

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Executive Board  
 Monday, June 13, 2022

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members present (14)	Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Executive Board Co-Chair) Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance (Executive Board Co-Chair) Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes Jeannie Cidel, Aetna Sofia Cuenca, Community Member 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, HCSF Bernadette Morris, Sonshine Communications Edwin O'Dell, Community Member Dr. Richard Thurer, UM Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade Karen Weller, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
Welcome and Introductions	The Executive Board of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's June meeting was brought to order by Leyanee Perez and Dr. Cristina Brito at 10:10 A.M.  All members of the committees introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.	
Approval of Minutes	The committee approved the May meeting minutes with a motion from Mrs. Karen Weller and a second from Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.	
Previous Action Items  Mental Health Community Conversation	The Executive Board reviewed the breakout rooms and speaker list for the Mental Health Virtual Summit the Consortium will host on Friday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The event registration link will be sent out soon with the Save the Date flyer. Other updates were shared that the event agenda will be confirmed soon and then shared with AHEC to review for appropriate CEU credits that will be offered for this event. The work plan activities related to mental health ties back to the Executive Board workplan under the Access to Care and Injury/Safety/Violence priority areas. Under these priority areas it has been identified the Board will work to create a policy system, or environmental change to address a community concern related to ACEs, mental health, injury, safety, or violence.	

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<p>Board's Role with COVID-19 &amp; Health Equity</p>	<p>Leyanee Perez and Dr. Cristina Brito led the Executive Board on the continued discussion on the role of the Executive Board with Health Equity and COVID-19. Dr. Cristina Brito shared current COVID-19 rates in Miami-Dade County and how it has also been impacting West Kendall Baptist Hospital. The Board members also brought up a community concern related to COVID-19 testing in our community if it would still be free or if there would start to be a cost for testing. Dr. Cristina Brito shared West Kendall Baptist Hospital was able to integrate on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the PHQ-4 screening for anxiety and depression. She shared they are now working to finalize their follow-up process regarding someone screening positive for one of these questions and then being able to share the appropriate mental health resources with them. She also shared updates related to the food insecurity questions the Board was working to include in the Healthy Hub screening tool. She shared IT is currently working to include them and these questions will be related to experiencing food insecurity over the past 3 months. For this process, they are also looking at follow-up solutions if someone does screen for food insecurity.</p> <p>Leyanee Perez provided a few new updates on the food pantry initiative to address food insecurity in Miami-Dade County. She shared now that one of the food pantry locations has opened, receiving food donations, and securing food has been a bit of a challenge. She was happy to share that she was able to establish a partnership with Food Rescue Us – South Florida who will be rescuing food for the food pantry. She also recently presented to the National Supermarket Association Board the food pantry initiative and they would like to partner with us on these efforts.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <p>ISV Work Plan Discussion &amp; Updates</p>	<p>The Executive Board had an important discussion on the Injury, Safety, and Violence (ISV) strategic health priority area part of the Executive Board work plan. The Children Issues Committee Chair, Dr. Cristina Brito, shared updates on National Water Safety Month. She shared West Kendall Baptist Hospital did outreach to all the schools in their community. 15 of them engaged in at least one of the eight-part webinar series they facilitated. 97 classrooms engaged in this series too. Survey results and highlights were shared on the success of these events related to water safety.</p> <p>The Tobacco-Free Workgroup, Dr. Richard Thurer, reviewed what the state status is of tobacco regulations and what the results were of the past legislative session. He shared there were two bills (one in the house and one in the Senate), and these bills would allow counties and municipalities to restrict smoking within the boundaries of public beaches and public parks</p>	

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	<p>within their jurisdiction. These are still pending to be signed. He also shared bills were passed, signed, and went into law that revised the age for sales, tobacco nicotine products, 21 years of age and that is consistent with the federal law. He shared there was an exemption in the law where 18-year old's in the military could still purchase these products. Other updates were shared on the point of sale and retailer licenses, creating a K-12 tobacco-free school policy, and current efforts being worked on in Cluster 13 to create better referral cessation programs in this under-served community. He provided these updates on behalf of the workgroup and how the Executive Board could help support these efforts especially the Children Issues and the Health and the Built Environment committee to help with these policy, system, and environmental change efforts.</p>	
Marketing & Membership Updates	<p>Bernadette Morris and Edwin O'Dell both provided the Marketing &amp; Membership updates to the Executive Board. Mr. O'Dell shared the Consortium Membership Directory continues to be updated weekly and it is encouraged to share the Consortium Membership Form with potential new and existing members to complete and update their contact information. Ms. Morris provided a few updates on behalf of Sonshine Communications work with the CDC COVID-19 and Health Equity grant. She shared they have created a series of digital media campaigns in May. During the month of June, they will move forward with some more digital campaigns as well as campaigns in publications like The Miami Times, Caribbean Today, a few Hispanic publications, and some radio spots in Creole that will be broadcast throughout for the rest of the month.</p>	
DOH Programmatic Updates	<p>Mrs. Weller provided a brief presentation on the DOH Programmatic Updates to the Executive Board. During this update, she highlighted the newest RFA Awardees which included Caring for Miami, Jackson Health System, West Kendall Baptist Hospital, and Community Health of South Florida, Inc. The presentation also included focus area maps by each of the social determinants of health that the grantees will be focusing their efforts on through the CDC COVID-19 and Health Equity Grant. She also shared at a future meeting she will share more updates on working with the municipalities through the grant. She shared there are a total of 38 contracts through the grant and DOH is aiming to have all contracts executed by the end of July. Also, by this time approximately over \$11 million dollars would have gone into the community to focus on efforts to make sustainable changes through focusing on the social determinants of health to achieve health equity.</p>	
Partner Updates	<p><b>Children Issues:</b> An update was shared to the Executive Board by Dr. Cristina Brito and Tenesha Avent. They shared the committee will have a presentation by Together for Children on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10 a.m.</p>	

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	<p><b>Health and the Built Environment:</b> An update was shared by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero. She announced and introduced the new committee Vice Chair, Sofia Cuenca. The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Health Promotion and Disease Prevention:</b> An update was shared to the Executive Board by Leyanee Perez. The committee will have a presentation from the Alzheimer's Association on Brain Awareness month at their next meeting on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 2 p.m. She also shared a concern about a local Chef and wanted to get the Board's perspective about learning more about this opportunity.</p> <p><b>Tobacco-Free Workgroup:</b> An update was shared by Dr. Richard Thurer. The next workgroup meeting will be on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Other updates related to the workgroup can be find above under New Business.</p> <p>Please email any updates, flyers, events, or requests to present to the committee liaison, Candice Schottenloher, via email at <a href="mailto:Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov">Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov</a>.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via a virtual meeting through the Go To Meeting platform.	