

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Tobacco-Free Workgroup Meeting Minutes Monday, January 31, 2022

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Dr. Richard Thurer, Chair, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Bill Amodeo, Co-Chair, All Star Media Zinzi Bailey, University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center Guadalupe Barroso, Jackson Health System Lourdes Castañeda, University of Miami Area Health Education Center (AHEC) John Michael Pierobon, Concerned Citizen E. Maritza Tejada, University of Miami William Sanchez, Town of Miami Lakes Ernesto Soto, Town of Miami Lakes Yara Stanziola, Citrus Health Network Alexandro Perez, Coalicion de Esperanza - Hope for Miami SSG Christopher Pierce, FL Army National Guard Adriana Moncada, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Luigi Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Sandra P. Echeverry, 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 Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Kianna Talley, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health Miami-Dade County	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by the Chair, Dr. Richard Thurer, at 9:30am. The meeting started with an icebreaker asking members to answer, "What word would you use to describe 2022?" followed by "name one goal you hope to accomplish this year with the Tobacco-Free Workgroup." All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on November 22, 2021 were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. Nikki Chuck made the motion to approve the minutes and Zinzi Bailey seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from November 22, 2021.	

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Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No partner updates were provided. 	
Executive Board Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last executive board meeting was held on January 10, 2022. During the meeting executive board members discussed the review of the thrive thirty-five survey data particularly to older adults and special needs. A detailed presentation was presented based on the survey results. Executive members also discussed health equity and COVID-19. 	
Previous Action Items	<p>Subcommittee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tobacco-Free Environments Subcommittee – The subcommittee provided updates regarding their next steps towards the tobacco free organizations initiative. Guadalupe Barroso stated the subcommittee had their last meeting on January 25, 2022 where they discussed different topics such as the tobacco free organizations and working with the Town of Miami Lakes department of parks and recreations to focus on creating a voluntary tobacco free policy for youth sports and recreational programs. The subcommittee has also reached out to the City of Miami Springs to assess their interest and support towards the tobacco free organizations initiative. For the increase cessation access initiative, the subcommittee continues to focus their efforts on Cluster 13, which includes the downtown East Little Havana, Liberty City, Little Haiti and Overtown areas. These areas have the highest rates for adults that smoke as well as the highest percentage of individuals living below the federal poverty level. Additionally, social service organizations have shown interest in supporting this initiative which includes Pridelines, YWCA of South Florida, YMCA of South Florida, and the Advocacy Network of Disability, to share additional resources and information as well as to gain new partners towards the initiative. For the smoke-free multiunit housing initiative, the subcommittee continues to do great work with working with AHEC to identify new public housing properties that encourage implementing smoke-free policies if one is not already in place. Cessation services throughout AHEC and Tobacco Free Florida are also shared with property management for residents who wish 	

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	<p>to quit. Please contact the Nikki Chuck and Kianna Talley if anyone has any ideas or contacts to assist with the initiatives mentioned above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Michael Pierobon suggested having a banner at a sports field or parks that will say “Play Tobacco Free” with the consortium logo on the bottom. It was mentioned that the City of Hialeah has signage at their local parks and recreational centers that states “Healthy Lungs at Play”. The committee will move forward with seeking approval of signage for other sports fields and parks throughout the county. • Policy & Surveillance Subcommittee – Dr. Zinzi Bailey provided an update from the subcommittee regarding trying to reach to local partners to make them aware of what is going on and have been reaching out to different decision makers around being able to be supportive of the subcommittee’s key efforts. Dr. Thurer was successful with being able to reach out to the City of Coral Gables as well as his local legislators. Dr. Thurer mentioned that the subcommittee would be reaching out to Commissioner Jean Monestime of District 2 in Miami-Dade County. The subcommittee is going to continue to reach out to other key Miami commissioners throughout the year to leverage support regarding tobacco-free initiatives. <p>Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Michael Pierobon provided an update pertaining to the youth and young adult essay contest. For the youth and young adult essay contest, it was encouraged to persuade individuals under the age of 21 to enter the contest and submit an essay on any tobacco prevention measures they would like and if their essay gets published in the newspaper, the individual will be rewarded an \$100 gift card. Please note that the individual could submit as many essays as they would like. • An update regarding the current legislative session was also provided by John Michael Pierobon where he discussed House Bill 105 and Senate Bill 224 and the importance of getting committees to pass the bills. Contact information for the office of State Representative James Buchanan was provided and encouraged members to call Mr. Buchanan’s office and request for House Bill 105 to be heard during his subcommittee meeting. 	
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	<p>The bill gives the communities the option to make beaches and parks smoke free. Once the bill gets enacted into law, members would be able to speak with city councils and ask them to make their beaches and parks some free. For Senate Bill 224, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee's chair is Jason Brodeur. Mr. Brodeur's contact information was also provided for members to contact him regarding Senate Bill 224. If anyone would like to read more about the House Bill, information can be found at myfloridahouse.gov. For the Senate Bill, information can be found at flsenate.gov.</p> <p>K-12 Tobacco Free School Policy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi provided an update regarding the K-12 tobacco free school policy. Members have been working with the American Heart Association to encourage the school district to update their tobacco free school policy to make it more comprehensive and include support for the youth for cessation access as well as updating their disciplinary actions noted in their student code of conduct. There are currently cessation access resources provided through the school such as the alternative suspension program. These are some of the recommendations that have been provided to the school board and the board approved an action for the staff to see the feasibility of adopting the comprehensive policy. <p>SWAT Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the Miami-Dade Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Chapter was provided. The SWAT Chapter recently attended their Youth Advocacy Board (YAB) face to face meeting where SWAT youth participated in a media advocacy training. The students were able to create a video that talks about the tobacco free week, bringing awareness to tobacco issues through implementing communication and social media skills that were learned during their trainings. SWAT will be working closely with the K-12 initiatives allowing students to work with decision makers and advocate for tobacco related issues. 	
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<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan item: Injury, Safety, and Violence – By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to partner with the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HPDP) Committee and Healthy Stores initiative. The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee have an interest in healthy food options being provided in retailer stores. One of the ideas that was mentioned when creating the workplan was to see if the Tobacco Free Workgroup can partner with the committee to have a healthy stores initiative. This workplan item was discussed in the previous leadership meeting and suggestions were provided. If anyone may have any additional ideas to move forward with this initiative, please make note of it. The Live Healthy Miami Gardens initiative has a grant funded program for their city where they are working with Florida impact on a healthy soar initiative and that might be something that the workgroup could work on. • Workplan item: Access to Care – By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to collaborate with partners who work with mental health and opioid issues to promote tobacco cessation. If anyone has any recommendations for any community organizations that the organization could work with regards to mental health and tobacco cessation, please let Nancy know. Zinzi Bailey mentioned contacts at Village South and Catholic Charities. There may be some specific treatment centers that the workgroup could possibly partner with. Nikki mentioned how AHEC might have a contact at Catholic Charities and will reach out to see if there are any additional contacts to assist with this workplan indicator. The workgroup will also try to reach out to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) as well. 	
<p>Point of Sale Surveillance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As mentioned during previous meetings, the committee is currently in the process of completing store assessments for current tobacco retailers. If anyone is interested in assisting with store surveillance, please let the Kianna Talley know. A training will be held soon to discuss the new tracking system and to review the assessment questionnaire. 	

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American Lung Association 2022 State of Tobacco Control Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Thurer discussed the recent yearly report on the state of tobacco control by the American Lung Association. Based on the report, the state of Florida is graded based on five categories such as tobacco prevention and cessation funding, smoke free air, tobacco taxes, access to cessation services, and tobacco flavored products. If you are interested in other states and their rates for each of the categories, you can visit lung.org for more information. 	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Dr. Richard Thurer at 10:38am. • The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 9:30 am. 	