Miami, Fla. — This week, April 1 – 7, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is acknowledging National Public Health Week (NPHW). NPHW presents an opportunity for communities across the United States to reflect on the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our health.

Public health professionals across Miami-Dade County make it their life’s work to help keep people and communities healthy - from better maternal and child health to improvements in disease control and prevention to addressing environmental concerns and emergency preparedness.

In Miami-Dade County, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The department has partnered with many stakeholders to implement the CHIP and collaborates regularly to track progress.

The CHIP is a five-year collaborative plan to address the public health concerns of the community. The plan examines the activities of the public health network in addressing five health priorities: Access to Care, Chronic Disease Prevention, Community Redevelopment, Health Finance and Infrastructure, and Health Protection.

The Annual Report highlights the activities, accomplishments, and collaborative efforts of the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and community partners. The Annual Report can be accessed at: www.healthymiamidade.org/resources/community-health-improvement-plan.

A shared community effort is the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade established in 2003 by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade-County to address the increasing rate of chronic disease in the community. Today, the Consortium is comprised of over 400 organizations working together to promote prevention through education, and support policy, systems and environmental changes that encourage healthy living.

About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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