

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Tobacco-Free Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 26, 2021

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<p>Dr. Richard Thurer, Chair, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine</p> <p>Bill Amodeo, Co-Chair, All Star Media</p> <p>Lourdes Castaneda, University of Miami Area Health Education Center (AHEC)</p> <p>Zinzi Bailey, University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center</p> <p>John Michael Pierobon, Concerned Citizen</p> <p>Yara Stanziola, Citrus Health Network</p> <p>William Sanchez, Town of Miami Lakes</p> <p>Ernesto Soto, Town of Miami Lakes</p> <p>Dr. Hiten Chand, Florida International University</p> <p>Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p>Nikki Chuck, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p>Kianna Talley, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p>Sandra P. Echeverry, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p>Sandra Gonzalez Ramos, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p>Luz Adriana Moncada, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by the Chair, Dr. Richard Thurer, at 9:33am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on May 24, 2021 were reviewed. Amendments to the minutes were discussed. John Michael Pierobon made the motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes and Dr. Zinzi Bailey, seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the revised minutes from May 24, 2021.	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Zinzi Bailey announced a new grant that was submitted to the National Cancer Institute regarding youth vaping across the state and retail licensing. She is currently awaiting a notice of award to be received within the next couple of weeks. Lourdes Castaneda mentioned how the University of Miami initiated a new referral system with Jessie Trice Community Health Center. The referral system started about a month ago. The referral system will work with the 	

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	University of Miami Sylvester Clinics and it seems as though it will be spread out to other Sylvester Clinics throughout UM.	
Executive Board Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no updates from the Executive Board being as though they did not meet for the month of July. The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2021. 	
Overview of BTFF Grant Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi shared the new initiatives the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program will be working on with its new Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida grant. Policy and infrastructure areas were mentioned as well as the importance of maintaining partnerships, working as a coalition, and collaborating efforts to ensure we collectively assist one another in our work. Initiatives and goals regarding SWAT, Point of Sale, Tobacco-Free Schools, Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing, Tobacco-Free Organizations, and Increase Cessation Access were presented. In response to the initiatives and goals that were shared, John Michael Pierobon suggested to talk to high schools or local park directors to have a banner designed similar to the American Lung Association that states “Play Tobacco Free” to place in local parks and playgrounds. Dr. Richard Thurer mentioned how there seems to be some synergy in the efforts to reach out to various sports leagues and encouraging tobacco cessation referrals at the same time. In terms of the policy areas mentioned in the presentation, there could be a lot of cross collaboration in terms of moving the needle. It is best that members work smarter and not harder in seeing how we can collaborate with more partners and organizations to get things done. Regarding retail establishments that fall under the assurances of voluntary compliance agreements, Dr. Thurer asked if the percentage of the establishments in the county were available to review. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi stated that she did not have the percentage on hand, but it can be provided. It was also noted given the new law, the number of retailers will dramatically increase as a retailer license is now required for vaping retailers and data will have to be pulled again. Once data is obtained regarding the number of retail and vaping establishments in the county, that information will be shared with members. 	

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<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<p>Subcommittee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco-Free Environments Subcommittee – Nikki Chuck provided the subcommittee update on behalf of Guadalupe Barroso. The Tobacco-Free Environments Subcommittee focuses on partnerships and maintaining contacts to help with the smoke-free multiunit housing initiative and tobacco free environments. Currently, the subcommittee is working on including the tobacco-free organizations as well as cessation access initiatives. In terms of the tobacco-free organizations initiative, there are two subtypes that they are working on: Tobacco Free Sports Leagues & Recreational Programs and Tobacco Free Major Events. In terms of cessation access, the subcommittee is working to try and establish a tobacco-free referral system with organizations that serve low income priority populations. Hopefully, the subcommittee can work closely with AHEC to ensure no one is doing duplicate work. It was asked if any partners knew of any additional partners or contacts that members of the subcommittee could reach out to please feel free to share their contact information and the subcommittee will attempt to make contact. • Policy & Surveillance Subcommittee – Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi provided the subcommittee update on behalf of Dr. Zinzi Bailey. With the new policy change at the state level, the subcommittee met to discuss next steps. Based on their last meeting, work has been done to gather a list of local decision makers to target and reach out to to schedule meetings not only to discuss the work of the partnership, but also to share what is occurring with the point of sale initiative now that local policy change is preempted. Outreach was done and currently there is a meeting scheduled with partners and Commissioner Hardemon to discuss these matters. • John Michael Pierobon announced on the second Tuesday of every month at 9AM, the Coalition of coalitions meets via zoom. If you would like to join, please send an email to John Michael Pierobon to be added to the invite list. During the last meeting, the idea of having each partnership contact their state legislators and petition to make changes to the laws was discussed. The two areas of change are smoke-free beaches and parks along 	
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	with raising the age to 21 without the several exceptions that were made to the current SB1080 law.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan item: Access to Care – By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to utilize data from BRFSS and review indicators annually (asthma, chronic disease, smoking rates). Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi presented to partners on the Miami-Dade Tobacco-related Health Indicators. Data was reviewed and discussed to give insight on tobacco and electronic vapor products use in the county and related diseases and conditions often caused by use of these products. • Workplan item: Access to Care – By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to review socioeconomic status (SES) needs index by all 13 clusters and identify areas of need. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi noted a presentation will be provided by the Community Engagement Team at a later date as there is a population study underway with the Health Council of South Florida which will help inform on the needs index of the county and its 13 clusters. Once more information is received, it will be shared with members. • Workplan item: Health Equity – By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to continue utilizing annual survey with a biannual review to ascertain progress and areas of potential growth. It was encouraged that everyone completes the survey once it is received so that the committee can get feedback and see/evaluate the work that has been done. 	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed progress made to achieve workplan item under Health Equity – By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to promote a referral system to better incorporate local and regional providers. AHEC has been working with the referral system at Sylvester Cancer Center and Jessie Trice Community Health Center. If there is anything else that could be done to support and promote the referral systems that are currently being created AHEC was asked to please let the committee members know. 	

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Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Beach Cleanup will be held on September 18, 2021. The local SWAT Chapter will be hosting the beach cleanup at Hobie Beach. More information will be provided for those who are interested. Attendees will be required to adhere to CDC guidelines to include wearing a mask and social distancing. The Consortium Annual Event will be held on October 1, 2021. This event will be held virtually. Communication regarding registration has been sent out via email. Members were encouraged to attend. 	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Richard Thurer, at 10:39am. The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 9:30 am. 	