



CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, October 19th, 2021
 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (25)	<p>Chair: Leyanee Perez, Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Co-Chair: Teri Busse-Arvesu, Miami-Dade County Alejandra Sepulveda Reyes, FIU (student) Alicia Betancourth, Florida Department of Health Allyssa Gonzalez, YMCA of South Florida Amy Pont, Community Care Plan Angel Bosch, Dade County Medical Association Beth Ruhmann, Baptist Health Blanca Seballos, United HomeCare Carol E. Brogan, The Children’s Trust Cristiane Rocha, Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures Dr. Imelda Medina, Familias Unidas International Franchine Peters, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center Gloria Orlandi-Kass, Alzheimer’s Association Herta Cherfils, Miami-Dade AHEC Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health Melissa Maytin, Florida Department of Health Michelle Collins, Epilepsy Florida Dr. Richard J. Thurer, M.D., Chair of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup Susan Holtzman, Miami-Dade County Tamia Medina, Florida Department of Health Tiffinie Bratcher, Urban Health Partnerships Virginia Munoz, Florida Department of Health William Sanchez, Town of Miami Lakes</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee meeting was brought to order by Leyanee Perez at 2:00pm.</p>	



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Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the September 2021 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention minutes by Teri Arvesu; the motion was seconded by Beth Ruhmann.	
Executive Board Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Executive Board had a presentation by Dr. Anthony Lao on the topic of COVID-19 vaccines in Miami-Dade County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As of the last week of September, the county had over 661,000 cases of COVID19 and is currently at 3.7%. ○ 91% of residents have been vaccinated with at least one dose and 79% of residents fully vaccinated. ▪ The Executive board also had a discussion on health equity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Consortium Annual Event took place on October 1st, 2021 in partnership with the Worksite Wellness Awards. ○ This year, the committee recognized Lacy Boyles with the American Heart Association as the outstanding member. 	
Presentation	<p>To meet the indicator <i>by September 30, 2024 the committee will work to support Tobacco 21</i>, Dr. Richard J. Thurer, M.D., Chair of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup, provided the committee an update on the law and its gaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In December 2019, President Trump signed federal legislation establishing minimum age of purchase to 21 years of age (up from 18 year of age). ▪ While the states are not required to pass their own laws, they could. The federal law has no exemptions for anyone under the age of 21. ▪ The state passed bill 1080, which took effect on October 1st, 2021. This law conflicts with the federal law in that there is an exception for military personnel. Military personnel can still purchase tobacco products in Florida at the age of 18. ▪ The state established a new category of products called nicotine dispensing devices. The state’s law Clean Indoor Air Act does not distinguish between them. ▪ The group that has been at the forefront of promoting Tobacco 21 laws around the country has given Florida an F rate for the recently implemented statutes. ▪ One of the major criticisms of the law is enforcement. The enforcement is designated to the Florida Division of Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco, which has been the agency that had enforced previous tobacco sales. There is no minimum number of surveillance visits to a 	

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	<p>tobacco retailer. The enforcement is very limited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For example, Alachua county had their own Tobacco 21 ordinance passed before the state implemented its program. The information available indicates that 30% of the establishments visited were not in compliance. ▪ The only data statewide comes from a report the state files to the federal government. The last one on file shows approximately 130 enforcement actions throughout the whole state in fiscal year 2021. The data is not very different from the prior few years. There have been about 6 or 7 fines, most of which applied to the actual person doing the sales and not the corporate owner of the establishment which is not best practice. This report filed by state indicates specifically that there is a problem in resource allocation by the state towards employment. ▪ The penalties are applied primarily to the individual purchasing the product and not the corporate owner of the establishment. The penalties can be criminal and can escalate so that the person can lose their license for a period. Tobacco retailers can be fined a substantial amount of money but only if there are repeated offenses in a limited period (12 weeks). For example, if a retailer has 5 offenses in a 12-week period then the penalty can escalate. Still, the retailer would have to be visited 5 times during this period, which is highly unlikely. ▪ Additional items in the law indicate that tobacco retailers currently that currently have a license to sell tobacco can sell other nicotine dispensing devices under their current license however, they just must register. An establishment that doesn't currently have a tobacco license must register and there is no fee to register. The fee for a tobacco license is \$50.00. Best practice would suggest a fee of at least \$300, largely directed towards funding enforcement. ▪ The state prevents local municipalities from implementing regulations regarding tobacco control. For example, a city or county cannot implement its own enforcement or licensing scheme or require a fee for licensing. ▪ Two bills have been filed, Senate Bill 224 and House Bill 105 which seem to be acceptable in their current form regarding prohibiting smoking of tobacco products in parks and beaches. ▪ The FDA has approved one e-cigarette for use. The first one ever approved by a federal 	
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	<p>agency. This caused concern among some of the tobacco control groups who were pushing for abolishment of e-cigarettes altogether. The justification was that for some people this is an effective smoking cessation device. What remains to be seen if underage use of the devices can be enforced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee can help support the work of the Tobacco Free Workgroup by staying updated on the state legislature. Tobacco companies spend 8x more on advertising and promoting products than the state spends on tobacco control. 	
<p>Work Plan Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The monthly committee meeting for Tuesday, December 21st, 2021 is canceled. ▪ By September 30, 2024 the committee will work to host an annual health fair for the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 2nd Annual Bounty of Health Drive-Thru Food Distribution will take place on Thursday, November 18th, 2021 from 9am-12pm. This will be a 2-part event consisting of a virtual educational component and a drive-thru food distribution. If you are interested in participating as a vendor or as a presenter, please register at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2S83H38. For any questions, contact: Melissa.Maytin@flhealth.gov. ▪ By September 30, 2024 the committee will work to complete a SWOT analysis annually. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chair of the committee reviewed the results of the SWOT analysis which was conducted during the September meeting. ▪ By September 30, 2024 the committee will work to create a curriculum/state of address to elected officials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teri Arvesu (co-chair) suggests that this indicator could be a part of a larger presentation, representing the entire Consortium, which could be shared with commissioners at a local level and then the state. Also, the committee could choose an initiative to work on that is representative of the committee, similar to the Restaurant Initiative. The committee can also look at current legislation related to the committee. Leyanee (chair) suggested the topic of food insecurity. An idea is to assess which items that the community is lacking, including shortages due to COVID19. Once these areas are identified the committee can create a policy to present to elected officials. Another suggestion is to look at the price of groceries and availability. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teri (co-chair) suggested partnering with an organization that works in Little Havana assessing the community and also assessing access to healthcare. 	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is pleased to announce it will be hosting the 2021 virtual summit, A Community United: Health Equity in Miami-Dade County, to share updates on the status of Health Equity in Miami-Dade and to review the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This virtual event will be hosted on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via the Zoom platform. This meeting will unite decision makers across multiple disciplines and start the conversation to develop strategic approaches to ensuring equity for all Miami-Dade residents. It is designed to bring community members and organizations together to take a collaborative approach on addressing health disparities and inequities with an all-inclusive method. ▪ Community Care Plan is a non-profit health plan. They are doing a donation program, if you have a 501c3 that is providing a program that is impacting the social determinants of health in Miami-Dade County like housing, health literacy, food insecurity, job trainings, youth programs, etc. The application link is: https://woobox.com/yr3g7k. Awards will be between \$5,000-10,000 per organization. ▪ Epilepsy Florida has postponed their walk which was originally taking place in November until spring. They are also hiring two intake specialists in the Miami area. Contact Michelle Collins for more information at: mcollins@epilepsyfl.org. Familias Unidas International can implement a Chronic Disease self-management program at your site (in person, online, English, Spanish). Contact: www.familiasunidasintl.org or (786)728-0428. ▪ Alzheimer’s Association is having their Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Saturday, November 20th, 2021 at Tropical Park. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 virtually. The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM 	