

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Tobacco-Free Workgroup Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 29th, 2024, 9:30am

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION NEEDED |
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| Members Present | Bill Amodeo, Vice Chair, All Star Media Zinzi Bailey, Associate Professor, University of Minnesota Rosa Nova, Administrative benefit director, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Alan Benoit, Program Manager, Hope for Miami Ana Carolina Sale, MD MPH Student, University of Miami Veruschka Quilez, Concerned Citizen Lourdes Castaneda, Program Manager, University of Miami AHEC Lieren De Vera, Program Manager, Miami-Dade AHEC Marilyn Roman, Executive Director, Miami Dade AHEC Natalie Gray, Research Fellow, Pharmacy School at Larkin Olatokunbo Osibogun, Assistant professor at the department of epidemiology, Florida International University Jose Gonzalez, Century Risk Advisors Laurie Varona, Senior Health Educator, Florida Department of Health Candace Williams, Program Manager, Florida Department of Health | |
| Welcome and Introductions | The Tobacco-Free Workgroup Meeting was brought to order by the Vice Chair, Bill Amodeo, at 9:32am. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves. | |
| Review and Approval of Minutes | The minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting held on May 20 th , 2024, were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were noted. Dr. Zinzi Bailey made the motion to approve the minutes and Laurie Varona seconded the motion. Members of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes from May 20 th , 2024. | |
| Partner Updates | Hope for Miami will have their Back to School Health and Safety Event on August 3 rd , 2024. They will be providing free school supplies, backpacks, and educational material to the youth throughout Little Havana. Iron Fist Gym will be providing small workout classes for children and to others in the community. The FLDOH will be providing healthy eating tips and will educate parents on Tobacco Retail Zoning initiatives. It will start about 10:00am and will end around 1:00pm. Everyone is welcomed. If anyone knows of any at need families, please pass the information on to them. They ask all participates to scan the QR code and register | |

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| | <p>just to guarantee a backpack and school supplies. They will place the flyer in the chat.</p> | |
| <p>Executive Board Updates</p> | <p>The focus is on the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Community Partner Assessment (CPA) Survey to help guide them on best practices on serving Miami-Dade County community members. This survey allows providers, community members, and county representatives their input into strategies need to better serve the community for this next coming year. Another focus was on food drives to provide parents with healthy foods for their children returning to school.</p> | |
| <p>Previous Action Items</p> | <p>Subcommittee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco-Free Environments Subcommittee – The subcommittee met on May 7th, 2024, to discuss several important topics. These included addressing indoor vaping infractions, reviewing new bills being introduced in the upcoming legislative session, examining Amendment 3, and planning for the 2024 Intercoastal Clean-up. The discussions aimed to develop strategies for managing vaping violations, understand the implications of new legislation, and organize efforts for the environmental clean-up initiative. • Policy & Surveillance Subcommittee –The subcommittee met on April 24th, 2024, to review current tobacco control policies, identify enforcement gaps, and explore new surveillance strategies. They focused on guidelines for vaping and alternative tobacco products, aiming to enhance policies and implement robust monitoring systems to reduce tobacco use and improve public health. • POS Task Force – The POS Task Force met on April 29th, 2024, to discuss issues related to mobile smoke shops. The meeting included discussions with key decision-makers, such as Mayor Levine Cava, about zoning initiatives in Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the task force addressed the upcoming TFW recruitment event. These discussions aimed to develop strategies for regulating mobile smoke shops and ensure effective implementation of zoning laws to protect public health. | |

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- Youth & Young Adult Subcommittee – The subcommittee met on April 1, 2024, to discuss recruiting youth organizations, such as local churches and Boys & Girls Clubs to join the county’s Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Chapter. The discussions aimed to increase the youth group’s involvement and diversity throughout the county while educating and encouraging youth to stand against the peer pressures of youth smoking and vaping.

Amendment 3

- The Ballot Title is as follows “Adults Personal Use of Marijuana”. This initiative would amend Article X, Section 29 of the Florida Constitution.
- The proposed ballot summary is as follows: Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change, or immunize violations of, federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date. Amendment 3 needs 60% majority to pass and we are looking at 53% approval.

Point of Sale

- The City of Doral passed an ordinance last quarter which restricts tobacco and nicotine retailers and mobile smoke shops from opening or parking within 2500 feet of schools and youth-based organizations. There policy is being used as the golden standard for the state of Florida.
- To address the issue of mobile smoke shops allowing youth and young adults access to tobacco products, a comprehensive approach is needed. The workgroup discussed a strategy for advocating other municipalities to make the same policy changes. First, review and ensure existing regulations include mobile vendors, and implement strict licensing and permitting processes. Enforce rigorous age verification, using government-issued IDs

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| | <p>and age verification software. Establish location restrictions to keep mobile smoke shops away from schools, parks, and areas frequented by minors, with defined minimum distances. Conduct regular compliance checks, imposing penalties for violations. Launch public awareness campaigns to educate the community about the risks and encourage reporting violations. Develop vendor training programs on legal requirements and proper age verification. Work with policymakers to close regulatory loopholes and involve stakeholders in the policy development process. Explore technological solutions like geo-fencing and real-time tracking to ensure compliance. These measures will create a robust framework to prevent youth and young adults from accessing tobacco products through mobile smoke shops.</p> <p>Smokefree Multiunit Housing (SFMUH)</p> <p>Residents are complaining about marijuana smoke seeping into their units, highlighting the need for property managers to be educated on managing this type of violation. It is suggested that property managers adopt a comprehensive definition of smoking and vaping to address this issue effectively. This includes explicitly including marijuana in non-smoking policies and implementing measures to prevent smoke from infiltrating neighboring units. Property managers should be trained on enforcement strategies, such as clear communication of policies to residents, regular inspections, and prompt response to complaints. Additionally, installing proper ventilation systems and sealing gaps between units can help mitigate the spread of smoke. By adopting a broad and clear definition of smoking and vaping, property managers can create a healthier living environment for all residents.</p> <p>Tobacco-Free Public Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Intercoastal Cleanup is be held on September 21st, 2024, from 9am to 11am at Virginia Key Dog Park across the street from Mast Academy in Key Biscayne. Tallahassee has made it part of our workplan and is now under TFPub. The Department of Health is inviting all Consortium members to come out and support the day alongside our SWAT | |
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| | <p>members and advisors. This is a great time to show our support to smokefree free parks and beaches and our youth that come out every year to make change. The link will be placed in the chat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (FDOH) publicly recognized The City of Miami-Beach, Coral Gables, City of Hialeah, City of Aventura, City of Doral, City of Miami, and Miami-Dade for implementing smokefree parks and beaches policy in 2024. • Providers and partners are reaching out to City of Hialeah Gardens and Miami Lakes about implementing a smokefree policy within the park system. <p>SWAT Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various clubs within The Miami-Dade SWAT Chapter hosted events to commemorate the upcoming tobacco observance, World No Tobacco Day. Regional SWAT training will be held in Glades County to reinforce the mission of SWAT and provide an opportunity for Region 4 SWAT youth to collaborate on best practices. This training aims to educate peers on the harms of smoking, chewing tobacco, and vaping. Through workshops, discussions, and interactive sessions, participants will share strategies and develop new approaches to effectively communicate the risks associated with tobacco use. This collaborative effort will empower youth to become stronger advocates in their communities, promoting healthier lifestyles and reducing tobacco use among their peers. • SWAT currently has two clubs operating within the City of Hialeah Park system. • SWAT currently has 11 clubs operating with the Miami-Dade County Public School which include Jose Marti MAST Academy, Barbara Goleman Senior High School, Hialeah Gardens High School, Hialeah Gardens Middle School, Miami Edison Senior High School, Miami Central Senior High 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. | |
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| | <p>Essay Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Amodeo 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"> • Hope for Miami has implemented a cessation access referral system, and the YMCA has been engaged to implement a referral system as well. | |
| <p>Upcoming Events</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to School (Juan Pablo Duarte Park) – 8/3/24 • Coalition Esperanza “Back-to-school Health & Safety Event – 8/3/24 • City of Hialeah Employee Health Fair – 8/23/24 • Public Safety Day (MDC Hialeah Campus) – 9/4/24 • Smoke Out BBQ Block Party BarryU Smoke Free Campus – 9/19/24 • International Beach Clean-up – 9/21/24 | |
| <p>Adjourn</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned by chair, Bill Amodeo, at 10:44am. • The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting will be held on September 30th, 2024. | |