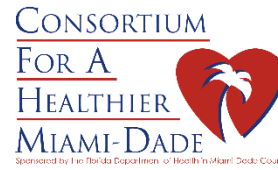


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## **Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade 2023 Leadership Announcement and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Milestone**

**MIAMI, FL.** - The Florida Department of Health is pleased to announce the newly elected 2023-2024 Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs that provide guidance to the Consortium. We are also pleased to announce this year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade. More details will be shared at a later date for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Consortium Annual Event.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
Children Issues	Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital	Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes
Elder Issues	Marjorie Epstein Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network	Susan Holtzman, Older Adult and Special Needs Advocate, Office of Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County
Health and the Built Environment	Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green	
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	Leyanee Perez, American Healthy Weight Alliance	Catherine Wilhelm, West Kendall Baptist Hospital
Marketing and Membership	Edwin O'Dell, Community Member	
Tobacco-Free Workgroup	Dr. Richard Thurer, University of Miami	Bill Amodeo, All Star Media Solutions
Worksite Wellness	Jeanette Martin, BankUnited	William Sanchez, City of Hialeah

The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade was established in 2003 by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County to address the increasing rate of chronic disease in the community. The goals of the Consortium are to:

- Integrate planning and assessment processes to maximize partnerships and expertise of the community in accomplishing its goals.
- Increase the percentage of adults and children who are at a healthy weight.

- Build and revitalize communities so people can live healthy lives.
- Increase access to resources that promote healthy behaviors.

The Consortium is guided by the goals and objectives established in Healthy People 2020 and 2030. It is comprised of over 400 organizations, all united by the common belief that through collaboration and prevention-focused initiatives, Miami-Dade County residents can live longer, healthier, and happier.

Consortium membership is free and open to all individuals who share the vision, mission, and goals of the Consortium. To become a member and participate in the monthly Consortium committee meetings, simply fill out the membership form by [clicking here](#). To learn more, please visit the [Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade](#) website for meeting times and updates.

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