

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) Advisory Committee Meeting & Public Hearing

Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023

Attendance

Name	Organization	In Attendance
Ann Ashley-Gilbert – AC	Altamonte Women's Center - Medical Doctor	
Arturo Lopez - AC	Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations - Executive Director	X
Britney Moore - AC	Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Regional Coordinator	
Bryan Russell - AC	Disability Rights Florida	
Charla Lucas - AC	Florida Recreation and Park Association - Director of Marketing, Communications and Strategic Vision	X
Dykibra Gaskin - AC	Florida Breastfeeding Coalition - President	
Emily Mitchem - AC	Refuge House - Assistant Director	
Kelli Greene - AC	Florida Impact - Program Manager	
Robert Hill - AC	American Heart Association - Community Impact Director	
Robin Poole	Florida Dental Hygienists' Association	X
Tonya Ehrhardt - AC	American Heart Association - RVP of Community Impact, Diversity and Inclusion	
Kaitlin Chamberlin- AC	Health Council of Southeast Florida	
Gina Martinez Peterson- AC	YMCA - State Director of Drowning Prevention and Community Health Initiatives	X
Internal Committee Members		

Alisha Mughal	Florida Department of Health - Worksite Wellness Coordinator, BCDP	
Hans Havlykke	Florida Department of Health - Violence and Injury Prevention	
Jessica Wilmer	Florida Department of Health - Healthy Communities Program Manager, BCDP	X
Julia Fitz	Florida Department of Health - Chief, Bureau of Community Health Assessment	
Julianne Price	Florida Department of Health - PACE-EH Coordinator	X
Rhonda Jackson	Florida Department of Health - Program Manager, Violence and Injury Prevention	X
Sally Hugo	Florida Department of Health - Bureau of Family Health Services School Health Program	X
Sean Isaac	Florida Department of Health - Public Health Dental Program	
Shannon Harp	Florida Department of Health - Public Health Dental Program	X
Catherine Bridges	Florida Department of Health - Public Health Dental Program	X
Shay Holloway	Florida Department of Health - Director, Division of Community Health Promotion	
Summer Vail	Florida Department of Health - Office of Medical Marijuana, Communications Manager	
Tara Hylton	Florida Department of Health - Chief, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention	X
Owen Quinonez	Florida Department of Health- Health Equity	X
Sterling Whisenhunt	Florida Department of Health- Community Health Promotion	X
Venice White	Florida Department of Health- Health Equity	X
Vernique Footman	Florida Department of Health Bureau of Community Health Science	X
Mary Prim	Florida Department of Health - Public Health Statistics and Performance Management	X
Nicholas Alford	Florida Department of Health - Public Health Statistics and Performance Management	X
Khyati Master	Florida Department of Health- Bureau of Community Health Science	X

Introduction

Tara Hylton calls the meeting to order and introduces herself as the Chair and Block Grant Advisory Committee Meeting facilitator and gave a warm welcome.

Tara asked all guests to mute their lines and ask questions in the chat.

Tara briefly went over the agenda for the meeting:

- Welcome
- Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Overview

- New Member Introduction
- Program Discussion
 - Violence and Injury Prevention Section
 - Public Health Dental Program
 - Healthy Communities of Florida
- Comments & Questions
- Adjourn

Following the welcome, Tara gave an overview of the block grant including what the block grant is, what the funding is for, and how the Florida Department of Health allocates funds.

Purpose of the Block Grant

- Address emerging health issues and gaps
- Decrease premature death and disability by focusing on the leading preventable risk factors
- Work to achieve health for all and eliminate health disparities by addressing the social determinants of health
- Support local programs to achieve Healthy Communities
- Establish data and surveillance systems to monitor the health status of populations

Block Grant Allocation

The Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention will leverage funding to support projects related to:

- Each county health department (CHD) allocated ~\$35,000 annually to support
 - Community Health Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans
 - Healthy Community Initiatives
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) chronic disease modules

The Violence and Injury Prevention Section will leverage funding to support projects related to:

- Establish Violence and Injury Prevention regional liaisons
- Support strategies/activities addressing

- ACEs
- Sexual Violence
- Trafficking

• Enhance coordination and alignment between the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

The Public Health Dental Program will leverage funding to support projects related to:

- Training and guidance for key stakeholders, community leaders and dental health, and water professionals on water fluoridation
- Monitoring fluoridation of community water systems

Guest Speaker, Gina Peterson, YMCA State Director

Drowning Prevention- \$2 million from state
 Alliance supports all of Florida Dept of Health
 Strengthen Advocacy
 Prospering Ys & State Alliance
 State Impact and Initiatives

Mission is same as National. Vision is state specific- leveraging resources.

- 16 YMCA Associations
 - 127 Membership Centers
 - 25 ECEs
 - 51 Program Sites and Charger Schools
 - 4 Overnight Camps and Outdoor Centers
 - 237 Before and After School Sites
 - 201 Pools and Aquatic Centers

Statewide Impact and Initiatives
 Drowning Prevention and Education Grant
 Community Health Initiatives

Statewide Impact & Initiatives

- In 2022, only 53% of third-graders in Florida were reading at grade level.
- Of that 53%, only 25% were considered 'proficient'.
- Only 37% of African American 3rd graders are reading at grade level, while the numbers for white 3rd graders are 65% on grade level.

Rhonda Jackson will now give updates for the Violence and injury Prevention Section.

Violence and Injury Prevention Section

STOP SV is a technical package created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to present a select group of strategies based on the best available evidence to help communities and states sharpen their focus on prevention activities with the greatest potential to reduce sexual violence (SV) and its consequences. The strategies represented in this package include those with a focus on preventing SV from happening in the first place as well as approaches to lessen the immediate and long-term harms of SV.

25 Providers

- Universities
- Behavioral health centers
- Rape crisis centers
- Treatment centers/hospitals
- Health departments
- Counties/government

Community mobilization

- Establish formal and informal partnerships
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- Specifically with CHD

Strategies Focus: Emphasis on community and societal-level strategies

- Create protective environments, provide opportunities
- Empower and support girls and women

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Meetings

- By participating in CHIP meetings, STOP SV providers elevate sexual violence and trafficking as local public health concerns.
- Identification of CHIP activities that support protective factors (safe environments, healthy green spaces) and reduce risk factors (community violence, social norms, weak policies) and other types of violence with the same shared factors can be addressed.

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Meetings

- Required participation by CHD staff per section 154.012 Florida Statutes. Local SARTs ensure a multi-disciplinary approach to sexual assault response.
- Connection to SARTs provides opportunity to strengthen relationships for screening, identification, treatment and referral systems for survivors.

New Objectives:

- By September 30, 2024, increase the number of county health departments implementing activities related to prevention of ACEs.
- By September 30, 2025, decrease the statewide number of Florida high school students who indicate they have experienced four or more ACEs from 21.4 percent (2022) to 21 percent (2025).
- Increase the number of evidence-based or informed violence prevention strategies implemented.
- By September 30, 2025, increase the number of sexual violence survivors accessing services from 9,339 (FY 2021-2022) to 11,000.

New Strategies:

- Increase safeguards to prevent and respond to violence.
- Expand partnership mobilization.
- Build strategies into SHIP based on shared protective factors.

Shannon Harp will now give updates for the Public Health Dental Program.

Public Health Dental Program

FY2022-2023 Objective 1: Community Information

- Between 10/2022 and 09/2023, the Public Health Dental Program (PHDP) will provide technical assistance (TA) and funding to partners in the promotion of water fluoridation and oral health to 30 of Florida's fluoridated and non-fluoridated community water systems in Florida.

Current Status: Completed

- The PHDP assisted local municipalities with the promotion and training of community water fluoridation.
- Resources were allocated to one community to maintain their fluoridated system.

FY 2022-2023 Objective 2: Community Water System (CWS) Management

- Between 10/2022 and 09/2023, the PHDP is reviewing 118 fluoridating community water systems in Florida for reporting compliance in accordance with Florida Administrative Code. The PHDP will also review a sample of the reports to validate the data

Current Status: Completed

- The PHDP monitored 100 percent of fluoridating community water systems.

- The CDC annually recognizes CWS providing optimal readings for communities to provide protective oral health benefits. This year the CDC recognized 52 CWS providing optimal readings.

Fluoridation Access in Florida

- In 2021, 78.2 percent of Floridians on community water systems have received optimally fluoridated water.
- In 2021, over 16 million residents lived in fluoridated water communities.

FY 2022-2023 Objective 3: Partnerships

- Between 10/2022 and 09/2023, the PHDP will provide TA, information or funding to five fluoridating and non-fluoridating communities that have expressed an interest in obtaining water fluoridation.

Current Status: Completed

- The PHDP provided TA on fluoridation funding and resources to four fluoridating and non-fluoridating public water systems that expressed an interest in obtaining funding for water fluoridation.
- The PHDP conducted a fluoridation survey for adjusted public water system to assess the feasibility of bringing new advancements in water fluoridation technology and gauge needs.
- The PHDP focused on direct support to help non-fluoridating communities initiate water fluoridation or start initiating fluoridation.

Public Health Dental 2023-2024 Workplan

Objective 1: Community Information

Strategy: The PHDP will provide educational resources and information on the benefits of community water fluoridation and fluoridation training to water operators. In addition, they will provide funding to communities requesting financial assistance to initiate fluoridation or upgrade their current system.

Goal: To fluoridate 100 percent of community water systems in Florida.

Activities:

Activity #1 – Information

Activity #2 – Fluoridation and Oral Health Knowledge and Awareness

Activity #3 – Maintain and Train Public Health Workforce

Objective 2: Community Water System Management

Strategy: The PHDP will provide technical assistance to water system owners that are reporting in the Florida Oral Health Surveillance System (FLOSS). This will improve data quality of the monthly operational reports data. The PHDP will assist non-optimal water system owners in improving their fluoride level.

Goal: To provide education and training to all public water systems in an effort to provide quality data and residents with optimally fluoridated water.

Activities:

Activity #1 – Water Fluoridation Monitoring

Activity #2 – Contract Manager Review

Activity #3 – Data Collection and Submission

Objective 3: Partnerships

Strategy: The PHDP will work with new partners to promote water fluoridation. Partners continue to promote fluoridation in various venues. This collaboration allows the PHDP to provide information, resources, and technical assistance on the cost to install equipment and the safety and process of adding fluoride to drinking water in Florida.

Goal: To increase the knowledge of community water fluoridation and access to optimal community water fluoridation.

Activities:

Activity #1 – Community Technical Assistance

Activity #2 – Fluoridation Feasibility Review

Tara Hylton will now give updates for the Healthy Communities of Florida Program.

Healthy Communities of Florida

New National Health Objective – Healthy People 2030

- PHI-05 - Increase the proportion of local jurisdictions that have a health improvement plan.

Program Goals

- By September 30, 2024, increase the number of county health departments that have identified chronic disease strategies and evidence-based interventions within their Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) from 0 to 67.
- Program Setting

Childcare center
Community based organization
Faith-based organization
Local health department
Medical or clinical site
Parks or playgrounds
School or school district
Senior residence or center
State health department
University or college
Work site

Healthy Communities of Florida Program Update

Healthy Communities of Florida Kick-Off held on September 20, 2023.

- Presented workplan
- Shared resources
- Reviewed deliverables and reporting

- Answered questions

Monthly workshops continuing

Technical assistance provided via Microsoft Teams, email, or phone.

FY23 Work Plan Priorities:

- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Awareness of Chronic Disease Prevention Programs
- Policy, System, Environmental Changes
- Worksite Wellness

FY 2023 - 2024 Florida's Healthy Communities Workplan		
Priority	Focus Area	Required Strategies
Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)	Integration of Chronic Disease Prevention Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become an active, participating, member of one or more CHA / CHIP committees. • Document progress towards inclusion of chronic disease (Alzheimer's, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Heart Disease, Obesity, Stroke) prevention strategies in your county's CHIP.
Awareness	Chronic Disease Prevention - Resource Linking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend trainings and workshops offered by central office to increase awareness of Chronic Disease Prevention Programs offered by Florida Department of Health • Share FDOH Chronic Disease Prevention Program resources with your partners and the local community as needed for the following programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma Coalition's Home Visiting Program • Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) • Diabetes Self-Management & Education Support (DSMES) Program • Disability and Health Program • Epilepsy Services Program / Epilepsy Medication Assistance Program • Heart Health Plus Program • Insulin Distribution Program • HCF Liaison will be tasked with coordinating with central office staff on health awareness and health messaging (i.e., local press releases or proclamations)
Policy, System, Environmental Changes (PSE)	Nutrition & Physical Activity: Early Child Care Education (ECE) Settings (Home based or center based) Or School Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become an active participant of your local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), or equivalent <p>SELECT 1 OF THE 3 STRATEGIES BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GO NAPSACC - Utilize the Go Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (Go NAPSACC) platform, to increase the number of modules completed. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance for a Healthier Generation - Have a representative from your school district set up an account on the webpage. • Complete the Thriving Schools Integrated Assessment-District Version: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Nutrition and Food Access (27 questions) • Bolstering Physical Education and Activity (20 questions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select 1 Action Item to address Physical Activity. • Select 1 Action Item to address Nutrition. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County/Local PSE or Promising Practice that addresses nutrition and physical activity in ECE or School settings (prior approval needed) • County/Local PSE or Promising Practice must be SMART ~ Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Reach, Time-bound
Policy, System, Environmental Changes (PSE)	Nutrition & Physical Activity in Community Settings	<p>SELECT 1 OF THE 2 STRATEGIES BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE-EH) - Utilize PACE-EH as a strategy to identify an issue in your community and incorporate this strategy into your county's CHA and/or CHIP. The identified issue should address food access and/or engagement in physical activity or the built environment. • For those who have completed the methodology up through Task 12, develop an action plan and submit to central office. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County/Local PSE or Promising Practice that addresses nutrition and physical activity in community settings (prior approval needed) • County/Local PSE or Promising Practice must be SMART ~ Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Reach, Time-bound
Worksite Wellness	CDC Scorecard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the CDC Scorecard for your county health department. <p><i>(This will serve as the baseline for identifying common areas to improve employee wellness across the state. Findings will be shared with Department of Management Services (DMS))</i></p>

That concludes the presentation portion of the meeting.

We will now open the floor for discussion and public comments.

Questions/Comments:

Discussion

Q: Arturo Lopez: There are terrible living conditions for farm workers (example water quality, pest control, garbage disposal). Florida Department of Health has discontinued inspecting housing conditions for health-related issues. Currently looking for funding in

Dade, Miami Dade and Collier County for obesity, diabetes, and stress prevention program for farm workers.

A: Tara Hylton: Will reach out by email to have a separate discussion. There may be an opportunity to have partners that can provide certain kinds of services

Important Dates

- **Final Federal Finance Report 12/31/23**
- **Annual Performance Progress Reporting 02/01/24**
- **Advisory Committee Meeting II- April 2024**

Tara gave a thank you to all the attendees who were present on today's call and dismissed the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 A.M. EST.
