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Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Announces Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Summit



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MIAMI, FL. – The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is pleased to announce it will be hosting the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Summit to discuss the community's plan to improve health and quality of life in Miami-Dade County. The Summit will take place at the Fire Fighter Memorial Hall at 8000 NW 21st Street, Miami, FL 33126 on Friday, December 9, 2016 from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is the Miami-Dade County's five-year collaborative plan from 2013-2018 for developing policies and defining actions to target efforts that promote health. The CHIP is the local plan that examines the activities of our public health network and how they contribute to community health improvement that address the most important issues facing the community. The CHIP focuses on five strategic health priorities: Access to Care, Chronic Disease Prevention, Community Redevelopment, Health Finance and Infrastructure, and Health Protection.

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County developed a CHIP Annual Report to evaluate the current status and progress of all measures in the plan. A review of the report will be provided at the CHIP Summit. In its first year, the Summit's purpose is to gather a diverse mix of public health professionals, including state and local health officials and community organizations and members to assess the progress and accomplishments of the CHIP.

"Together, our efforts to address complex health concerns will improve the local public health system and have a significant impact on population health," stated Lillian Rivera, RN, MSN, PhD, Administrator/Health Officer of the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. "Our efforts are responsiveness to community needs, assets, and priorities as we take a more integrated, comprehensive approach to health."

The Summit is designed to provide high-level, dynamic sessions that address strategic public health priorities such as increasing access to resources to promote healthy behaviors, reducing tobacco use, preventing and controlling infectious diseases, improving access to primary care services, eliminating health disparities, and promoting an efficient and effective public health system that maximizes partnerships and uses information technology to improve health care outcomes. Community members will have the opportunity to discuss the issues impacting health and wellness in Miami-Dade County, and evaluate the strategies and actions that address public health issues and opportunities in innovative ways.

What: Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Summit

When: Friday, December 9, 2016
8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Where: Fire Fighter Memorial Hall

8000 NW 21 Street
Miami, FL 33126

How: Visit www.healthymiamidade.org/resources/chip-summit to register

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