

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Tobacco-Free Workgroup Virtual Meeting Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present (21)	1. Zinzi Bailey, Chair, University of Minnesota 2. Bill Amodeo, Co-chair, All Star Media 3. Alan Benoit, Hope for Miami 4. Alicia Diaz Oria, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center 5. Belinda Gordon-Battle, Miami-Dade County Public Schools 6. Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 7. Christopher Pierce, Florida National Guard's Counterdrug Program 8. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 9. Darlene Ross, Cano Health 10. Islamiyat Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 11. Juliana Duque, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center 12. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County 13. Lourdes Castaneda, University of Miami Area Health Education Centers 14. Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 15. Melody Espinoza, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 16. Nakeisha Hendricks, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County 17. Olatokunbo Osibogun, Florida International University 18. Rosa Nova, Miami-Dade County Public Schools 19. Simisola Olowodola, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 20. Yara Stanziola, Citrus Health Network 21. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County	
Welcome and Introductions	The Tobacco-Free Workgroup Meeting was called to order by Zinzi Bailey at 9:33 a.m. with all members welcomed and introduced.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The March 31, 2026 meeting minutes from the Tobacco-Free Workgroup were reviewed. Zadymon Moore motioned to approve the minutes, and Juliana Duque seconded the motion.	

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Tobacco-Free Workgroup 2025-2030 Strategic Workplan	During the previous TFW bi-monthly the Tobacco-Free Workgroup 2025-2030 Strategic Workplan was approved and currently, next steps are underway. The importance of creating accountability was emphasized and establishing a structure for tracking progress on the strategic priorities. Immediate action items include confirming current member contact information, onboarding new collaborative partners, and developing an onboarding presentation to introduce new members to the workgroup's goals and expectations. The group also reviewed plans to divide responsibilities among subcommittees based on strategic priority areas. Subcommittees will provide regular updates during monthly meetings, with breakout sessions proposed to allow members to collaborate and coordinate activities more effectively. Members are encouraged to participate in subcommittees and continue collaboration to support implementation of the work plan.	
Review Bylaws	Changes were made to the Tobacco-Free workgroup Bylaws. These changes included updates to role responsibilities, subcommittee structure, and ensuring alignment with the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's overall bylaws. These changes were approved by Juliana Duque and seconded by Laurie Varona.	
Partner Updates	University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center: Juliana Duque shared an update on ongoing efforts to incorporate lung cancer screening education into existing provider presentations, noting alignment with boarder tobacco cessation work. She announced an upcoming provider educational webinar scheduled for May 28, led by a cardiothoracic radiologist, focused on the importance of lung cancer screening, how to order and implement it, and how it connects with tobacco cessation resources and navigation services. The initiative is being developed in collaboration with the Health Council of South Florida and aims to increase provider awareness and community engagement around screening guidelines. Participants emphasized the importance of broad dissemination of the webinar information, noting that although the training is geared toward providers, the content is also valuable for community members to support awareness and conversations around lung cancer screening and tobacco cessation. Hope for Miami: Alan Benoit shared that Hope for Miami will be hosting their annual Back to School Backpack drive-thru event where they will be handout out backpacks filled	

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Previous Action Items		
New Action Items		
Upcoming Events	Hope for Miami will be hosting their annual Back to School Backpack drive-thru event where they will be handout out backpacks filled with back-to-school items in efforts to hand them to students in the community. While they are in the beginning planning stages, event details are forthcoming in next meeting's updates.	
Adjourn	Chair, Dr. Zinzi Bailey adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next Tobacco-Free Workgroup meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on July 28, 2026.	