

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Tobacco-Free Workgroup  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Nicole Ann Gay, University of Miami Cancer Sylvester Cancer Comprehensive Cancer Center Dr. Zinzi Bailey, University of Minnesota Dr. Toni Leavitt, University of Miami Lourdes Castañeda, University of Miami Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Edna Martiza Tejada, University of Miami Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Bill Amodeo, All Star Media Joseph Deshan, University of Miami Medical Student Zahra Janowalla, PAVE Yara Stanziola-Citrus Healthcare Olatokunbo Osibogun-Florida International University Sandra Echeverry-Varona-Florida Department of Health Luigi Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by the Vice Chair Bill Amodeo at 9:35 am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on May 22, 2023 were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. Laurie Varona made the motion to approve the minutes and Candace Williams seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from July 31, 2023.	
Partner Updates	<p><b>Smokefree Multiunit Housing (SFMUH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many new apartments are being constructed in the county. Work is underway to contact and assist them. If they implement a comprehensive smokefree policy, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program can provide them with the signage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tobacco Free Public Spaces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted the City of Doral was engaged about implementing a comprehensive smokefree parks and beaches ordinance. Also, a press release will be sent out to highlight Coral Gables, Hialeah, City of Miami, Miami-Dade County, and Miami Beach for implementing a smokefree ordinance within their cities.</li> </ul>	

**SWAT Updates**

- Candace Williams provided an updated on the Miami-Dade SWAT Chapter. With the start of the new SWAT year. Advisors were trained on how to establish and maintain their clubs.
- The Annual SWAT training was held on September 21<sup>st</sup>. A total of 120 students attended. They learned about how social media effects their mental health, how to communicate with a peer who vapes/smokes and roleplayed a scenario on how to assist them with receiving assistance with their nicotine addiction. Overall, the training was a success and the students left with a lot of information and how to better communicate with others.
- SWAT currently has 13 clubs which include Jose Marti MAST Academy, Barbara Goleman Senior High School, Hialeah Gardens High School, Hialeah Gardens Middle School, Miami Jackson Senior High School, Miami Lakes Middle School, Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Southwest Miami Senior High School, and William H. Turner Technical Arts High School.

**Cessation Access**

- It was noted the subcommittee is actively looking for a new chair. The subcommittee is asking everyone to promote and complete the 2023 Public Health Concerns Community Survey. Efforts are underway to recruit members that can help with the low SES population.
- It was noted that construction labor unions may be a great targeted community for these services. The University of Miami has a new grant that will allow the Safety Manager to offer the smoking cessation intervention onsite.

**Presentation**

- Nicole Ann Gay, a representative from the Sylvester Cancer Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami delivered a presentation on the process of "Lung Cancer Screening." During her presentation, she illustrated the workflow involved in lung cancer screening through a case study, emphasizing the importance of a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach in its implementation.
- She highlighted the essential criteria for eligibility for low-dose CAT scan lung cancer screening, explaining that any adults between the ages of 50 and 80, with a history of 20 pack-years of smoking, either current or within the last 15 years, meet the criteria. The recommendation is for individuals meeting these criteria to undergo an annual low-dose CAT scan for lung cancer screening. The screening should cease after 15 years of smoking cessation, or when health issues limit life expectancy or the possibility of lung surgery. These recommendations are in line with the guidance provided by the United States Preventative Service Task Force. There was also compelling data shared that participants who received low-

	<p>dose CAT scans had a 15-20% lower risk of dying from lung cancer compared to those who received chest X-rays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The presentation emphasized that smoking cessation counseling plays a pivotal role in every lung cancer screening program, underlining its significance in the entire process. Lung cancer screening holds great promise, with the potential to detect 80% of cases at an early, more treatable stage, leading to a 20% reduction in mortality. It was noted the guidelines have been updated to incorporate African American males into early cancer screening. The main challenge lies in encouraging them to come forward for screening and ensuring that doctors refer them appropriately.</li> </ul>	
<p>Executive Board Updates</p>	<p>The Consortium 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held at Dadeland Marriott on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. More information about the event will be provided in the upcoming month.</p>	
<p>Previous Actions Items</p>	<p><b><u>Subcommittee Updates</u></b></p> <p><b>Tobacco-Free Environments (TFE)</b>        At the meeting a Tobacco-Free Environments update was provided. It was noted state parks and beaches are not smokefree. One hundred miles of our beaches lie within state parks which include Key Biscayne. Key officials that oversee District 113 are being educated on this and encouraged to introduce a bill. Partners were encouraged to continue to educate on the importance of smokefree parks and beaches. The new chair of the Environmental and Natural Resources is Ana Maria Rodriguez who represents Monroe and southern Dade County. The committee will meet again in January but will start to have committee meetings in November. Bills will be introduced in September.</p> <p><b>Policy &amp; Surveillance Subcommittee</b>        A POS Subcommittee member engaged the City of Miami Police at their Annual Health Fair about the harmful effects of vaping on the youth and the environment. Police officers learned that the Point-of-Sale age is now 21 years old. Many did not know this or how much nicotine and heavy metals were in electronic vapor products (EVPs). They were encouraged to create a zoning task force and learned how to spot excessive outdoor advertisements near schools.</p> <p><b>Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee</b>        It was noted that the Subcommittee Chairperson position was still vacant. Dr. Bailey expressed interest and will follow up with Candace Williams in its regard.</p> <p><b>Cessation Access Subcommittee</b></p>	

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	No meeting was held this month and there are no additional details.	
Performance measures in Need of Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to identify best practices in technology to utilize in addressing tobacco-related issues.</li> <li>By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to create an education campaign to become smokefree.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For these indicators, partners suggested creating a webpage, utilizing Instagram, or promoting an existing app that promotes cessation. Another suggestion provides was to create YouTube videos utilizing the help of SWAT members.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Bailey will work on researching potential technology that can be used/leveraged.</li> </ul>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAVe Conference (Clear the Vapor) – October 24 and 25, 2023</li> <li>Regional SWAT Training on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023</li> <li>City of Hialeah Tobacco Prevention Summit on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023</li> <li>Consortium 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was adjourned by the Vice Chair Bill Amodeo.</li> <li>The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be hybrid. It will be held on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:30 am at the Beacon Center in Doral, FL Suite 212 and virtually.</li> </ul>	