

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
<p>Members Present (9)</p>	<p><u>In-person at Health Council of South Florida</u> Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Executive Board Co-Chair) Robert Hill, American Heart Association (Executive Board Co-Chair) Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships Nicole Marriott, Health Council of South Florida Cynthia Umana, West Kendall Baptist Hospital Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)</p> <p><u>Virtual via Microsoft Teams</u> Dennise Nicola, Miami Jewish Health Leyanee Perez, American Healthy Weight Alliance</p>	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The Executive Board’s June 2025 meeting was held in-person at the Health Council of South Florida with a hybrid option available virtually via Microsoft Teams brought to order by Dr. Cristina Brito and Mr. Robert Hill at 10:13 a.m.</p> <p>All members of the committees introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>The committee approved the May 2025 meeting minutes with a motion from Nicole Marriott and a second from Dennise Nicola.</p>	
<p>Executive Boarding Community Role & Optimal Health Updates</p>	<p>Dr. Cristina Brito, Robert Hill, and Leyanee Perez led the continued discussion with the Executive Board on the Consortium’s role as it relates to upper respiratory illnesses, optimal health, and factors and conditions that impact health. The following updates were shared during this conversation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Brito shared a reminder on behalf of West Kendall Baptist Hospital (WKBH) that while colds and flu are circulating, hospitalizations remain slightly down, and no significant uptick in respiratory illnesses has been reported, with levels remaining steady since spring break. The hospital continues to see detainees from Everglades detention centers, and security measures have been strengthened to two guards per inmate. While volumes remain high, no notable outbreaks have occurred. 	

<p>Consortium Executive Board Digital</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Brito shared a hospital Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) updates were also shared: economic factors ranked 3rd among priorities for the urban core area (Baptist Hospital Miami, Doctors Hospital, and South Miami Hospital), tying closely to access and barriers to care. Primary care availability was also identified as a focus, while mental health fell to 6th or 7th but will be addressed under access to care. Nicklaus Children’s Hospital’s team is in the process of finalizing their CHNA, and University of Miami’s process is expected to begin soon. ● Robert Hill and Leyanee Perez shared updates on the <i>Food and Nutrition for All Collaborative</i> initiative. They shared the initiative passed the House and awaits final Senate approval, with funding set for 2026. Deloitte Consulting Firm is helping develop data visualization tools for food security partners, and a larger community event is planned for September to prepare for potential federal funding cuts. Leyanee Perez shared that Bravo Supermarket continues weekly donations to Iglesia Rescate, but attendance at food distributions is dropping due to fears of the current landscape, especially after safe zones at churches and schools were removed. Upcoming efforts include a June 28 food distribution by Food Rescue and the Brady Hunter Foundation. The Housing Voucher Program is open briefly, and partners are encouraged to share widely. Flyers were shared. ● Leyanee Perez and Nicole Marriott shared highlights on the Robert Wood Johnson Conference (RWJF) at the Culture of Health Prize event, connections were made with NSA chapters in Lawrence, MA, and the Bronx, NY, to expand programming in Hispanic communities. Native tribes’ concerns about external food sources were discussed, and storytelling was emphasized as a powerful advocacy tool. Miami-Dade’s 2016 award was highlighted, celebrating continued community impact. Participants left energized and inspired by innovative solutions shared nationwide. ● The Executive Board members raised concerns about uninvited AI participants in virtual meetings compromising the safe space for honest discussions. Other organizations, like the American Heart Association, halt meetings when AI appears. Suggestions included moving future meetings to in-person only and reinforcing disclaimers about recording solely for 	
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<p>Brochure Update</p>	<p>transcription purposes. Monitoring and dismissing AI tools remain a priority to ensure trust and openness.</p> <p>The Consortium’s digital brochure has been officially approved by the Executive Board and Communications team. It will be translated into Spanish and Haitian Creole for wider accessibility. Members are asked to recommend the best methods for dissemination, including printed and digital versions, and to share ideas at the next meeting. For now, committee members will receive access, and it will be shared on websites, via email blasts, and highlighted during committee meetings to promote awareness of the consortium’s work.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Save the Date for the <i>Why Mental Health Matters-Thriving at Work-Stigma Free Workplace</i> upcoming presentation for the Executive Board’s August Virtual Meeting.</p>	
<p>Consortium Annual Event Planning Taskforce Update</p>	<p>The Taskforce for the Consortium Annual Event and Worksite Wellness Awards has continued meeting. The Taskforce visited Miami Vineyard on May 15, 2025 to assess it for the Annual Event. The venue offers flexible spaces, breakout rooms with built-in AV, and outdoor areas, with preferred dates in September and October available. While functional concerns were raised, they may require enhancements keeping in mind the event cost and budget. A walkthrough at the Milander Center is scheduled for Friday, June 13; although it lacks preferred dates, it received positive feedback for its layout, parking, and ambiance during recent events. The Taskforce will meet later this month to finalize venue recommendations.</p>	<p>Updates will be shared with the Taskforce members following site visit.</p>
<p>Marketing & Membership Updates</p>	<p>The Marketing and Membership team reported no major updates. Website updates are ongoing, and members are asked to submit updated contact information using the membership form. A technical issue affecting Journey to Wellness subscription submissions has been resolved, and all submitted order forms are now processing correctly. Additional updates will be provided as needed.</p>	
<p>DOH Programmatic Updates</p>	<p>This week is Community Health Improvement Week as the Department of Health prepares for the Community Health Improvement Process.</p> <p>The Well-being survey is complete and under analysis by the Health Council. Results will be shared at the June 23, 2025 meeting at FIU North Campus, where priorities for the 2025–2030 Community Health Improvement Plan will be set. Partners and community members are encouraged to RSVP and help promote the event to ensure</p>	

	<p>broad engagement. Committees should encourage attendance, especially from Executive Board members.</p> <p>The goal is to publish the plan by the end of summer to improve health outcomes across Miami-Dade County.</p>	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Children Issues: Dr. Cristina Brito shared that Children Issues committee met in person with a presentation from the Girl Scouts on the Florida Girls Report, highlighting key issues like bullying, sexual assault, academics, and housing. Attendance was low but the discussion was highly engaging. The Healthy Baby Taskforce discussed a new maternal and infant health dashboard for Miami-Dade to address mortality rates through The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade. The project is in early stages and faces challenges with data sharing across systems.</p> <p>Elder Issues: Dennise Nicola shared that the Elder Issues Committee approved an Alzheimer’s flyer to be translated into Spanish and English Creole. At the May 27, 2025, in-person meeting, Susan Holtzman presented on workplace mental health. Attendance was low, likely due to the holiday weekend, prompting reconsideration of holding 3–4 in-person meetings annually. Leadership advised avoiding holiday and summer dates to improve turnout. Legislative updates have been delayed due to challenges connecting with the mayor’s office, but follow-up is planned. The next virtual meeting will feature a presentation by the Brain Center on clinic and community programs.</p> <p>Health and the Built Environment: Cynthia Umana shared that the Health and the Built Environment Committee met on May 13, 2025 with a presentation by Sarah Suarez from the Miami-Dade County Office of Neighborhood Safety on firearm violence and environment safety. Attendance was low, even in the virtual format, and there was limited engagement or updates from members. The group discussed the need to re-engage former active organizations and attract new partners to grow participation and encourage more dialogue moving forward.</p> <p>Health Promotion Disease Prevention: Leyanee Perez shared that the Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Committee met on May 17, 2025 to discuss evidence-based practices and meeting formats. Virtual meetings typically draw 30–40 participants, while in-person meetings see very low attendance. The group agreed</p>	

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Executive Board

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	<p>to stop hybrid meetings during in-person sessions to encourage more open discussion. Returning fully to pre-2020 formats has been challenging and will be revisited at the next meeting on Tuesday. Leyanee was unable to attend the leadership meeting due to a conflict with the Robert Wood Johnson event but will follow up on the agenda.</p> <p>Worksite Wellness: Candice Schottenloher shared on behalf of the Worksite Wellness Committee. The committee will reconvene in July after postponing their meeting due to the holiday. Updates will be shared in August.</p> <p>Health Council of South Florida: Nicole Marriott shared they will be hosting a virtual Health Council webinar meeting on June 17, 2025 to share program updates and gather community feedback. Members are encouraged to attend. Flyer was shared.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be hosted virtually via Microsoft Teams on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 10 to 11:30 a.m.</p>	