

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present (10)	Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Executive Board Co-Chair) Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance (Executive Board Co-Chair) Majorie Epstein Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network Robert Hill, American Heart Association Nicole Marriott, Health Council of South Florida Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green Colin Morris, Sonshine Communications William Sanchez, City of Hialeah Dr. Richard Thurer, UM Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The Executive Board’s April 2024 meeting was hosted virtually via Microsoft Teams brought to order by Dr. Cristina Brito and Leyanee Perez 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 April 2024 meeting minutes with a motion from Barbara Martinez-Guerrero and a second from Nicole Marriott.</p>	
Previous Action Items  Board’s Role with COVID-19 & Health Equity	<p>Leyanee Perez and Dr. Cristina Brito led the Executive Board on the continued discussion with the Consortium’s role on Health Equity and COVID-19. Leyanee Perez provided updates on the food pantry initiative established through the American Healthy Weight Alliance. This initiative which addresses food insecurity in Miami-Dade County through a sustainable approach. Other updates were provided on this topic which included the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recap was provided by Leyanee, Cristina, and Robert on the Mayor’s Food &amp; Nutrition For All initiative community launch that was hosted on Friday, March 22, 2024. Photos were also shared from this event.</li> <li>• Dr. Cristina Brito shared updates on the Healthy Hub and its food insecurity screening efforts. In March, they saw food insecurity double within those who were screened. It was noted a third of those coming to the hub have food insecurity and are being linked to resources. Dr. Brito shared the community resources that are available. To view, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Caring for Miami launched their mobile food pantry on Thursday, March 14, 2023. On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. they will launch at the Christ</li> </ul>	

<p>Consortium Leadership Reminder</p> <p>2024 Meeting Ideas</p>	<p>Fellowship Church site the mobile food pantry. This will take place every first Saturday of the month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Cristina Brito shared updates on the 2024 Ocean Reef Foundation Grant Recipients. To learn more, please visit <a href="#">here</a>. She noted the importance of available funding opportunities when thinking about sustainability of projects in our community. She noted many of the recipients are focusing on a lot of key issues like food insecurity, mental health, children’s issues, and more. It was also highlighted to keep in mind the geographical areas in which these key partners are working in too.</li> <li>• Robert Hill with the American Heart Association (AHA) also shared the importance of funding opportunities when thinking of sustainability. Through the Social Impact Fund, they received many quality applications. Once the recipients are selected, he will share with the Board.</li> </ul> <p>A reminder was shared the Worksite Wellness Committee Chair role is still vacant. A best practice was shared to do direct personal invitation to potential candidates for this position. Please remember to share this opportunity at your committee meetings.</p> <p>Cristina and Leyanee led this conversation with the Executive Board and shared with the Board members if they had any specific interests or topics for hosting future events. The Board discussed interest in participating in the Food Insecurity Summit. The members expressed by participating in this summit it could help build stronger momentum on this community health issue. Some examples included breakout sessions by each of the committees discussing a topic that relates to food insecurity and committee goals. Another key event that was discussed the Board would like to host this year is the Bounty of Health food drive with the health fair component. Leyanee Perez shared a potential opportunity to partner with the National Supermarket Association to host a turkey distribution. It was also noted we are working to schedule a leadership presentation for the Executive Board. A reminder was shared with the Executive Board to submit future meeting topics and presenters via email to <a href="mailto:Candice.Schottenloher@flhealth.gov">Candice.Schottenloher@flhealth.gov</a>.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <p><i>Walk for Your Health in 2024</i> Event Recap</p>	<p>Marjorie Epstein Aloni and Candice Schottenloher provided an event recap on the <i>Walk for Your Health in 2024</i> event. This event was hosted on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Arcola Lakes Park. There was a total of 59 participants in total and attendees enjoyed a beautiful day, lovely walking path/facility, and lots of valuable health and program services information provided at the resource fair. A thank you was also shared to the partner</p>	

	<p>organizations and volunteers who supported the <i>Walk for Your Health in 2024</i> event. A big thanks was recognized to Miami-Dade Parks and Allan Tavss who hosted the event and helped organize the event! A presentation of photos from the event was also shared to highlight the partners, community health resource fair, and community members present at the event.</p>	
<p>M&amp;M Updates</p>	<p>Colin Morris provided Marketing &amp; Membership (M&amp;M) updates on behalf of Bernadette Morris to the Executive Board. He shared Sonshine Communications is in their final month of their contract part of the CDC COVID-19 grant. He shared the team continues to create and post social media content on the Consortium’s social media platforms which include Facebook, Instagram, and X formerly known as Twitter. They are also working on creating success stories, compiling different reports, creating promotional materials as collateral for the Consortium, and even seeking additional marketing partners to join in on the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade’s work.</p>	
<p>DOH Programmatic Updates</p>	<p>Candice Schottenloher provided DOH programmatic updates on behalf of Mrs. Adebisi for the Office of Community Health and Planning (OCHP) to the Executive Board. It was noted we received a no cost extension for one year to complete the projects that were delayed due to contracting. Mrs. Adebisi and Ms. Rachel Roberts also attended and presented at the reverse site visit. We have also been celebrating within the agency, National Public Health Week (NPHW). NPHW is observed the first week of April of each year. This year it was celebrated on the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This year, Florida is adapting this observance to focus on resources, services, and topics that are relevant to Floridians. Florida Public Health Week is a time to recognize contributions to public health and highlight public health topics that are important to improving the health of Floridians. Some of the themes include Child Safety, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Drowning Prevention, Safe Sleep, and Hot Car Prevention. Efforts from the <i>Sleep Baby Safely Program</i> were also highlighted during this time and discussed by the Executive Board.</p>	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p><b>Children Issues Oral Health:</b> An update was shared by Dr. Cristina Brito. She shared the Children Issues Oral Health Committee received a policy update from the Florida Health Justice Project during their March Committee meeting. This update included information on children’s health insurance and advocacy opportunities. The next Children Issues Committee meeting will be virtual on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Elder Issues:</b> An update was shared by Marjorie Epstein Aloni. Please see above under the New Business section an event recap was provided on the <i>Walk for Your Health in 2024</i> event in which the Elder Issues Committee was the lead for this community event. The next Elder</p>	

Issues Committee meeting will be hosted virtually on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Healthy Baby Taskforce:** An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. The Taskforce met in March and had a presentation from The Children’s Movement of Florida to learn more about the work they are doing and how to be a part of the policy, systems, and environmental changes work they are doing for children. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting will be virtual on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Health and the Built Environment:** An update was shared by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero. She shared the Health and the Built Environment Committee hosted their first in-person hybrid meeting since 2020 at the University of Miami’s School of Nursing and Health Studies on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Following the meeting, the committee members participated in a tour of the S.H.A.R.E. (Simulation Hospital Advancing Research and Education) lab. During this meeting, the committee had a presentation from the Miami Transit Alliance and has begun to review the committee work plan to meet completion by the end of this year. Additionally, Barbara shared an upcoming water energy initiative workshop will be hosted on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Event details will be emailed.

**Health Promotion and Disease Prevention:** An update was shared by Leyanee Perez. The committee hosted its first in-person meeting at the United Way Miami on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. It was noted the in-person attendance was low. The committee will discuss in the future what they would like to do if to keep all meetings virtual or further discuss the in-person meeting only option to once a quarter. They also had a partner spotlight from Health Education Prevention & Promotion (HEPP). The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 2 p.m.

**Tobacco-Free Workgroup:** An update was shared by Dr. Richard Thurer. He shared the Tobacco-Free Workgroup is planning to host a recruitment event for the workgroup on Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McDonald Park located at 7505 W 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hialeah, FL 33014 (Pavilion A). Event details will be shared to the Board members.

**Worksite Wellness:** An update was shared by William Sanchez and Candice Schottenloher. William Sanchez shared for Arbor Day they planted a total of 53 trees within the City of Hialeah. He shared this is an effort to further build the canopy in the city, increase usage of parks, and continue tree restoration efforts. The Worksite Wellness Committee last met on

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Executive Board

Monday, April 8, 2024

	<p>Thursday, March 7, 2024, and reviewed their work plan on the items that were behind. The committee had a successful discussion and have planned next steps to continue to make progress on the work plan. The next Worksite Wellness Committee meeting will be hosted virtually on Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Health Council of South Florida:</b> An update was shared by Nicole Marriott. She shared they continue follow through and provide technical assistance to the providers to have successful projects through the CDC COVID-19 grant.</p> <p>Please email any updates, flyers, events, or requests to present to the committee liaison, Candice Schottenloher, via email at <a href="mailto:Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov">Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov</a>.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be virtual on Microsoft Teams on Monday, May 13, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</p>	