

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Health and the Built Environment Committee
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
10 a.m. ~11 a.m. EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (11)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green (Vice-Chair) 2. Arely Lozano, Urban Health Partnerships 3. Robert Hill, American Heart Association 4. Robert Collins, Hope Inc. 5. Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna Better Health of FL 6. Alexandra R. Scroggin, TPO 7. Stacey Silver, Moms Meals 8. Kevin Walford, Miami-Dade TPO 9. Carmen Ramos, Watson, B/Adaptable 10. Mary Aquino, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 11. Candice Schottenloher, 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 10:05 a.m. by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the January 2025 Health and the Built Environment meeting minutes by Tamia Medina and Second by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero.	
Executive Board Update	<p>The Executive Board updates were provided by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero. The Executive Board met virtually on Monday, January 13, 2025.</p> <p>The Board also reviewed and approved the elevator speech, health agenda message, and new partner invite email. They are working now to create a digital brochure format with this info when meeting with interested partners to join the Consortium. When this is available, it will be shared with the full Consortium; this is a way for everyone to really have the same message on how to present what the Consortium is about and what the committees have been working on. Updates were also shared on the topic of food insecurity, and the Mayor's Initiative on Food and Nutrition for All Collaborative. The Board continues the conversation, optimal health, and addressing the drivers of health.</p>	
Presentation	Arely Lozano Cantu , the director of health access and livability with Urban Health Partnerships and Robert Hill , American Heart Association, presented on the Food and Nutrition Collaborative for All (FNFA) . The Food & Nutrition for All Collaborative (FNFA) is a county-wide initiative in Miami-Dade aimed at addressing food insecurity and improving nutrition access. Coordinated by Urban Health Partnerships, FNFA brings together diverse stakeholders, including health systems, community organizations, and local leaders, to create sustainable solutions for food and nutrition challenges. Their efforts focus on policy change,	

	<p>nutrition education, and strengthening local food systems. This presentation was vital to the committee workplan tasks.</p> <p>Programs & Initiatives: The Collaborative addresses food insecurity with impactful programs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Gardens: Promoting local food production and fostering community engagement. • Farmers Markets: Strengthening access to fresh produce in underserved neighborhoods. • School Nutrition Programs: Enhancing meal options to support the health and well-being of students. • Emergency Food Assistance: Delivering immediate aid to those in urgent need. <p>Strategic Goals: The FNFA strives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for policy changes that expand access to nutritious food. • Provide nutrition education to empower residents to make healthy choices. • Build partnerships that strengthen the local food system. <p>Impact & Engagement: By uniting a diverse network of stakeholders, the FNFA is creating lasting change. Their initiatives foster not only access to food but also a sense of community and empowerment.</p> <p>Conclusion: The Food & Nutrition for All Collaborative serves as a beacon of hope and innovation in the fight against food insecurity in Miami-Dade. By working together, we can build a future where everyone has access to the nutrition they need to thrive.</p> <p>If you are interested in being part of the Collaborative sign up here: Join the Food & Nutrition for All Collaborative! https://urbanhp.wufoo.com/forms/s1ldo4zw02wz7ia/.</p> <p>To learn more and to support the FNFA please contact Arely B. Lozano Cantu (UHP) at arely@urbanhp.org.</p>	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	<p>Committee discussed the 2025 meeting dates, with the intention to schedule two or three meetings in-person with a hybrid option.</p> <p>The Committee Workplan was brought into review by Barbara Martinez Guerrero. If committee members would like to add any topics, 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> • Miami-Dade County Housing Authority goal updates: Cynthia Umana, Candice Schottenloher, and Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi attended the Communities of Excellence Conference that was held in Coral Gables. This event held a Housing and Economic vitality workshop in which a panelist from Miami-Dade County spoke on the Public Housing and Community Development. It was also shared that in Miami-Dade, the county was running into some issues because there is lack of space, and other counties are looking for vacancy lots. The goal is to see how these lots can be used to create affordable housing. 	

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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, May, 2025, at 10:00 AM. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Mary Aquino (Mary.Aquino@flhealth.gov). <p>Partner Update: Food and Nutrition For All Collaborative Attached are the slides presented during today's HBE meeting. Contact information sent below: Arely B. Lozano Cantu Director of Health Access and Livability She/Her/Ella Urban Health Partnerships, Inc. <u>Visit our website!</u> Email me at: arely@urbanhp.org</p> <p>All invited! Event: Design and Build by high school students 13 schools in participation to redesign the Miami Marine Stadium Location: Brickell City Center - in front of Zara Date: March 15, 2025 Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Free Event Architects, FIU professors, and so many more will be present. Reach out to our Vice-Chair Barbara Martinez-Guerrero (barbara@dreamingreen.org) for more information!</p> <p>2025 Summer Youth Internship Program Slide presentation attached. Summer Youth Internship Program – Miami Dade Career & Technical Education Apply to be a participating internship provider. Students are paid by program sponsors: CareerSource South Florida, The Children's Trust, Miami-Dade County, and EdFed- The Educational Federal Credit Union. A 5-Week work-based learning experience between high school M-DCPS high school students and businesses and organizations throughout Miami-Dade County.</p> <p>WELL-BEING SURVEY The Well-being Survey is still open and is available in multiple languages (English, Spanish, and Creole) and can be accessed at: 2025 Miami-Dade County Well-being Survey (FINAL)</p>	
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	<p>We kindly ask that you share within your networks and clients you serve.</p> <p>Continual Updates to share from previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NAMI</u> • Family to Family class providing free mental health resources by hosting classes for those who have mental health conditions or peers, or to family members of those with mental health. • These classes that helps guide family members through resources and coping mechanisms for helping their loved one and getting emotional support themselves. To learn more, please access here: https://namimiami.org/support-and-education/mental-health-education/nami-family-to-family/ 	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Barbara Martinez-Guerrero at 11:01 a.m. The next Health and The Built Environment Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 10 a.m.</p>	