



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership	Chair: Leyanee Perez, American Healthy Weight Alliance	
Total	Co-Chair: Teri Arvesu, Community Member	
(29)	Allyssa Gonzalez, YMCA South Florida	
	Amber Graham, Miami-Dade County Public Schools	
	Beth Ruhmann, Baptist Health South Florida	
	Carl Alonso, Epilepsy Alliance Florida	
	Carmen Teixeira, Alliance for Aging	
	Catherine M. Wilhelm, Baptist Health South Florida	
	Edeline Mondestin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Franchine Peters, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center	
	Gloria Orlandi-Kass, Alzheimer's Association	
	Ibamnha De la Cruz, Alliance for Aging	
	Jair Espinoza, City of Miami	
	Jeanette Colwell, Gang Alternative	
	Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Kamal Kanahan, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Kathleen Azor, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Krystal Burkeybile, CLT Business Solutions, LLC.	
	Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Luz Moncada, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Marie-Carmelle Lindley, Arts A L	
	Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Melissa Maytin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Natouchka Murray, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Sandra Echeverry-Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Saradjine Batrony, SB Pro Writing Services, LLC	
	Susan Holtzman, Office of the Mayor, Miami-Dade County	
	Virginia Munoz, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	





	Yarislevy Silva, Miami-Dade AHEC	
Welcome and Introductions	The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee meeting was brought to order by Leyanee Perez at 2:00pm.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the June 2022 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention minutes by Amber Graham; the motion was seconded by Ibamnha De la Cruz.	
Executive Board Update	 The Executive Board continues to discuss the Consortium's Mental Health Summit. The event will take place on Friday, September 16th, 2022, and the Save the Date has been sent out. The Board also discussed Covid-19 rates. There was an update on the number of hospitalizations which increased 4% from the week before. The death rates have increased 12% from the week before. Meningitis and Monkeypox are also a concern. 	
Workplan Discussion	 ■ The committee will not be meeting in September to support the Mental Health Summit. ■ By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to encourage increased physical activity through messaging. ○ Committee members had the opportunity to sign-up for a month and topic of their choosing. Committee members will be responsible for submitting an article or social media message related to physical activity. Submissions should be sent to Melissa.Maytin@flhealth.gov. The Consortium's social media handles are:	





	information on anti-violence initiatives.	
	■ By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to identify evidence-based practices and	
	share with the community.	
	o The chair of the committee is currently working on a food resource toolkit. Through the	
	Food Pantry initiative one food pantry has been opened in YMCA Allapattah. A second	
	food pantry will be opening in October in Opa Locka. The food pantry will be located	
	inside a convent, more information to follow. Other food pantries in the areas of	
	Hialeah and Homestead are currently being discussed.	
Partner Updates	■ The Journey to Wellness Rx is a non-pharmaceutical prescription that encourages physical	
	activity and healthy living to help with weight and chronic disease management. Established in	
	2016 by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade, Office of Community Health &	
	Planning, the prescriptions are designed for use with the public; providers can administer a	
	prescription to any client who is receiving a direct service. For additional information, visit:	
	https://www.healthymiamidade.org/journey-to-wellness-rx/. To request a free supply of	
	prescription pads, visit: https://www.healthymiamidade.org/journey-to-wellness-rx-green-	
	prescription-request-form/.	
	■ The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Office of Community Health and	
	Planning invites you to partner with us through our free program Faithful Families Thriving	
	Communities. This nine-lesson curriculum program provides individuals, families, and the	
	community with the skills to be able to eat more meals at home, move more in their everyday	
	routine, and help their communities lead healthier lives. Communities of faith are important	
	health advocates, particularly in communities affected by health disparities or lacking access to	
	crucial resources. That's why we are seeking to partner with your organization! For more	
	information, contact: Natouchka.Murray@flhealth.gov. Access promotional program resources	
	online: https://faithfulfamilies.com/tools-videos/tools/.	
	Gang Alternative's substance use/misuse prevention program looks at different opportunities	
	and identify different issues within the community. Their main focus is making sure that	
	children don't get access to substance use/misuse alcohol and such. Right now they are	
	working with an a contracted epidemiologist. They have identified different nonprofit	
	organizations & for-profit organizations that have data and has allowed them to combine this	
	data from local communities to identify what the issues are. Right now for substance	
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use/misuse data is found at the state level or you can sometimes get it at the county level, but what is missed is the community level identification. It's really great because they are going to be able to see that community data and it will allow them to see what are some of the confounding factors that that really impacts substance abuse and misuse among youth. They really want to do prevention. If anyone is interested in either supplying them with additional data, contact Jeanette Collwell.

- Alliance for Aging's Veteran Program helps disabled war veterans live more independent lives through caregiving services. They also teach a class called Savvy Caregiver that hepls empower caretakers of people with dementia. The goal of the Alliance is Aging in Place.
- Miami-Dade County, Office of the Mayor, has been working with the Dementia Care Initiative. They have been trying to get training for police officers for dementia training. They are partnering with the University of Miami and Jewish Health Services to create an online training program for police officers to improve interactions with people with dementia.
- Miami-Dade County is in the process of developing the budget for the next year. There is actually a vote today on the Mayor's proposed tax rate reduction. Then, they are going to be having budget workshops where they out to various locations in the county or people can log on to zoom and hear what is in the budget for next year and how that was developed. A lot of that obviously has impact on the work we do on this committee and the other committees because it's funding for programs and funding for parks and fundings for transportation, etcetera. They want to encourage civic interaction. The people that you're interacting with, if they can log in, pay attention, get a better understanding of how things happen within their county. A lot of times people feel that they don't have a voice, but this is an opportunity to learnthe budget process and also to be able to express their feelings and opinions on what's being funded and what isn't.
- Miami-Dade County is also working on Elder Abuse and Vulnerable adults workgroup with the State Attorneys Office. September isSsuicide Prevention Awareness Month. So the County is partnering with the Doctor Brant Foundation on a Suicide Prevention Awareness Campaign that's going to be pretty broad. The federal government's Suicide Prevention Line, the 988 helpline launched this weekend. So now instead of calling the various suicide help hotlines that there were people can just call 988. That's answered locally to our 211 number Jewish Community services and they have had funding from the federal government to ramp up their





	services to be able to answer those calls. The county has connected with them very closely because they anticipate that there will hopefully be increased calls. Not because people are in trouble, but because people know where to call now. Also, the 911 line and Fire Rescue Emergency Response lines are on alert for a potential increase in suicide prevention calls. The Alzheimer's Association has the 24 hour helpline 800-272-3900. It could be for family caregivers, professional caregivers, even law enforcement or first responders. You know, they can call anytime. They have information and referrals, but we have also care consultations. This service is free. Visit www.alc.org for more information on services. They also have a Brain Bus in which they provide information. For more information on Monkeypo or Meningitidis, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html & https://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/index.html If you are interested in learning more about Epilepsy Alliance Florida's Services, contact Carl Alonso at: calonso@epilepsyfl.org .
Adjournment	■ The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16th, 2022, virtually. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.