

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Executive Board
Monday, January 9, 2023

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members present (11)	<p>Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Executive Board Co-Chair) Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance (Executive Board Co-Chair) Nicole Marriott, Health Council of South Florida Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green Bernadette Morris, Sonshine Communications William Sanchez, City of Hialeah Dr. Richard Thurer, UM Catherine Wilhelm, West Kendall Baptist Hospital 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</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The Executive Board of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade’s January meeting was brought to order by Leyanee Perez and Dr. Cristina Brito at 10:05 A.M.</p> <p>All members of the committees introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>The committee approved the December meeting minutes with a motion from Dr. Richard Thurer and a second from Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p> <p>Consortium Nominations and Election Updates</p> <p>Welcome and Farewell Leadership</p>	<p>The Executive Board Co-Chairs provided an update to the Executive Board on the Consortium nominations and elections process. The nominations were hosted via Survey Monkey the week of November 14th - 21st, 2022. Then, the Consortium elections were hosted on Friday, December 9th - 16th, 2022 apart from the Worksite Wellness committee elections being hosted from January 4 - 5th, 2023. It was shared the Vice Chair position for the Health and the Built Environment committee is currently vacant. An announcement will be shared about this vacancy at their January committee meeting.</p> <p>The Consortium Committee Chair and Vice Chairs were announced who will serve for the next 2-year term from January 2023 to December 2024. We welcomed the new Chair and Vice Chairs to the Executive Board. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy Wilhelm, West Kendall Baptist Hospital – Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Vice Chair • Jeanette Martin, BankUnited – Worksite Wellness Chair • William Sanchez, City of Hialeah – Worksite Wellness Vice Chair 	

<p>Executive Board Co-Chair Nominations and Elections</p> <p>Board's Role with COVID-19 & Health Equity</p>	<p>We also thanked the leadership who have served the 2021-2022 term and for those Chairs and Vice Chairs that will be stepping away. We thanked the following for their commitment and dedication to the Consortium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teri Arvesu, Community Member – Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Vice Chair • Jeannie Cidel, Aetna – Worksite Wellness Chair & Vice Chair • Sofia Cuenca, Community Member – Health and the Built Environment Vice Chair <p>Following this meeting today, the Executive Board Co-Chair nominations survey will be launched and will close on Monday, January 16th, 2023. This nomination survey is to nominate two Co-Chairs to lead the Consortium's Executive Board. Following this survey, we will then launch the Executive Board Co-Chair elections final voting survey the following week. The goal would be to complete this elections process in a timely manner to stay on track for planning the February meeting.</p> <p>The Executive Board Co-Chairs led the Executive Board on the continued discussion with its role related to Health Equity and COVID-19. Leyanee Perez provided a few new updates on the food pantry initiative to address food insecurity in Miami-Dade County. She provided an update regarding a strategy for food recovery under the Biden Administration to address food insecurity and food waste. There was an amendment to the Good Samaritan Act now providing liability protection for food donations that can be given to the public and needy directly. She also shared a key highlight this year so far for the food pantry initiative in 2023, they have recovered 7,000 cans of soup which is approximately 12,000 meals. They have also recovered 10,000 frozen pizzas. These meals can also supply additional food pantries in the community now too. She also shared an overview on the operations of the food pantries in the Allapattah and Opa Locka communities.</p> <p>Dr. Brito shared updates on the status of COVID-19 in our community. She also provided updates on the Joint Commission new requirements to reduce health care disparities in the hospital setting. She shared this is a new requirement moving forward where they will have to create an action plan to address how they are reducing disparities as well as focusing on sustained efforts in the community.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>The Executive Board Co-Chairs announced to the Executive Board members this year the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade will be celebrating an important key milestone, its 20th Anniversary. The Executive Board had an important discussion about if the event should be in-</p>	

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<p>20th Anniversary Consortium Annual Event Planning</p>	<p>person or virtual and weighed both of these options. The consensus by the Board was to host an in-person outdoor event during the month of October or November of this year. Next steps will include to develop a Consortium Event Taskforce to help the department with planning this event. Other key items that were noted that we should begin to prioritize will be the Save the Date announcement with 20th Anniversary logo, venues, and a timeline of events to create a video. Additionally, it was noted to emphasize our event will be safe and we are practicing safe protocols.</p>	
<p>Marketing & Membership Updates</p>	<p>Bernadette Morris provided a brief Marketing & Membership update to the Executive Board on behalf of Sunshine Communications work with the CDC COVID-19 and Health Equity grant. She shared they have been focusing their marketing efforts on health equity and COVID-19 safety measures. She shared for the month of January they submitted social media posts related to healthy weight and ways to increase physical activity into your lifestyle. Additionally, they are working on designing a bus/van wrap and more details will be shared when available.</p>	
<p>DOH Programmatic Updates</p>	<p>Mrs. Ann-Karen Weller provided DOH Programmatic Updates to the Executive Board. She provided a reminder to complete the Executive Board Co-Chair nominations survey that would be shared today. She also announced in March we will host the Executive Board Orientation during the month of March. A high-level overview was provided on the status of the Executive Board work plan. She also proposed to the Executive Board that all committees present this year during an Executive Board meeting to spotlight the work they are doing related to the committee work plan. This will also be an opportunity to build linkages, stronger cross-collaboration in the Consortium, and build more synergy across committees. Mrs. Weller also announced she will be retiring, and her last day with the agency would be July 31st, 2023.</p>	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Children Issues: An update was shared by Dr. Cristina Brito. She provided an update the committee had a presentation on the Westchester Library Health & Wellness Information Center on Friday, October 21, 2022. She also shared during the Friday, November 18, 2022 meeting the committee reviewed the current status of the work plan with an interactive activity to prioritize work plan activities that have opportunities for improvement. Additionally, these results will be discussed during the Friday, January 20, 2023 meeting at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Health and the Built Environment: An update was shared by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero. She shared their first meeting of 2023 will be on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. She also provided a brief update on an event the committee is planning with the Underline for the new year. More details will be shared as they become available.</p>	

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	<p>Health Promotion and Disease Prevention: An update was shared by Leyanee Perez. She shared the committee did not meet in December. They are working now to plan for their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 2 p.m.</p> <p>Tobacco-Free Workgroup: An update was shared by Dr. Richard Thurer. He shared a nomination to the World Health Organization (WHO) was submitted in conjunction with our colleagues in Broward who nominated Dr. Stephen Leatherman (Dr. Beach), otherwise from Florida International University (FIU), who's an expert on beaches and who's focused recently on the cigarette contamination of beaches. He was also an advocate for a smoke-free, parks and beaches legislation and that was passed too. More updates will be provided if he is selected as the award recipient.</p> <p>West Kendall Baptist Hospital: An update was shared by Dr. Cristina Brito. She shared West Kendall Baptist Hospital has joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. She shared they have launched their Healthy West Kendall Age-Friendly Survey and it was disseminated to all Consortium committees. She also noted 500 survey responses are needed. From this survey, they want to capture information and really gather feedback from the community on concerns that we need to be working on. More updates will be shared later on their implementation plan too.</p> <p>Please email any updates, flyers, events, or requests to present to the committee liaison, Candice Schottenloher, via email at Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via a virtual meeting through the Microsoft Teams platform.	