, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup held its first virtual meeting through Skype for Business. The remote meeting was brought to order by Bill	

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	<p>Amodeo at 9:39 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 January 27, 2020 were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. Takyah Smith made the motion to approve the minutes and Andrew Cuddihy seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from January 27, 2020.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<p>Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee discussed the latest Federal update following the passing of T21. The FDA has prohibited the sale of flavored e-cigarettes, except menthol and the FDA issued a final rule for graphic warning labels. In addition, in the state of Florida, senate bill SB 810 was approved by both House and the Senate, currently pending the Governor’s signature. This bill focuses on the use of tobacco products and nicotine products, prohibiting a person from selling, delivering, bartering, or giving flavored liquid nicotine products to any other person under 21.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting with Commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update regarding meetings held with both District 1 Commissioner Jordan and District 3 Commissioner Edmondson offices were shared. Both meetings went well, and partners received positive responses about working on a local tobacco retailer licensing policy. These meetings were scheduled based on the emails that were sent out earlier this year. Additional meetings were postponed due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak.</li> </ul>	

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<p>Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit</p>	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This update was provided by Nikki Chuck. The Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit held on February 28, 2020 was a success with over 65 attendees and 34 different organizations represented. Out of the 65 attendees only 48 completed evaluations in which majority believed that the presenters were well prepared, participants were interested and engaged in each presentation, and they learned something during the event that they will take back to their workplace. Attendees enjoyed the networking portion and the presentations. Noted areas in need of improvement from the evaluation was the technical difficulties experienced at the venue and the traffic experienced traveling to the venue. Nonetheless, as mentioned the Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit was a success and the Tobacco-Free Workgroup will continue to host educational informational events about becoming a tobacco-free worksite and the steps to developing and implementing policy change.</li> </ul>	
<p>Presentation</p>	<p>Florida International University- RCMi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Elisa Trucco, Dr. Matthew Sutherland, and Nasreen Hidmi from the Florida International University, Research Center in Minority Institutions, Center for Children and Families and Center for Imaging Science, presented on their ACE Project: Antecedents and Consequences of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems. The objective of the project is to study e-cigarette use/vaping use among adolescents from Miami-Dade County public schools. After receiving a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to investigate the effects of e-cigarette use and vaping among adolescents, they began to examine factors influencing teens' decisions to use or not use e-cigarettes and how that decision may affect other risky behaviors and the developing brain. The presentation included information on the impact of vaping on the body and brain in particular, and intervention strategies to assist youth with making healthier decisions about vaping.</li> </ul>	<p>Action Item: Follow-up with TFW members that would like to assist this team in reaching Miami-Dade County Private schools and assistance with creating a youth vaping cessation program.</p> <p>Follow-up: SWAT to collaborate with this team.</p> <p>If any members would like to further collaborate with the ACE Project, please let the TFW Liaison know so that you can be connected.</p>

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Executive Board Update	<p>February &amp; March Executive Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Executive Board update was provided by both Dr. Thurer and Nancy Adebisi. A brief update was provided on the Consortium Annual event. The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade, including all seven committees is currently planning the Consortium Annual Event on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.</li> </ul>	
Work Plan Review	<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Health Equity - Improve service linkage to encourage equity</i> - By September 30, 2020, the committee will work with local and state officials in adopting a tobacco retailer license and help to enforce federal law regarding raising the purchase age of tobacco products.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup presented the need for a tobacco retail license to two Commissioners who are willing to look further into possibly proposing an ordinance.</li> </ul> </li> <li><i>Access to Care - Improve access to community services that promote improvement in social and mental health, opioid treatment and early linkage to care to address cognitive disorders.</i> - By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to collaborate with partners who work with mental health and opioid issues to promote tobacco cessation.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of members agreed to assist with providing details and information on how they can each support and assist this indicator.</li> </ul> </li> <li><i>Access to Care - Immigrant access to health care and community-based services.</i> - By September 30, 2024, the committee will work with local partners for tobacco cessation referrals.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee will continue to work closely with both Miami-Dade and University of Miami Area Health Education Centers to assist with tobacco cessation referrals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Action Item: Follow-up with TFW members that agreed to assist with each indicator that needs improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Bailey will assist with Health Equity-TRL.</li> <li>Monica Mitchell, Dr. Bailey, Lupe Barroso, William Sanchez, Amy Pont, Maritza Tejada will assist with Access to Care – Mental Health.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <i>Chronic Disease - Reduce chronic disease morbidity and mortality.</i> - By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to host the Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This indicator was completed on February 28, 2020, as the Tobacco-Free Workgroup hosted the 2020 Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit. The event was a success and provided an effective platform that reached many employers throughout Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe County.</li> </ul> </li> <li> <p>• <i>Chronic Disease - Increase the percentage of children and adults who are at a healthy weight.</i> - By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to promote and increase newsletter submissions, social media posts and dissemination of green prescriptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This indicator was completed as our committee members submitted articles for the February Consortium Connection Newsletter. The newsletter strictly focused on tobacco prevention topics and noted issues.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<p>Topics Selected by Chair</p>	<p>Current Tobacco Trends in the News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Thurer shared tobacco related articles to the workgroup and briefly summarized each article. Articles titles are as followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trends in the Prevalence of Exposure to e-Cigarette Aerosol in Public Places Among US Middle and High School Students, 2015 to 2018</li> <li>○ Estimated Worldwide Mortality Attributed to Secondhand Tobacco Smoke Exposure, 1990-2016</li> <li>○ Tobacco and Nicotine – STS Health Policy Compendium</li> <li>○ 'False fears' about vaping stopping smokers using e-cigs: UK report</li> <li>○ Nicotine patches used in combination with e-cigarettes (with and without nicotine) for smoking cessation: a pragmatic, randomized trial</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Action item: Liaison will share articles via email to all committee members.</p>
<p>Tobacco Control Observance Days</p>	<p>Tobacco-Free Florida Week – May 4 – 10, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The week is slated for the first week of May. Details regarding the week will be emailed to partners.</li> </ul>	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monica Mitchell provided an update on how Coral Way K-8 Center SWAT will continue to interact with their students virtually by posting information and having chats through the school’s Microsoft Teams page.</li> </ul>	
<p>Closing/Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned by the Chair Dr. Richard Thurer at 11:07 am.</li> <li>• The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting is to be determined based upon the COVID-19 outbreak. Tentatively save the date for May 4, 2020 at 9:30 am.</li> </ul>	