



CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, July 16th, 2024
 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (34)	<p>Chair: Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance Co-Chair: Robert Hill, American Heart Association Aida Margarita Van Mossel, University of Miami Andrea Raquel Sparano, University of Miami Angelica Agati, University of Miami Bryan Mejia, University of Miami Cindy Perez, Florida International University Cristiane Rocha, Colgate BSBF Cynthia Campos Beaver, University of Miami Cynthia M. Mejia, Baptist Health Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami Darria Stafford Williams, United Way Miami Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Emily Jones, University of Florida Enjolie Plavin Vadella, University of Miami Franchine Peters, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center Hayly Ojeda, Project Bridge Hope for Miami Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami Joe Baldelomar, Alzheimer's Association Julia Ayumi Schmidt, University of Miami Kelsey Jo Evans, Camp Boggy Creek Lilia Bandrich, UHC Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Melissa Maytin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Michelle Fundora, Health Choice Network Natouchka Murray, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Peggy Gonzalez, University of Miami</p>	



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	<p>Shelita Bailey, UHealth Simone Cheong, Baptist Health South Florida Sophia Solomon, Community Care Plan Stacey Silver, Mom’s Meals Tiffinie Bratcher, Aetna Virginia Munoz, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</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 Leyanee Perez at 2:00 PM.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the June 2024 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention minutes by Cindy Perez; the motion was seconded by Dayamyra Perez.</p>	
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Executive Board met last week and continued the conversation of the role of COVID-19, the vaccinations, and community concerns. The numbers continue to spike around the community, and it appears that there is a new strain that is causing GI problems. ▪ The Mayor’s Initiative on Food Insecurity, the Food and Nutrition Collaborative, had a session on June 28th and had between 80 to 100 partners at the table. They have identified four pillars: policy, funding, education, and food system. The Collaborative is working to eliminate waste and trying to save as much food as possible by distributing to the food pantries and in the community as an effort to fight food insecurity. If you would like more information and would like to participate, please contact: Leyanee.Perez@americanhealthyweight.org. ▪ The Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Community Partner Assessment (CPA) Survey deadline has been extended until tomorrow. This survey will help us identify the organizations involved in MAPP, who they serve, what they do, and their capacities and skills to support our local community health improvement process. The CPA also helps us identify community strengths and opportunities for greater impact to improve our community’s health together. To access the survey, please click here. 	
<p>Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>“Understanding the Importance of Research Study Participation”</i> presented by Behavioral and Community Based Research Shared Resource, University of Miami. Behavioral and Community Based Research Shared Resource also known as the BCSR focuses on community based and population research. Sylvester cancer investigators who receive grants, sometimes from Sylvester Cancer Center, other times from large agencies such as the NIH, hire BCSR to complete various activities for their 	



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research studies. One of the activities they work on is recruitment and retention of diverse study participants. They recruit participants either in the community or in the clinic. They also facilitate data collection by completing surveys with participants. They complete focus groups and deliver evidence-based interventions. The BCSR has the Office of Translation Services, also known as OS, they are certified translators who translate documents into Spanish and Creole for all the investigators. They also have a certified phlebotomist since they collect blood samples sometimes if a study requires it. They focus on behavioral and community-based research.

- Some of their current research studies include Genomic and Non-Genomic Factors Associated with Breast Cancer Risk Factors. Participants had to provide a blood sample for the study and complete a survey. The goal of the investigator for this study was to look at how genetic and non-genetic factors can influence a patient's diagnosis and treatment.
- Another study they are currently working on is the Precision Clinical Trial Recruitment to Promote Cancer Health Equity Across Florida (ALEX). It is a collaboration between the University of Florida, Mayo Clinic, and the University of Miami. One of the things they discovered is that racial and ethnic minorities are very much underrepresented in cancer clinical trials. As a solution they proposed to use a virtual community health educator that looks and sounds like minority populations and hopefully engage and motivate more participation from minority groups in clinical cancer trials.
- They are also working with the Firefighter Cancer Initiative. It was launched in 2015 through a state of Florida law to understand the burden of cancer among Florida firefighters. Also, the Firefighter Cancer Survivorship Program which helps firefighters understand their diagnosis, treatment options and coping while serving in the fire service.
- The BCSR discussed the importance of research participation and how to engage community leaders in research studies. Additionally, the presenters discussed the importance of diversity in research specifically in South Florida because of its diverse community. The University of Miami has a website designed to connect volunteers with health research studies. The website serves as a bridge between researchers and volunteers by providing a central hub for anyone interested in health research to find relevant studies. They are working on having the website translated to Spanish.
<https://umiamihealthresearch.org/>.
- The team also works on educating and interacting with the community about health research studies to empower them. They can also provide educational sessions at organizations working with community members. For more information, visit: <https://umiamihealth.org/en/sylvester-comprehensive-cancer->



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	<p>center/research/research-resources/shared-resources/behavioral-and-community-based-research-shared-resource.</p>	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures (update provide by Cristiane Roche) provides free dental screenings and oral health education for children up to 12 years old. They have a mobile unit (based on availability). It is a free service, and they can attend community events or visit schools. For more information, please contact Cristiane Roche: bp_cristiane_rocha@colpal.com; (786) 426-6902. ▪ The Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County’s Community Health Action Team (update provided by Natouchka Murray) works in the community to promote chronic disease prevention. They provide free health and wellness classes and free biometric screenings (blood pressure, height, weight, cholesterol, glucose, and carbon monoxide). They work with senior centers, local libraries, and other organizations as long as it's within Miami-Dade County. Additionally, you can order Journey to Wellness Rx- https://www.healthymiamidade.org/journey-to-wellness-rx-green-prescription-request-form/ or for more information contact Natouchka Murray at 786-732-8848 or Natouchka.Murray@FLHealth.gov. ▪ The American Heart Association (update provided by Robert Hill) the National Collaborative of Infants and Toddlers, an advocacy effort led by a component of the American Heart Association, highlights how much the American Heart Association is trying to do within the community, serving the population specifically within the counties we serve. The American Heart Association conducts a Community Needs Assessment every three years and will begin this process again shortly. Next week they are having a Stem Goes Red event, for adolescent girls interested in careers within research, science, or the medical field. It will be hosted at Zoo Miami. For more information contact Robert Hill at: robert.hill@heart.org. ▪ West Kendall Baptist Hospital (update provided by Simone Cheong) will be supporting the West Wind Lakes Back to School event on August 3rd, 2024. Healthy Hub volunteer nurses from West Kendall as well as other Baptist hospitals will be having health screenings at this event. It is open to the public. They will also be supporting National Night Out on August 6th, 2024, at Kendall Lakes Park conducting health screenings for the community. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM. 	