

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Tobacco-Free Workgroup  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, May 22, 2017

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Dr. Richard Thurer, Chair, University of Miami Bill Amodeo, Vice Chair, All-Star Media Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Nikki Chuck, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Francesca Davis, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Kuan-Jan Ding, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Paola Menoscal, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Emmanuel Osemota, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Vanessa Vassall, Florida International University Russell Miller, Florida International University Anjana Morris, Health Council of South Florida  <i>Via Conference Call</i>  Dr. Wasim Masiak, Florida International University	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by Dr. Richard Thurer at 9:38am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on March 27, 2017 were reviewed. Bill Amodeo motioned to approve the minutes and Anjana Morris seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from March 27, 2017.	
Updates from the Chair	Dr. Thurer discussed a conversation with Health and Built Environment Chair Cheryl Jacobs about city-wide smoke-free laws seen in cities such as Chicago and New York. The conversation will be continued to see if similar laws can be passed in Miami.	

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	<p>Dr. Thurer provided Executive Board updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The primary topic was about the Florida Worksite Wellness Awards event held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The keynote address was given by Isabel Alfonsin-Vittoria on "Creating a Workplace Culture of Compassion". The event was well-attended with several attendees visiting the Tobacco-Free Workgroup table.</li> <li>• This year's Tobacco Free Florida week was celebrated with the "Spring into Wellness" Fair at Stephen P. Clark Government Center on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It was a well-attended event.</li> <li>• The Neighbor section of The Miami Herald showed the former Surgeon General, Dr. Murthy, visiting Palmetto Senior High students, which was prompted from an e-cigarette survey conducted by one of the students. A SWAT club is located at Palmetto Senior High School.</li> <li>• A motion to approve the revised Tobacco Free Workgroup By-laws was made by Anjana Morris and seconded by Nikki Chuck. Members of the workgroup unanimously approved the By-laws.</li> <li>• Members were encouraged to take the Consortium satisfaction survey as well as the Tobacco Free Workgroup survey to see how the committee can be improved.</li> <li>• Subcommittee chair positions in Smoke-Free Multi-Unit and Young Adults/Point of Sale are still available. If any member is interested, they are encouraged to contact Nancy Adebisi.</li> </ul>	
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<p>Healthy Community Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kuan-Jan Ding mentioned that several public housing residents have been referred to AHEC programs through resident meetings.</li> <li>• Nikki Chuck said that there were 7 AHEC referrals obtained at the “Spring into Wellness” event.</li> <li>• Paola Menoscal mentioned that a student at Coral Way K-8 convinced his grandparents to quit smoking.</li> </ul>	
<p>Subcommittee and Workgroup Updates</p>	<p><b>Overview of Subcommittee and Roles</b></p> <p><b>Policy &amp; Surveillance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Thurer mentioned that there is a bill advocating for completely smoke-free Veteran’s Health Administration facilities. See link: <a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1662/text?r=2">https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1662/text?r=2</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Communications &amp; Public Relations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi mentioned that the partnership meeting was recently advertised in the Miami Herald. Currently working with Bill Amodeo to place exterior ads on the “Cost of Smoking” to promote Tobacco Free Florida Week locally. These are a part of efforts being made to recruit partnership members and promote cessation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paola Menoscal gave an update on smoke-free multi-unit in regards to collaborating with Broward and West Palm in attending the South Florida Condo &amp; HOA Expo.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tobacco-Free Worksites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nikki Chuck gave an update on Tobacco-Free Worksites. From tabling at the Mercedes Benz Corporate Run there were 3-5 worksites that expressed interest in completing the Florida Worksite assessment.</li> <li>• Currently following up with St. Luke’s Addiction Center. A policy</li> </ul>	

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with one designated area was drafted for the center. The center is also working on getting patients to do AHEC classes.

#### **SWAT**

- Paola Menoscal and Francesca Davis gave an update on SWAT at schools and community organizations. SWAT meetings with schools and community/faith based clubs are being held to gather feedback for a SWOT analysis on how the SWAT Chapter can improve.
- A SWAT Statewide meeting will be held in Leesburg, FL from June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Two SWAT students will be attending this meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to learn how to advocate.

#### **Young Adult Interventions**

- An update was given by Francesca Davis in regards to Young Adults Interventions (YAI) Initiative. Barry University held a Health Fair to promote their campus smoke-free policy.
- Preparations are underway for next year which will continue to focus on vocational and technical schools for smoke-free policies.

#### **Point of Sale (POS)**

- Nikki Chuck provided the update for POS subcommittee. Counter tools, a partner on the POS surveillance project, will be providing a 3-page report that summarizes the major findings on POS surveys. In August, two staff members will be trained to conduct assurance of voluntary compliance surveys (AVC) with the larger retail stores as a follow up to the POS surveys.

#### **PICH-Public Housing/Senior Residential**

- A public housing update was given by Kuan-Jan Ding. Ms. Ding introduced newly hired PICH grantee, Emmanuel Osemota. Ms. Ding mentioned that there are 50 resident meetings that have been scheduled and currently being completed for Miami-Dade

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	<p>Public Housing. In these meetings, residents are provided information about the upcoming smoke-free public housing policy and provided with AHEC cessation information. Residents are given an opportunity to sign up for cessation classes and ask questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hialeah Housing will be holding a vote with their Housing Board to approve the policy.</li> <li>• Ms. Ding mentioned that June 30<sup>th</sup> ends the 3 year PICH grant. Work is currently undergoing in finalizing all PICH requirement.</li> </ul>	
<p>Member Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vanessa Vassall mentioned that there was a successful volunteer recap meeting on the Point of Sale surveillance project.</li> <li>• Nikki Chuck discussed ways the committee can help move policy change to address point-of-sale marketing issues through strategies such as: including graphic images on cigarette packages, increasing cigarette package prices, make the age of sale sign bilingual and placing less exterior tobacco advertisements.</li> </ul>	
<p>Closing/Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned at 10:37am.</li> <li>• The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, July 31, 2017 at 9:30am.</li> </ul>	