



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership	Chair: Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance, Inc.	
Total	Vice-Chair: Catherine M. Wilhelm, West Kendall Baptist Hospital	
(46)	Amber Graham, Miami-Dade County Public Schools	
	Anna Diaz, Epilepsy Alliance Florida	
	Beth Ruhmann, Baptist Health South Florida	
	Claire Egret, Barry University	
	Clara Garcia, United Way Miami	
	Darlene Ross, Cano Health	
	Dennise Nicola, Florida PACE Centers	
	Franchine Peters, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center	
	Giancarlo Alfano, Epilepsy Alliance Florida	
	Griselle Solorzano, Brain Center	
	Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami	
	Iris Aguilar, Florida International University	
	Jair Espinoza, City of Miami	
	Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Jose Gonzalez, Century Risk Advisors	
	Juanita Lauser, Epilepsy Alliance Florida	
	Kaydean Brown, YMCA South Florida	
	Kindra Johnson, Arts a L	
	Krystal Burkeybile, CLT Business Solutions	
	Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health	
	Lisa Agate, Aetna Healthcare	
	Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Maria Victoria Ferraris, University of Miami	
	Mario Negron, Epilepsy Alliance Florida	
	Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Melissa Maytin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	





	Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network	
	Mimi Chacin, Common Threads	
	Monique Spence, Miami-Dade County	
	Natouchka Murray, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	Omy Llaneras, Caring for Miami	
	Rebeca Capogreco, WellMed	
	Rosa Novo, Miami-Dade County Public Schools	
	Saradjine Batrony, SB Pro Writing Services, LLC	
	Sarah Suarez, Latino Commission on AIDS	
	SSG Pierce, FLNG Counterdrug, Drug Demand Reduction	
	Sayidat Balogun, The ALS Association Florida Chapter	
	Stacey Silver, Mom's Meals	
	Susan Holtzman, Miami-Dade County, Office of the Mayor	
	Tamia Medina, University of Miami	
	Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna Healthcare	
	Valerie Denise Bethel, University of Miami	
	Valoria Thomas, Gang Alternative, Inc.	
	Whitney Wolfgang, YMCA South Florida	
Welcome and	The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	
Introductions	Committee meeting was brought to order by Leyanee Perez at 2:00pm. New members had an opportunity to introduce themselves.	
Approval of	There was a motion to approve the November 2022 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	
Minutes	minutes by Lisa Agate; the motion was seconded by Beth Ruhmann.	
Executive Board	The committee elections took place last November and December. The committee re-elected	
Update	Leyanee Perez as the chair of the committee. The committee elected a new vice-chair,	
	Catherine Wilhelm. Katie has been working for a Baptist Health South Florida for 13 years	
	and has served as a health promotion specialist for the last seven years.	
	■ The nominations for Executive Board have launched. They also discussed the COVID-19 and	
	Health Equity Grant with an update on the food pantry initiative.	
	■ The Board is also discussing the upcoming 2023 Consortium Annual Event. This year's event	





	will take place in-person and outdoors. During this event, you will have an opportunity to network with partners and meet the chairs, vice-chairs, and other members of all the Consortium's committees. The committee discussed their options for the future format of the monthly meetings. Members agreed they would like to meet once a quarter in-person with a hybrid model and continue meeting virtually the rest of the time.	
Member Spotlight	 Health Choice Network presented by Michelle Fundora. Health Choice Network is the first funded health center control network in the country. It drives collaboration among health centers and partners by providing key business services and finance, manage care, billing support, strategic initiatives and the latest in HIT health technology. Participants can improve patient outcomes through increased efficiencies and more accessible care in underserved and uninsured communities. They currently provide services to 60 safety net organizations that can range anywhere from federally qualified health centers to other organizations that provide services to the underinsured and underrepresented populations. They currently operate in 20 States and territories and serve nearly three million patients. They are recognized as a leader in the integration of health information technology among health centers and safety net providers. Currently, they offer several professional services to their participants: IT was the first initiative that they spearheaded as a funded HCN, applications and innovation which have to do with their EHR implementation, clinical quality, research and strategic partnerships, finance services, revenue cycle management, and value based services. Their annual educational conference is the only time that all their health centers come together and are able to share, learn and collaborate and see what they plan to do the following year so they can work closely together and help innovate new changes. The annual conferences are usually in June of every year and more information is to follow. If you would like to learn more, please contact: Michelle Fundora at: MFundora@HCNetwork.org. Committee members had the opportunity to sign-up to participate in the Member Spotlight. A member spotlight will occur at every meeting in which members will have 3-5 minutes to highlight their organization and any initiatives they are working on. 	
Workplan	By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to collaborate with the Health & Built Environment Committee to support the work of the Underline. • The committee will reach out to the Underline workgroup to request a presentation.	





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	■ By September 30, 2024, the committee will partner with community-based organizations to	
	identify and support a process that encourages collaboration for the allocation of community resources.	
	 The chair of the committee outlined the process followed by the food pantry initiative. Three food pantries have been established: 	
	 Village of Allapattah YMCA Family Center, 2370 NW 17th Ave. Miami, FL 33142 	
	 Instituto Santa Mariana de Jesus, 2781 NW 135th St. Opa Locka, FL 33054 	
	 Iglesia Rescate, 951 East 4th Ave. Hialeah, FL 33010 (This one will open in 	
	February, probably by the 2nd week of February).	
	The food pantries have been rescuing food and receiving food donations. The first	
	week of this year 7,000 cand of Campbells soup were rescued. Since a great quantity of	
	food is being rescued, the food pantry initiative has been able to share food with other	
	organizations.	
	 Members identified potential resources to facilitate the process: 	
	 Partnering with organizations to provide other services at the food pantries such 	
	as health education and screenings and incorporating composting for spoiled ingredients.	
	 The Food Donation Improvement Act just passed the House and the Senate and is now 	
	on its way to the President's desk for a signature. This means that a qualified donor can	
	now donate directly. Before this, organizations that wanted to donate food needed to go	
	through a nonprofit organization.	
Partner Updates	Florida PACE Centers serves the elderly through a long-term care program covered by	
•	Medicaid and it is part of the Alliance for Aging.	
	 Caring for Miami has a mobile dental unit that goes around Miami-Dade County providing 	
	free dental services to those that that do not have dental insurance. They partner up with	
	Baptist Hospital and see their cancer patients. They conduct outreach with their bus on	
	Saturdays at community health fairs and other organizations around Miami-Dade County.	
	They also have a backpack program for kids. They're currently feeding 400 kids in title one	
	schools in Miami-Dade County, meaning that when these school doors close, they provide kids	
	with weekend meals. Healthy options were these parents may have a really good job, but you	





- Their newest program is the mobile market unit. Miami-Dade Transit donated a 40 foot bus that will be retrofitted. The community will be able to go on the bus and obtain free produce items, fresh fruit, nutrition education, and anything else that can be provided to help bring hope and dignity back into their lives.
- The YMCA Village of Allappattah in addition to their food pantry have a health navigation program through which they provide tone-on-one support to individuals who might be looking to improve their chronic health condition, whether it's diabetes or high blood pressure. They have a team of community health workers that work with them for a period of three to four months, making sure that they are a meeting their health goals and connect them to resources in the Community. They also work with undocumented immigrants connecting them to different organizations in the community that can assist them with whatever available resources that they need. They also work with veterans providing connecting them to resources in the community and housing. They offer a variety of programs to the community like CPR and citizenship classes.
- Mayor Daniella Levine Cava will be providing the Annual State of the County Address next Wednesday at Tropical Park. If you would like to attend you can register on the website and it will also stream live.
- The University of Miami has school health clinics, but also has pediatric mobile clinics that go out into the Community. They have fully comprehensive primary care, including mental health for uninsured children, and a vaccination unit that goes out.
- The ALS Association in Miami-Dade County offers consultation, education and training programs, support groups, equipment loan programs, financial aid to people living with ALS, support for the nationally directed research programs and local and nationally directed advocacy programs. They have the University of Miami ALS clinic as well as the Nova NSU Health ALS clinic. They will have their awareness walk in May, which is ALS awareness Month.
- Aetna Better Health CVS is working to address the SDOH needs within the community. Ranging from food insecurity, housing, economic stability and similar.
- The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's Community Health Action Team provides free classes on chronic disease prevention including blood pressure, cholesterol, and stress management. They also provide free biometric screenings that includes blood pressure,





	BMI/BFA, glucose, cholesterol, and carbon monoxide level (for smokers).	
Adjournment	■ The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21 st , 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.	