

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Tobacco-Free Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2020

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Dr. Richard Thurer, Chair, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Guadalupe Barroso, Jackson Health System Edna Maritza Tejada, University of Miami, Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Dr. Zinzi Bailey, University of Miami Amber Graham, Miami Dade County Public School Systems Amy Pont, Community Care Plan Yara Stanzola, Citrus Health Network John Michael Pierobon, Concerned Citizen Dr. Asma Aftab, University of Miami, Area Health Education Center Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, 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	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by Dr. Richard Thurer at 9:36 am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on March 30, 2020 were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. Guadalupe Barroso made the motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Zinzi Bailey seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from March 30, 2020.	
Partner Check-ins & Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bailey provided an update on the progress of the University of Miami COVID-19 prevalence study. • Amber Graham with Miami Dade County Public Schools provided an update on current activities. Schools are currently closed and students will continue their coursework virtually for the remainder of the school year. Employees are in the process of 	

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	<p>formalizing a plan for when school will resume after the pandemic. Recently, only custodial and maintenance workers are entering the schools to perform necessary duties such as proper sanitation so students can return to school to pick up any personal items they may have left behind. A Medical Director was hired through the School Board to reassess how to properly manage opening up all schools for the Fall term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the Tobacco-Free Environment subcommittee was shared with members. Members interested in joining the Tobacco-Free Environment subcommittee were asked to contact Nikki Chuck or Takyah Smith. 	
<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<p>Policy & Surveillance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A brief update was provided on the Policy and Surveillance Subcommittee meeting held on April 27, 2020. The meeting entailed reviewing the committee's next steps on how to re-engage local commissioners on tobacco retail licensing (TRL) given the current events. In addition, the subcommittee was able to review their strategic plan to see whether each indicator and its components were still feasible. They also reviewed advertisements that focused on TRL and point of sale and chose which one they would like to use to place within a local community newspaper. In addition, Dr. Bailey volunteered to draft an op-ed about the importance of a local TRL to place in a newspaper to assist in educating the public. <p>Mental Health Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The workgroup was connected with the Miami-Dade National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to collaborate on bridging mental health and tobacco cessation. During the collaboration call held, members were informed that NAMI does not provide direct services but they do have mental health support groups. It was recommended by their Executive Director to create a webinar about quitting smoking during the COVID-19 outbreak. 	<p>Action Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The liaison will email the drafted op-ed to Workgroup members for any inputs or edits. The liaison will also send out information regarding the Youth and Young Adult Essay Contest. Nancy Adebisi will follow up with Dr. Aftab regarding the webinar request.

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	<p>This may be a great opportunity to promote AHEC’s mental health curriculum and promote AHEC cessation classes.</p> <p>Cessation Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Area Health Education Centers have transitioned to providing virtual cessation classes. They are currently using the Zoom platform for virtual meetings in place of their normal in-person cessation classes. If clients are unable to access Zoom they are still able to speak to a facilitator over the phone. Based on the clients need, they are able to attend the 4-week class, 2-week class, or on-demand class. Nicotine replacement therapy is mailed out after the 2nd and 4th classes. 	
Tobacco-Free Florida Week	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tobacco-Free Florida Week takes place May 4 – 10, 2020. This year TFF Week will focus on combating the youth e-cigarette epidemic. The workgroup will be sharing information via social media and emailing constituents about TFF Week due to the current pandemic. 	
Review Bylaws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed the revised bylaws and agreed upon noted revisions. Revisions include changes to the vision “To create a Tobacco and Nicotine-Free Miami-Dade.” and adding additional information to make sure the bylaws ... bylaws were in alignment with the Consortium Membership Handbook. The bylaws were accepted and adopted. 	

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<p>Topics Selected by Chair</p>	<p>Current Tobacco Trends in the News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> ○ Unintentional magnet reversion of an implanted cardiac defibrillator by an electronic cigarette ○ Specific Studies on Smoking and COVID-19 ○ How Vaping Became a Public Health Crisis ○ Smokers and Vapers May Be at Greater Risk for COVID-19 <p>Tobacco Use and Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tobacco-Free Florida Tobacco and COVID-19 flyer was shared with the Workgroup. 	<p>Action item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The liaison will share articles via email to all committee members. • The flyer will be sent to all members via email.
<p>Tobacco Control Observance Days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Menthol Sunday – May 17, 2020 • World No Tobacco Day – May 31, 2020 	<p>Action item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More information about observance days will be sent to all members via email.
<p>Closing/Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned by the Chair Dr. Richard Thurer at 10:34am. • The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 9:30am. 	