

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Health and the Built Environment Committee
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
10 a.m. ~ 11 a.m. EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (14)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green (Committee Chair) 2. Joanna Lombard, University of Miami 3. Mary Aquino, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) <p>Virtual Attendance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnership 5. Tamia Medina, University of Miami 6. Raissa Fernandez, Healthy Little Havana 7. Stacey Silver, Moms Meals 8. Roseleen Hurtado Rodriguez, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe 9. Rob Collins, Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence (HOPE), Inc. 10. Alecia Tramel-McIntyre, CEO of Positive Network Inc. Social Organization 11. Roger Horne, Urban GreenWorks 12. Cynthia Mejia, West Kendall Baptist Hospital 13. Sandra Echeverry-Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 14. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 15. Darianna Andujar, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 16. Frantzia Michelle Jeanty, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 	
Welcome and Introductions	The Health and Built Environment Committee of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade meeting was brought to order at 10:03 a.m. by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the July 2024 Health and the Built Environment meeting minutes by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero and Second by Joanna Lombard.	
Executive Board Update	<p>The Executive Board updates were provided by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero. The Executive Board last met virtual on Monday, August 12, 2024, and in person September 9, 2024.</p> <p>The Board focused on food insecurity and The Mayor's Initiative on the Food and Nutrition For All Collaborative. There was a stakeholder meeting on Friday June 28th at Miami-Dade Downtown library. The collaborative was established to focus their efforts towards including policy and procedures, funding, nutrition guidelines, and food pantries and distributions, making part of their phase one, which would transition to phase two, which includes engagement letters to be sent out once phase one is complete.</p> <p>The Board continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the root causes of environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health.</p>	

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	<p>Candice was able to attend the NACCHO 360 conference that took place in July in Detroit, MI; the theme of this conference was “Heard it Through the Great Vine: Public Health Collaboration and Innovation.” Candice Schottenloher and Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, both attended the Florida Public Health Association Conference in Orlando, the theme was “Public Health Unbound; Here, There, Everywhere.” They presented on Mobilizing the Private Sector, explaining the use and how to utilize, partnerships to advance health initiatives.</p> <p>Back-to-School Health flyers and how to protect from mosquito borne illnesses awareness flyers were previously shared through email in Spanish, Creole, and English. Additionally, a reminder was shared that we are still in Hurricane season.</p>	
Children Issues / Healthy Baby Taskforce Updates	<p>Candice Schottenloher shared an update on the Children Issues / Healthy Baby Taskforce which tackled the Workplan topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children Issue & Healthy Baby Taskforce in collaboration with Kendall Baptist Hospital have been working on swim safety initiatives. Baptist Hospital was able to have their Splash Day event back in May 2024, there were approximately 300 attendees, and 2,400 partners participated with educational materials. This helped tackle the Children Issues Committee workplan on sun and swim Safety. • New Swim Lesson Voucher program, Senate Bill 544, approved by the Governor this year. This program will be implemented through the Florida Department of Health. We are awaiting updates on the final logistics, eligibility, and who will be working on distributing vouchers. This took effect July 1, 2024. More information forthcoming. • Healthy Baby Taskforce has been working alongside the Jasmine Project to decrease infant mortality. There is a higher rate among the non-Hispanic black population for infants’ mortality, the focus is to close the gap by collaborating to tackle their workplans. • Healthy Corner Store Initiative: Healthy Baby Taskforce is launching a business wallet card and palm card. These would highlight nutrition and the importance of breastfeeding and how to increase the rates of mothers who breastfeed. 	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	<p>The Committee Workplan was brought into review by Barbara Martinez Guerrero. Members were reminded that the workplan closes out at the end of this year, specifically on September 30th, 2024. If committee members would like to add any updates or feedback, please do so at your earliest availability.</p> <p>The goals that have been addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Optimal Health:</u> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miami-Dade County Housing Authority goal not complete, but in progress for future updates. • <u>Access to Care:</u> • Mapp: Currently going through the process and shifting to sharing the Wellbeing Survey which is pending completion before launching. Updates forthcoming in the next month or two. Timeline has been extended, more updates pending. MAPP survey can still be opened to partners who are interested in completing. • Community Partner Assessment Webinar was held September, where we • Potentially have Dr. Bethel's team present on The Scan360 for the November 2024 meeting. • <u>Chronic Disease:</u> • Parks 305 Project goal was reached. • <u>Maternal Child Health</u> • First goal was reached- Candice Schottenloher shared topics from the Children Issues & Healthy Baby Taskforce. • Second goal pending: Roger Horne for the Liberty City Connectivity Project with potential update presentation for our upcoming meeting in November 2024. • <u>Injury, Safety, Violence</u> • Goals have not been reached. • Potential presentation on Hurricane, storms, and rising sea level topics. • Community Partner Preparedness being shared on Make Healthy Happen and Healthy Little Havana by posting information for community members on social media and newsletters available on websites. • FEMA website does provide storm preparedness in multiple languages. Flood zone tools per zip code and location. • https://www.miamidade.gov/environment/flood-protection.asp. • <u>Communicable Disease & Emergent Threats</u> • Goal pending for cultural competency in the built environment. Presentation or update pending for the last HBE Committee meeting in November. • Claudia works with <i>I See Change</i> program that collaborates with school programs by providing information on flooding and extreme heat. They encourage students to use the I 	
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	See Change to connect and include data of flooding and heat. Updates forthcoming in our November HBE meeting. https://www.iseechange.com .	
Partner Updates	<p>Partner updates were shared on behalf of the Health and the Built Environment Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Poll for meeting method (hybrid with virtual option or virtual option) will be sent out this week. • Partner updates will be shared at this time. Please share with us any events, links, or resources that you would like to share with the committee. You may email those to Barbara Martinez-Guerrero or Candice Schottenloher. • <u>Moms Meals</u> • National delivery meal provider that covers all 50 states. Partner with health plans: Medicaid, Medicare Advantage plans, Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs). Also work with area agencies on aging, PACE programs, senior resource centers that have State, Federal, and PACE funding which provides benefits to access medically tailored meals; self-pay is also an option. • <u>Hope Incorporate</u> • Non-profit that fights discrimination in housing in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. • <u>Positive People Network</u> • Social Organization for all people living with HIV and AIDS. We provide support groups, peer mentoring and a safe space. Prevention, Education, Awareness, testing and counseling for the community at large. We do Language Matters workshops, Stigma reduction campaigns and community events. Contact positivepeoplenetwork11@gmail.com, www.positivepeoplenetworkinc.org. • <u>University of Miami</u> • Tamia Medina shared that the University of Miami recently implemented an enrollment navigation program, which helps mitigate the underinsurance rate that we have in the State of Florida. • If any organization works with a population that specifically has historical issues with setting up appointments with formalized healthcare or has been historically underinsured; contact to collaborate so that those community members can get enrolled in a healthcare plan. Main goal is to make sure that these options are financially convenient for community members and increase access to healthcare services. 	

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- Here's their site! <https://umiamihealth.org/community-health-improvement/health-insurance-marketplace-assistance>
- Health Insurance Marketplace Assistance: Get free, unbiased help with health insurance enrollment at the University of Miami Health System. Our certified navigators assist with Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Contact information for Tamia Medina: txm209@miami.edu.
- **Dream in Green**
- Our Committee Chair, Barbara Martinez Guerrero was able to attend event on Feeding South Florida at Miami-Dade Wolfson Campus. Various panelists present at the townhall, among which was a representative from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the food and nutrition. Last year they did a pilot program that consisted in placing 8 food pantries in different public schools, with the idea to engage in the future by adding more food pantries in more schools. The Miami-Dade Public Schools are trying to tackle the issue of food waste, it has been found that there is a high rate of food waste in cafeterias, it is one of the biggest ways to solve climate change. Share tables are being implemented in a lot of the public schools, they are working on placing small refrigerators to store milk and juice. They are connecting with Food Rescue with Feeding South Florida to collect the extra materials for food pantries.
- **Healthy Little Havana**
- Raissa Fernandez with HLH has shared a new community research study where they are trying to form a Community Advisory Board, which will be and is recruiting community partners.
- Partnered with a group of medical residents taking climate leadership micro credit from FIU. The students took an 88-week course where they had to finish a local action project focused on climate. The project focused was on the trash and litter in public spaces in Little Havana. They were able to complete a sculpture at the local domino plaza that highlighted the issue between health, climate, and open spaces in the community.
- Healthy Little Havana is preparing for the Dia De Los Muertos event on November 2, 2024, in Little Havana that is held annually. IT was established in 2018 as a cultural festival. Flyer will be shared once received. Supporters, collaborators all welcome to attend.
- If interested, please reach out to Raissa Fernandez by emailing Raissa@healthylittlehavana.org
- **DOH-Miami-Dade**
- Flood Protection: <https://www.miamidade.gov/environment/flood-protection.asp>
- **Urban GreenWorks:**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit organization, active in Florida for about 15 years, focus on planetary health, food security, and social responsibility. • This organization would like to get some assistance in creating a keep Liberty City beautiful initiative. • Information provided Arely B. Lozano Cantu, Director of Health Access and Livability, Urban Health Partnerships at 954-594-3509 or arely@urbanhp.org. • <u>Drowning Prevention Initiative</u> • Miami Dade County Zero Drowning Initiative works with the Children's Trust and Miami-Dade County HeadStart and Community Action. • Zero Drownings Initiative (miamidade.gov). • <u>Swim Lesson Voucher</u> • Website to launch the Swim Lesson Voucher program https://www.watersmartfl.com/. This program focuses on children ages 0 to 4 years of age. The goal of this program is to fill the gaps among other swim lesson programs. • <u>Community Partner Assessment Survey</u> • Community Partner Assessment Webinar was held on September 2024. Report is in progress. • To follow, the Wellbeing Survey is in the works, once completed it will be shared out. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned by Barbara Martinez Guerrero at 11:00 a.m.	