

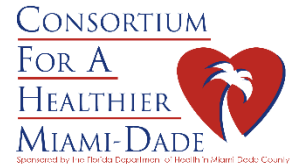
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Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade 2025-2026 Leadership Announcement

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Miami, Fla., – The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (DOH-Miami-Dade) is pleased to announce the newly elected 2025-2026 Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade (Consortium) Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs that provide guidance to the Consortium.

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Children Issues	Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital	Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes
Elder Issues	Dennise Nicola, Florida PACE Centers	Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships
Health and the Built Environment	Cynthia Umana, West Kendall Baptist Hospital	Barbara Martinez-Guerrero, Dream in Green
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	Leyanee Perez, American Healthy Weight Alliance	Robert Hill, American Heart Association
Marketing and Membership	Edwin O'Dell, Community Member	Bernadette Morris, Sonshine Communications
Tobacco-Free Workgroup	Dr. Zinzi Bailey, University of Minnesota School of Public Health and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine	Julio Esplugas, City of Hialeah
Worksite Wellness	William Sanchez, City of Hialeah	

The Consortium was established in 2003 by DOH-Miami-Dade 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 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 lives.

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, fill out the [membership form](#). To learn more, please visit the [Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade](#) website for meeting times and updates.

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