

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI~DADE

Executive Board Monday, July 10, 2023

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members	Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Executive Board Co-Chair)	
present	Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance (Executive Board Co-Chair)	
(12)	Marjorie Epstein Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network	
	Nicole Marriott, HCSF	
	Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green	
	Bernadette Morris, Sonshine Communications	
	William Sanchez, City of Hialeah	
	Dr. Richard Thurer, UM	
	Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)	
	Karen Weller, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
Welcome and	The Executive Board's July meeting was hosted virtually via Microsoft Teams brought to order	
Introductions	by Dr. Cristina Brito and Leyanee Perez at 10:04 A.M.	
	All members of the committees introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.	
Approval of	The committee approved the May meeting minutes with a motion from Marjorie Epstein Aloni	
Minutes	and a second from Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.	
Previous	Leyanee Perez and Dr. Cristina Brito led the Executive Board on the continued discussion with	
Action Items	its role related to Health Equity and COVID-19. Dr. Brito shared in the last Board meeting that	
	on Thursday, May 18, 2023, the West Kendall Baptist Hospital Healthy Hub launched the food	
Board's Role	insecurity questions to their intake questionnaire. Since last meeting, it has been a full month	
with COVID-	in which a total of 237 screenings have been completed. She shared they are working with local	
19 & Health	food pantries in the Kendall community and with Caring for Miami. Leyanee Perez provided	
Equity	an update on the food pantry initiative which addresses food insecurity in Miami-Dade County.	
1 2	She shared the active food pantries established by the American Healthy Weight Alliance	
	include: Las Marianitas Sisters: Humanitarian Mission in Opa Locka, the YMCA in Allapattah,	
	and Iglesia Rescate in Hialeah.	
	She also shared some of the barriers that the American Healthy Weight Alliance is experiencing	
	with trying to expand the food pantry initiative to the South Dade/Homestead area. One of the	
	main reasons shared and discussed among the Executive Board members was the recent change	
	in the law regarding migrant workers and the fear they are experiencing. It was also highlighted	



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Sponsored by the Florida Department of Health	in Manifolde County	
	the supermarkets are also working through this process now too. It was also noted to have a	
	presentation from the Florida Health Justice Project (Miriam Harmatz) or an immigration	
	attorney to learn more about their rights and being able to navigate these new policies. A	
	reminder was shared they are still looking for partners in this community to help establish this	
	new food pantry. The Board members shared potential community partners and organizations	
	with her to consider reaching out regarding this effort.	
Consortium		
Leadership	Leyanee Perez and Dr. Cristina Brito provided new updates to the Executive Board on the status	
Updates	of the Consortium leadership.	
	• The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee has a newly appointed Vice	
	Chair, Robert Hill, Community Impact Vice President, Broward/Miami-Dade, with the	
	American Heart Association.	
	• The Worksite Wellness Committee still has a Chair vacancy. This role is a 2-year term.	
	A reminder was shared a best practice would be to promote this leadership opportunity at each	
	of the committees as many of the Consortium partners cross-collaborate across the committees.	
Committee		
Meeting	An update was provided on the Executive Board in-person hybrid meeting schedule. The	
Logistics	Executive Board liaison was able to confirm the meeting space with the Health Council of	
Follow-up	South Florida. The meeting dates selected for in-person will be Monday, September 11 th , 2023	
Discussion	and Monday, December 11 th , 2023. The meeting address is 1200 NW 78th Avenue, Suite 203,	
	Doral, Florida 33126. The details will also be shared in the meeting calendar invites.	
	Additionally, it was noted the Executive Board will cancel its Monday, November 13 th , 2023,	
	to allow time to prepare for the 20th Consortium Anniversary Annual Event.	
Committee		
Spotlight	A friendly reminder was shared on the Committee Spotlight presentation series the Board is	
Reminder	hosting at each monthly meeting to learn more about the status of each committee and the	
	activities they are working on and may need help with. This is an opportunity to build linkages,	
	stronger cross-collaboration in the Consortium, and build more synergy. Last month, the Board	
	had the Q3 Business Review with CDC Showcase Visit Recap. The Elder Issues Committee	
	has been postponed to the fall. During the August meeting, we will have a presentation by Rosa	
	Andrews, Outreach Coordinator, for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Miami-Dade.	
	If any interested Board members would like to present for September, October, or November,	
	please reach out the Executive Board liaison at Candice.Schottenloher@flhealth.gov.	



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updates were provided on the Pullman Hotel and the switch of venues to the Miami Dadeland	
Marriott site to host this event. The Consortium Annual Event Taskforce last met on Tuesday,	
June 27, 2023. It was noted the venue details should be secured as soon as possible so the Save	
the Date and sponsorship packages could go out as soon as possible to community partners. A	
reminder was shared if any Consortium member is interested in joining the Consortium Annual	
Event Taskforce, please have them contact their committee liaison to sign-up.	
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esteemed member of the department for over 20 years and has been a part of the Consortium	
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their sentiments about her legacy and commitment to the community. She will be greatly missed	
by the Executive Board, community partners, colleagues, and staff.	
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Schottenloher, via email at Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov.	
The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be hosted virtually	
via Microsoft Teams on Monday, August 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	
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