

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members	Dr. Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade (Executive Board Co-Chair)	
present	Nathan Burandt, FIU	
(12)	Teri Busse-Arvesu, Miami-Dade County	
	Marjorie Epstein Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network	
	Susan Holtzman, Miami-Dade County - Office of the Mayor	
	Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green	
	Nicole Marriott, Health Council of South Florida	
	Alina Soto, DCF	
	Dr. Richard Thurer, UM	
	Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	Karen Weller, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
Welcome and	The Executive Board of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade November meeting was	
Introductions	brought to order by Cristina Brito at 10:03 A.M.	
	All members of the committees introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.	
Approval of	The committee approved the October meeting minutes with a motion from Marjorie Epstein	
Minutes	Aloni and a second from Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.	
Previous	The Executive Board continued the discussion on their role in the community as it relates to	
Action Items	COVID-19 and vaccinations in the community. Dr. Cristina Brito led this conversation and	
	shared the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine for those aged 5 to 11 years old.	
Board's Role	The Board briefly discussed the childcare settings and their current role with the COVID-19	
with COVID-	vaccines. It was also shared DOH-Miami-Dade will be administering this vaccine to children 5	
19 & Health	to 11 years old. She also shared the updated CDC's Holiday Celebration guidance. To learn	
Equity	more, please visit <u>here</u> .	
	The Executive Board also continued the conversation as it relates to addressing health equity	
	through a focus on the social determinants of health (SDOH). The Executive Board will have	
	a presentation at the December meeting by Dr. Patricia Ares Romero to better understand	
	mental health in Miami-Dade County as it relates to how the COVID-19 pandemic affected the	



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	community. From this presentation, the Executive Board will discuss next steps to planning a forum for the community to share on this topic and linkages to mental health resources.	
	Mrs. Weller and Dr. Valerie Turner both provided additional updates on the CDC COVID-19 and Health Equity grant. The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's Office of Health Equity will be under the Office of Community Health and Planning and is currently active. Under this office will be the Health Equity Advisory Committee that will be led by Dr. Villalta. This committee will bring together partners that address policy, systems, and environmental changes through the social determinants of health at a high level. Through this 2-year grant the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County has been awarded \$28 million. It was shared through the Request for Applications (RFAs) approximately \$6 million will be disbursed throughout the community. These will be related to projects aligned with the SDOH identified by the CDC. The goal will be to have 1-year of funding and full implementation from January 2022 to December 2022. These projects will also include a sustainability plan to expand further into the future. Lastly, it was shared to register your organization in My Florida Marketplace to learn about all notifications for this process.	
Bounty of Health Event	Teri Busse-Arvesu provided on behalf of the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee and Leyanee Perez an update on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Bounty of Health Drive-Thru Food Distribution Event. This event will be hosted on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the West Perrine Health Center. She shared with the Board they are currently collecting educational and promotional materials to be distributed to community members at the drive-thru event. Lastly, she shared the day before like last year's event, they will be hosting the pre-recorded virtual educational session too.	
New Business Children Issues QR Code Resource Flyer Presentation	During this meeting the Executive Board had the Children Issues Oral Health Committee QR Code Resource Flyer presentation by Dr. Cristina Brito and Alina Soto. An overview was provided on how the Children Issues Oral Health Committee had developed this resource. The committee work plan had two objectives under the Health Equity strategic priority area. The committee began to brainstorm ideas and identify underserved areas to increase access to resources in these areas for the community. The committee also brainstormed and researched best practices and programs to be replicated within the community. They discussed and focused on innovative ways to improve access to care and service linkages to encourage health equity in Miami-Dade County. One of the best practices determined by the committee was to create a	
	digital QR code to share throughout the entire Miami-Dade community. The committee then	



	worked with its partners to create the flyer and gather resources to be shared on the resource's webpage. To see resources, please click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> . The committee identified five priority areas to group the resources under. These five areas include: Family Economic Support Programs, Nutrition Resources, Clinical & Mental Health Resources, Parenting Support, and Special Topics & Information. Additionally, the Board had a discussion on how to disseminate this flyer into the community. It was recommended to create a social media graphic as another way to promote this resource on social media. Lastly, it was shared with the Board members if they had any additional resources to include on the QR website they could share and email the committee liaison.	
Marketing & Membership Updates	Candice Schottenloher provided the Marketing & Membership updates to the Executive Board. The Consortium Membership Directory continues to be monitored and updated weekly. A reminder was shared with the Board to share with their committee members to continue to update their contact information if any changes were needed with the Membership Form.	
DOH Programmatic Updates	Mrs. Weller provided the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Programmatic Updates to the Executive Board. She provided COVID-19 updates from both the state and county level. She shared the COVID-19 cases continue to decrease. She also shared data as of October 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 the state positivity rate was 2.6% and the county positivity rate was 1.8%. Additionally, she provided in Miami-Dade County 95% of individuals 12 and up were vaccinated with at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine whereas the state overall was at 73%.	
Partner Updates	Children Issues: Dr. Cristina Brito provided an update at the next committee meeting there will be a presentation by Epilepsy Florida as November is Epilepsy Awareness Month. This meeting will be hosted virtually on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 10 a.m. Additionally, the committee now works to disseminate the QR code resource flyer to the community. The feedback related to the social media infographic that was shared from today's meeting will also be shared at the next committee meeting too.  Elder Issues: Marjorie Epstein Aloni and Susan Holtzman provided an update on the committee. She shared the committee is working on the issue of affordable housing and seniors	
	and setting up appointments with elected officials as part of this initiative. Susan also shared Miami-Dade County has rescind the mask order and are currently observing the elderly congregate meal sites as attendance is low.	



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**Health and the Built Environment:** An update was provided by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero on the committee. She shared the next upcoming committee meeting will be hosted virtually on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10 a.m. She also provided updates on additional workgroups that the committee has created to focus its effort as it aligns with the committee work plan. These included the Underline working to increase access looking at this effort through a health equity lens and the Fit City workgroup is working to host a future event with MCAD.

**Health Promotion and Disease Prevention:** Teri Busse-Arvesu provided an update on the committee. She shared the committee is currently working to prepare for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bounty of Health Drive Thru Food Distribution event that will be hosted on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

**Healthy Baby Taskforce:** Candice Schottenloher provided an update on the current efforts of the Taskforce. She shared the Taskforce has now began to conduct the focus group discussions for parents and caregivers related to understanding their cultural beliefs about safe sleep. Once the focus groups have all been conducted, we will then begin to analyze and share the results in January 2022. Also, the Taskforce has reviewed their new FY 2021-2022 work plan with the state's scope of work to ensure alignment.

**Tobacco Free Workgroup** (**TFW**): Dr. Richard Thurer shared the next TFW meeting will be held virtually on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. He shared TFW members are working to learn more about the upcoming legislation sessions related to e-cigarettes and vaping concerns as it related to the work of the committee.

**Health Council of South Florida:** An updated was provided by Nicole Marriott. She shared that open enrollment opened on November 1, 2021. She shares they continue to work with many partners to increase access to care among target populations in our community. She shared they are working with FIU, Miami-Dade College, and West Kendall Baptist.

**United Way of Miami-Dade:** Dr. Cristina Brito provided an update at their upcoming Executive Leadership meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 they will have a presentation by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to learn more about the referral process and how to create a system between community partners.



	Worksite Wellness: Nathan Burandt provided an update on the committee. He provided an update on the successful Wellness Solutions & Best Practices Forum that was hosted on Thursday, November 4, 2021. He shared the 2021 Florida Worksite Wellness Award recipients shared tips on how to lead a successful worksite wellness program. The award recipients were from Bank United, The Gehring Group, and Trustbridge, Inc.	
	Please email any updates, flyers, events, or requests to present to the committee liaison, Candice Schottenloher, via email at Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via a virtual meeting through the Go To Meeting platform.	