



CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 20th, 2024
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
<p>Membership Total (40)</p>	<p>Chair: Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance Vice-Chair: Robert Hill, American Heart Association Amber Graham, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Amy Pont, Community Care Plan Angelique Suarez, Senior Tech Connect Arlicia Jones, SBJN Birth Justice Doula Cindy Perez, Florida International University Corine Orr, SBJN Birth Justice Doula Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Dipak Joshi, Dental Clinique Gabriela Hernandez, Miami-Dade County Office of Neighborhood Safety Hayly Ojeda, Project Bridge Hope for Miami Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami Jaqueisha Dixson, Common Threads Katherine Marin, UFL Kathy Sarmiento, Alliance for Aging Lili Portmann, Center for Independent Living of South Florida Lilia Bandrich, United Health Care Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center Luis Moreno, Epilepsy Alliance Florida Marie-Carmelle Lindley, Arts A L Marya Meyer, Women’s Fund Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Melissa Maytin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Melody Velez, UHC Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network Naylise Sifonte, Borinquen Medical Center Olatokunbo Osibogun, Florida International University</p>	



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	<p>Olivia De Castro, Miami-Dade AHEC Pascale Auguste, Health Education & Promotion Inc. Patrice Gillespie Smith, Friends of The Underline, Inc. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Rebeca Capogreco, WellMed Rosa Novo, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Sayidat Balogun, ALS Association Shirley Dominguez, Epilepsy Alliance Florida Tamia Medina, University of Miami Trudy Gaillard, Florida International University Virginia Munoz, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Vivian Arias, Vi at Aventura</p>	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee meeting was brought to order by Robert Hill at 2:00 PM. New members had an opportunity to introduce themselves.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the January 2024 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention minutes by Sayidat Balogun; the motion was seconded by Michelle Fundora.</p>	
<p>Presentation</p>	<p><i>The Underline</i> by Patrice Gillespie Smith, President/COO for Friends of the Underline. The presentation provided an overview of the Underline Project. The mission of the Underline is to deliver and activate a 120-acre, first-class linear park spanning 10-miles below Miami’s Metrorail that will transform regional mobility and celebrate diversity, culture, and lifelong learning. Through innovative urban trails and creative programming, we are connecting people to their environment and each other to create a safe, healthy, equitable, and sustainable community. For more information, contact Patrice Gillespie at: patrice.gillespiesmith@theunderline.org.</p>	
<p>Member Spotlights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Overview of the Center for Independent Living of South Florida</i> by Lili Portmann, Community Engagement Coordinator. The organization empowers people with disabilities to maximize their independence and challenge barriers preventing them from becoming a fully integrated community. The organization’s five core services include advocacy, information referral, transitions, peer support, and independent living skills. They are working on a disaster assistance project, working to understand what people with disabilities need before and after natural disasters. The organization also offers disability sensitive trainings with local CHCs. For more information about services and trainings, contact Lili 	



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	<p>Portmann at: lili@cilsf.org.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Overview of the ALS Association Florida by Sayidat Balogun, Event Coordinator.</i> ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's ease. The ALS Association devotes 100% of their time on urgent mission to serve patients and families, regardless of arbitrary borders and differing of agendas. They step in and fill in the gaps for families in need of resources and support. Locals care services help with connecting care assists resources, equipment loan program, quarterly daily living grants, and a host of support groups. The 2024 walk to defeat ALS Miami is Saturday, May 18th, 2024, during ALS Awareness Month. For more information, contact Sayidat Balogun at: sayidat.balogun@als.org. 	
Executive Board Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Executive Board met virtually on Monday, February 12th, 2024. ▪ A friendly reminder, the Worksite Wellness committee still has a Chair vacancy. This is a great leadership opportunity for those who are interested in being a part of the Consortiums leadership. ▪ The Board continues the conversation on COVID-19, health equity, and addressing the root causes of health. It was noted that COVID cases have started to increase again. Updates were shared on the CDC COVID-19 and Health Equity grant that currently the focus is the evaluation and sustainability components of each of the projects. ▪ Updates were shared on food insecurity and security related to food pantries, screening questions at West Kendall Baptist Hospital, the work of American Heart Association in the community (Social Impact Fund), and Food Waste Prevention Week that will be upcoming on April 1st-7th. 	
Workplan Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to collaborate with the Health & Built Environment Committee to support the work of the Underline. 	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (Update provided by Robert Hill) The American Heart Association’s Social Impact Fund, which is an opportunity to receive funding throughout the State of Florida, applications are due on February 29th, 2024. On March 10th, they are having their Broward Heart Walk which is being hosted by Nova Southeastern University in Davie. For more information contact: Robert.Hill@heart.org. ▪ (Update provided by Pascale Auguste) the South Florida Triple C Disparities Committee has a small funding opportunity for anybody having any kind of a prostate cancer event by the end of March. For more information contact: Pascale@hepp-inc.org. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next meeting will take place in-person with an option to join virtually on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM. 	



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