

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Health and the Built Environment Committee
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
10 a.m. ~ 11 a.m. EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (12)	1. Cynthia M. Umana, Baptist Health (Chair) 2. Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green (Vice-Chair) 3. Sarah Suarez, PhD, MPH, Miami-Dade County Office of Neighborhood Safety 4. Anamarie Ferreira de Melo, Urban Health Solutions 5. Michelle Varas, Miami Dade County 6. Chanel Jefferson, Miami Dade County 7. Robert Collins, Hope Inc. 8. Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna Better Health of FL 9. Stacey Silver, RDN - Manager of Healthcare Partnerships with Mom's Meals 10. Kevin Walford, Miami-Dade TPO 11. Mary Aquino, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 12. 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 March 2025 Health and the Built Environment meeting minutes by Mary Aquino and Second by Candice Schottenloher.	
Executive Board Update	The Executive Board met virtually back in April and this week on Monday, May 12, 2025. • The Consortium Event Planning Taskforce has begun to convene and met on Friday, April 4, 2025, and Thursday, April 17, 2025. The Taskforce discussed the purpose of the event, tentative date/time, theme (Miami Vice), venue locations (Miami Vineyard, Milander, UM Alumni Center, and FIU), reviewed past promotional materials, and sponsorship packages. The Taskforce has also started to review draft materials for this year's event. This week on May 15th, the members will go to a site visit to Miami Vineyard to tour the venue. Please contact your committee liaison if interested in signing up to be a part of the Taskforce. • The Board has approved the digital brochure. The brochure was now sent to DOH Communications. Once approved by Communications, we will begin to disseminate in English. There were also discussions once approved, to translate in Spanish and Creole. The brochure will be used for members when meeting with interested partners to join the Consortium. When this is available, it will be shared with the full Consortium. • The Board also continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health.	

	There are two opportunities with Miami Homes for All that was shared (1) if you know of any community centers and/or churches with available space to host workshops classes and (2) there will be discussion on Welcome Home Kits and was items will be needed for donations. More details will be shared when they become available.	
Presentation	The committee had a presentation presented by Sarah Suarez, PhD, MPH, of Miami-Dade County Office of Neighborhood Safety. The presentation was titled Office of Neighborhood Safety: Firearm Violence and the Built Environment. This initiative was launched under Mayor Daniela Levine Cava and it was started because of a mass shooting in Hialeah. Please see below main topics shared with a high-level recap. Non-fatal violence is increasing: - About 2,000 victims that experienced a non-fatal assault. - We see higher rate of young males (up to 25) is the highest violence risk. Strategic Goals: Built Environment is a pillar to focus on that can help strengthen informal social controls that deter violence. - Proven to work by a program in Philadelphia that showed decrease gun violence by 39% over one year. - Creating wall murals and attention to communities helps reduce violence. - Grouped zip codes in Miami from 2020-2024. The zip codes were separated into 4 groups. - The social and economic factors are based on Employment rate, bachelor's degree or Higher, and Poverty Level. - Violence in neighborhoods is concentrated and cyclical. - Used the Tree Canopy for Miami-Dade County to see the zip codes and the homicide rates. Another program used for reference was Owned Vacant lots grouped in zip codes to analyze the built environment and compare homicide rates. This can be a point to help communities. - Took 311 Calls in 2023. Programs: 8 different initiatives - Fit2lead (flagship program) - Turn Around Police Academy - Youth Outreach Unit - Youth Athletics and Mentoring Initiative - Project Green Light - Safe in the 305 Micro Grant Program	

	• Miami-Dade County Reentry Resource Guide • Independent Evaluation Impact & Engagement: Programs from the Peace and Prosperity Plan: Youth Development and Empowerment, Housing Rehabilitation, and Safe in the 305 Grant Program. • Park programs: provide internships afterschool and during summer to help youth develop social skills. • Home Rehabilitation: Help keeps people in homes, helps increase property value, and show community that they are cared for. Reducing Violence rates and homicide rates. • Safe in the 305 Microgram Program: Activate, Amplify, Built, and Bridge gaps with neighborhood stakeholders. Impact: 76% Grantees were from 6 Commission Districts. 84% of all firearm homicides in 2024. These programs will help communities feel safer, Park employment for youths. To network and plan to collaborate, please contact Sarah Suarez via phone 305-323-0156 or email at Sarah.Suarez@miamidade.gov. To learn more, please visit here.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	Committee discussed the 2025 meeting dates, with the intention to schedule two or three meetings in-person with a hybrid option. 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. The goals that have been addressed: • <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. • Barbara Martinez-Guerrero mentioned the incinerator in the county, looking into how this can impact the environment and the community's health. There are plans to discuss how we deal with waste management and how it relates and connects with the health of the community. The Miami-Dade County Mayor has decided to drop all plans to build a new	

	waste-to-energy incinerator. The committee will further research and review this issue as a need to the community. • <u>Access to Care:</u> • Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP): Currently, the MAPP process is taking place, and the Well-being Survey is pending final approval before launching. Updates forthcoming in the next months. Timeline has been extended, more updates pending. • Dr. Bethel's team presented 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: the Liberty City Connectivity Project with potential update presentation for a future meeting in 2025. The Committee Liaison is working to secure a presenter on this initiative, so the committee may learn more. • <u>Injury, Safety, Violence</u> • Goal has been reached May 13, 2025. • <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>I See Change</i> to connect and include data of flooding and heat. For more information, please access here: https://www.iseechange.com.	
Partner Updates	Partner updates were shared on behalf of the Health and the Built Environment Committee members: Miami-Dade County Office of Neighborhood Safety: Sarah Suarez shared to keep a lookout for Round Five for Safe in the 305 Microgrant Program applications that will be launched shortly. This will be shared with the committee. Dream in Green: Barbara Martinez-Guerrero shared they are working with City of Miami to run workshops for Water & Energy Workshop to prepare for summer months and hurricane season. The first workshop will be hosted in Coconut Grove from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	

	Free toolkits for all attendees, presentation will be 45 minutes. • Water & Energy Conservation Workshop: https://bit.ly/WELABDistrict2 • WE-LAB Workshop will be on May 17, 2025. Miami-Dade TPO: Kevin Walford shared on Friday, May 2, 2025, TPO had a Bike Friendly Workshop. This workshop aimed to get several recertification bike friendly partnerships with universities and businesses. The goal is to have bike racks available and bike friendly lanes. A partner update was shared the South Dade Community Health Council - Journey to Health and Wellness Resource Fair will be hosted on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Healing Sanctuary in Homestead, focused on health education and providing free bags of groceries. To participate, please complete the Registration Form.  West Kendall Baptist Hospital: SPLASH DAY will be hosted on Sunday, May 13, 2025. Raffle for free swimming scholarships, swimming lessons, free for the community, Bounce house, CPR demonstrations. Share with all community members, partners, team members.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned by Cynthia M. Umana, at 10:50 a.m. The next Health and The Built Environment Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 10 a.m.	