



CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Tobacco-Free Workgroup Meeting Minutes Monday, March 26, 2018

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<p>Dr. Richard Thurer, Chair, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Bill Amodeo, Vice Chair, All-Star Media Kevin Bulger, University of Miami Dr. Michael Campos, University of Miami Estefania Ruano, University of Miami Andrea Guerrero, University of Miami Nadia Abouhana, University of Miami Guadalupe Barroso, Jackson Health Systems Yvans Morisseau, Miami Dade County 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 Paola Menoscal, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Via Conference Call</i></p> <p>John Michael Pierobon, Concerned Citizen</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The Tobacco-Free Workgroup was brought to order by Dr. Richard Thurer at 9:35am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
Review and Approval of Minutes	<p>The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on January 29, 2018 were reviewed. Bill Amodeo made the motion to approve the minutes and Kevin Bulger seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from January 29, 2018.</p>	

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<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<p>Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Thurer provided legislative updates from the American Lung Association Legislative Session Final Capital Update report. In the update, he noted the status of important legislation related to tobacco prevention and control. The update also included the Constitution Revision Committee (CRC) update on Proposal 94. The proposal was defeated and members were commended for their mobilization to advocate against the proposal. The CRC press release was also shared with the group and it was noted Proposal 65 was included in the proposals to move forward. If passed, Proposal 65 will ban the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems in workplaces. Members were informed they may be called upon to advocate to support Proposal 65. 	
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Board update was provided by Dr. Thurer. In the update he noted items discussed at the last meeting were planning for the Consortium’s Annual Event and the upcoming Sustainability Planning meeting that will be held in April. He also reported and shared with the group the success of the Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit. 	
<p>Work Plan Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Amodeo led the work plan review discussion on performance measures in need of improvement and those with improved performance. <p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurant initiative (Goal 2, Activity 8) – It was noted a lead person was needed to work on this initiative and a meeting was needed with Leyanee Perez to discuss the feasibility of working with restaurants already a part of the Healthy Happens Here Initiative. • Marketing - Social media (Goal 3, Activity 1) – The 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee Liaison will facilitate setting up a call with the Chair, Vice Chair and Leyanee Perez to discuss restaurant initiative.

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	<p>committee discussed items to share via social media. The following items were noted: Agricultural Horse and Cattle Show, Urban Beach Weekend, Meet Wynwood Compas Fest and the Sylvester Screening Van information. Nadia Abouhana volunteered to assist with the social media component.</p> <p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct issue specific training (Goal 1, Activity 2) – Last meeting, a presentation was given to the partnership on research being conducted at Florida International University. The presentation focused on hookah tobacco use. • Area 2: Sponsor or host a community-wide event related to reducing and preventing tobacco use (Goal 3, Activity 4) – Evaluation and attendance information from the Tobacco-Free Workplace Summit held on February 23, 2018 was shared with the group. Opportunities for future improvement were noted to be breakout sessions as well as examples on how to market policies and sample draft policies. Committee members discussed sending out a save the date three months in advance to drive up attendance and sharing event information through the County community newsletter. Partners also discussed sharing event information with local Chambers of Commerce and the Society of Human Resource Management. • Area 3: Meet with elected officials to educate on local tobacco issues and local prevention and control work (Goal 2, Activity 4) – The Chair noted he met with the Mayor and City Attorney of the City of Coral Gables in January and also spoke at a City of Coral Gables Commission meeting in February. 	
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<p>Topics Selected by the Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Tobacco Trends in the News – Four tobacco related articles were shared and discussed with the committee. They were: “Electronic Cigarette Use and Progression from Experimentation to Established Smoking”, “E-cigarettes Associated with Depressed Smoking Cessation: A Cross-sectional Study of 28 European Union Countries”, “Public Health Consequences of E-Cigarettes” and “Tobacco Product Use Among Military Veterans — United States, 2010–2015”. • During the discussion it was noted by Islamiyat Adebisi that the program was invited to participate in the Building Healthy Military Communities (BHMC) Pilot Project Rapid Needs Assessment. The pilot will examine well-being challenges facing geographically dispersed Military Service members, their families, and communities in which they live. • Bill Amodeo also noted Mission United with the United Way worked with veterans and they may be a good contact to assist veterans in need of tobacco cessation assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Amodeo will share Mission United’s contact information with the liaison.
<p>Electronic Cigarette Research Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Michael Campos and Dr. Andrea Guerrero provided a presentation entitled “Studies on the Adverse effects of Electronic Cigarettes at the University of Miami” based on their research currently being conducted on electronic cigarettes at the VA Hospital to the partnership. 	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Bulger noted the University of Miami Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will be launching a new 10-week Behavioral Health curriculum on January 1, 2019. There will be a training opportunity for professionals who work with mental health clients sometime this year and AHEC will be partnering with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to market the training to providers. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estefania Ruano shared information on the University of Miami Department of Public Health Sciences cessation study entitled, “A novel worksite smoking cessation intervention for Hispanic Construction workers”. The study is being funded by the National Cancer Institute and targets 126 Hispanic Construction workers. The study is currently in its follow up stage where it is testing for quit verification with saliva collection and carbon monoxide (CO) testing. The team is slated to finish follow-ups in December 2018. 	
<p>Closing/Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Richard Thurer, at 11:13am. • The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 9:30am. 	