

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Tobacco-Free Workgroup Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 20th, 2023

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Dr. Richard Thurer, Chair, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Bill Amodeo, All Star Media John Michael Pierobon, Concerned Citizen Dr. Asma Aftab, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup Meeting was brought to order by the Cochair, Bill Amodeo, at 9:30am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on September 25, 2023, were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. Candace Williams made the motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Aftab seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from September 25, 2023.	
Partner Updates	<p>World Health Organization Nomination</p> <p>Bill Amodeo nominated Dr. Wasim Maziak from the Florida International University Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work for their outstanding research on tobacco control, specifically e-cigarettes and hookah. Laurie Varona nominated the City of Hialeah because it has been at the forefront of change for its outstanding commitment to tobacco and nicotine prevention and control.</p> <p>The Great American Smoke Out (GASO)</p> <p>Candace Williams stated that the FDOH attended smaller health fairs leading up to GASO, but we were unable to attend the larger event due to scheduling conflict. Dr. Asfar stated that University of Miami had a tabling at Jackson Health System. It was a smaller event but would like to plan for a larger event for next year. They would like to collaborate with the FDOH and encourage medical and nursing students to participate. They mentioned that more planning is necessary to execute a more successful GASO event. They would like for blood pressure to be taken, cessation access to be available and to have the real lung display. The Jackson Health System was selected because it commitment to servicing lower SES demographic.</p>	

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<p>Executive Board Updates</p>	<p>The Consortium 20th Anniversary will be held at Dadeland Marriott on December 1st, 2023. More information about the event will be provided in the upcoming month. One of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup members stated that they have not received an invitation to the event. Candace will ensure that future invitations are received by all members.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<p>Subcommittee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco-Free Environments Subcommittee –The subcommittee met on October 31, 2023, to discuss indoor vaping infractions, progress of REI project, and bills being introduced during the new session. • Policy & Surveillance Subcommittee –The subcommittee will provide updates regarding a summary of outreach to state and local representatives. • Zoning task Force – The first meeting is scheduled on December 5, 2023. <p>House Bill 495</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Bill 495 will prohibit smoking and vaping in Florida State Parks if passed. Members were encouraged to call Senator Gruters to introduce a bill which prohibits smoking and vaping in state parks if Bill 495 is not passed. The members were also encouraged to call Ana Maria Rodriguez who is the chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and other local representatives to pass the bill. There are currently no laws that prohibit smoking and vaping in Florida’s 175 state parks that cover over 800,000 acres and contain 100 miles of the best Florida beaches. <p>Point of Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Doral is currently passing an ordinance which restricts tobacco and nicotine retailers from opening within 500 feet of schools and youth-based organizations. • The Zoning Task Force is gained two new members. 	

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	<p>Smokefree Multiunit Housing (SFMUH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miami-Dade Public Housing is currently managing about 90 different properties renovating and demolishing dilapidated buildings. TRG Management Company manages about 30 properties which include Public-Private Properties. <p>Tobacco-Free Public Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDOH Publicly recognized The City of Miami-Beach, Coral Gables, City of Hialeah, City of Miami, and Miami-Dade County for implementing smokefree parks and beaches policy in 2023. • Providers and partners engaged the City of Hialeah Gardens, Doral, Miami Springs, Virginia Gardens, Medley, and Miami Lakes to support the initiative. <p>SWAT Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee (SWAT) – have monthly meetings to coordinate upcoming events such Not a Lab Rat Day. • The Regional SWAT training was held on October 28th, 2023, with 45 students who attended. They learned how social media effects their mental health, how to communicate with a peer who vapes/smokes and role-played a scenario on how to assist them with tobacco and nicotine cessation resources. • The Tobacco Prevention Summit was held November 9th, 2023, with a high turnout of SWAT members and community members. The American Heart Association and the DEA presented on the dangers of drug, tobacco, and nicotine use. The event reached over 400 youth and community members, gained support for the tobacco free partnership and cessation access, and helped promote the Miami-Dade Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Chapter. Every young member made a pledge to stay tobacco and nicotine-free. • SWAT currently has 13 clubs which include Jose Marti MAST Academy, Barbara Goleman Senior High School, Hialeah Gardens High School, Hialeah Gardens Middle School, Miami Jackson Senior High School, Miami Lakes Middle School, Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Southwest Miami Senior High School, and William H. Turner Technical Arts High School. <p>Essay Contest</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Michael mentioned the contest open to anyone under 21 years of age to submit an essay on tobacco prevention. If the essay is published in a major Florida newspaper, they will receive a \$100 gift card. The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade and the Tobacco-Free Workgroup will continue to promote the contest to the Miami-Dade Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Chapter and community partners. <p>Cessation Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subcommittee is actively looking for a new chairperson. The subcommittee is asking everyone to promote and complete the 2023 Public Health Concerns Community Survey. The providers will recruit members that can help with the low SES population. • The providers were able to engage with Hope for Miami a new partner of the Consortium and assess their policy on cessation access. 	
<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to continue utilizing annual survey with a biannual review to ascertain progress and areas of potential growth. • By September 30, 2024, the committee will work to identify and invite diverse partners to the Tobacco Free Workgroup (TFW) – Recruitment Event. 	
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium 20th Anniversary – December 1st, 2023 • Bounty of Health – December 8th, 2023 • AAR Health Fair • City of Hialeah Gardens Winter Carnival 	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned by the co-chair, Bill Amodeo, at 10:50am. • The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held in January 2024. 	