

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Tobacco-Free Workgroup Meeting Minutes Monday, March 28, 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 John Michael Pierobon, Concerned Citizen William Sanchez, Town of Miami Lakes Yara Stanziola, Citrus Health Network Jeannette Colwell, Gang Alternative 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 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. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on January 31, 2022, were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. John Michael Pierobon made the motion to approve the minutes and Zinzi Bailey seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from January 31, 2022.	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Michael Pierobon mentioned the current winner of the youth and young adult essay contest. It is suggested to encourage more youth to participate in the contest to earn the incentive of the \$100 gift card and to be published in their local newspaper. SWAT will send out a reminder to their youth to inspire participation and gain more involvement. 	
Executive Board Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the last executive board meeting, partners discussed the upcoming Mental Health Forum for the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade and having the workgroup participate in one of the sessions to present on mental health issues. More information regarding the mental health forum would be provided once received. 	

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<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<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. The subcommittee was unable to meet in March but plan to have our meeting in April. The Tobacco Free Organizations initiative remains focused on encouraging municipalities to create voluntary tobacco free policies, especially geared toward their sports and recreational programs. We are still working closely with the Town of Miami Lakes Department of Parks and Recreation. We have also met with the City of Miami Springs and City of Doral Department of Parks and Recreation to share initiative information and assess their interest with supporting the initiative. For the Increase Cessation Access initiative, staff continue to partner with three Social Service Organizations to help them create a tobacco cessation referral policy. Pridelines, YWCA South Florida, and YMCA South Florida are the target organizations. Under the Smokefree Multiunit Housing initiative, staff continue to work with AHEC to identify new public housing properties and encourage implementing smokefree policies if one is not already in place. Cessation services through AHEC and Tobacco Free Florida are also shared with property managers for residents who wisht to quit. If you have additional contacts or ideas for organizations the subcommittee should reach out to move forward with these initiatives, please share them with us. • 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. Bailey reached out to Commissioner Jean Monestime of District 2 in Miami-Dade County and is awaiting response to meet further and get him oriented to the workgroup and how we could work best moving forward. The subcommittee is going to continue to reach out to other key Miami commissioners throughout the year to leverage support regarding tobacco-free initiatives. 	
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	<p>Recap of Legislative Session and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update regarding the current legislative session was also provided by John Michael Pierobon where he presented the senate and house bills that have been passed and its relation to tobacco prevention and control. The House Bill 105 has passed the house and the senate. We are now awaiting a signature from the governor for it to become a law. It has been asked to call the governor's office and ask for him to sign the bill. Next steps would be to see how to approach our city and county commissioners to enact a legislation to make our beaches and parks tobacco free. If anyone would like to read more about House Bills, information can be found at myfloridahouse.gov. For Senate Bills, information can be found at flsenate.gov. • A discussion regarding the legislative recap involved other bills that have passed that may increase inequities in what the youth might be experiencing. In terms of what we know from the research, we can see that sexual minority kids are more likely to smoke and vape partially due to stress mechanisms. Some of the elements from the legislative session may have some impacts on some of the work that the partnership is trying to do. There also seems to be a concern of the federal law regarding the M.O.R.E. Act, making marijuana legal which will cause more people to smoke. <p>SWAT Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the Miami-Dade Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Chapter was provided with a summary of the work that the various SWAT clubs have accomplished thus far throughout the school year. They currently have 15 clubs within Miami-Dade County where 8 of them are high school clubs, 3 are middle school clubs, and 4 are community-based clubs. The next county call will be held April 14, 2022, and leaders are gaining more knowledge towards policy change and advocacy. SWAT is currently preparing for Takedown Tobacco Day on April 1, 2022, and other events that will take place for the remainder of the year. 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: STD/Communicable Diseases/Emergent Threats – By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to create an educational campaign to increase awareness of communicable diseases transmitted through the sharing of tobacco products and paraphernalia. • Workplan item: Maternal Child Health – By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to educate with a generational approach on the harms of secondhand smoke and provide information on cessation and referral services. • The workgroup has different organizations in which partners are representing. If anyone might have an interest in assisting with these workplan items, please let Nancy or Kiana know. • Dr. Thurer mentioned a study that is underway at UM and FIU regarding hookah use and development of illustrations to illustrate the ill effects. Luigi from the HIV/STD program expressed willingness to collaborate and work on the initiative with their youth health workgroup. Jeannette from Gang Alternative mentioned their youth program called Youth Frontliners where they are trained on leadership skills so they can go back to their schools and churches and develop clubs such as SWAT to promote reduction of substance abuse among youth and are willing to work towards the initiative. More information will be provided for further discussion. 	
<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. It is taking a lot longer than usual to complete surveys due to more questions being add to the questionnaire. Once all the data is collected, it was suggested to review the data and see how changes can be made given preemption. • If anyone is interested in assisting with store surveillance, please let the Kianna Talley know. 	

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BTFF Strategic Plan Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks were provided regarding the upcoming Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida Strategic Plan Meetings where partners were encouraged to attend and participate in the trainings and give feedback and insight to provide representation of the varied populations within the workgroup. March 24, 2022 10:00 ~ 11:30 am March 31, 2022 10:00 ~ 11:30 am April 14, 2022 10:00 ~ 11:30 am 	
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, May 23, 2022 at 9:30 am. 	