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*Learning and innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow.--William Pollard*



Dear Community Partner,  
 Progress does not occur in an intellectual vacuum. Effecting transformational change requires the ability to learn from the past, look to the future, and step beyond the confines of what is currently familiar. I have been fortunate to participate in several extraordinary programs facilitated by some of the leading minds in health, policy, and business. I treasure the opportunity to learn from those pioneering new paths in their fields, gaining a larger perspective and confidence for effective results. In their own time, Polio and Civil Rights were daunting challenges, but great minds and passions prevailed. Our current era possesses its own obstacles, such as exorbitant healthcare costs, high unemployment rates, increasing numbers of individuals who are uninsured and underinsured, and an abundance of chronic conditions.

As President of the Health Council, my travels illustrate a commitment to enhance the exposure of our community at the state and national levels, sharing our local challenges and successes. In doing so, I have had the opportunity to bring recognized best practices from across the country that have the potential of being implemented locally. During this quarter, I had the honor of attending the Blue Ridge Institute Conference, a program with 84 years of

professional enrichment for community service executives in the southern U.S. I also attended the National Association of Free Clinic's Annual Summit which provided an excellent opportunity to network with other free clinic associations across the nation, sharing best practices and innovative approaches to cost-effective healthcare. Additionally, I had the privilege of attending the Independent Sector Conference in Chicago; established in 1980, this organization offers sector leaders opportunities for development, collaboration on key issues, and a forum to share effective strategies. Looking to next year, I am thrilled and greatly appreciative that the Miami Foundation has provided me with an opportunity to participate in the 2012 Harvard Kennedy School's Executive Education program. This program utilizes the Harvard case study method to examine leadership challenges faced by individuals and organizations, and to consider how to apply those lessons to present-day professional situations.

I strongly believe the insights, networks, and resources obtained through these programs illuminate and magnify answers that, perhaps, otherwise would be overlooked. I hope to continue on this journey of life-long learning, and I pledge to maximize these opportunities by sharing the knowledge, experiences, and lessons learned of others, with my fellow community partners and local leaders. In order for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties to transcend the current sense of deprivation, we must perpetuate receptive engagement to take full advantage of available resources, bridge existing silos, and support collaborative networks to foster innovation.

Best Regards,

Marisel Losa, MHSA  
President & Chief Executive Officer



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## STATE OF FLORIDA HIGHLIGHTS

### THE LEVY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### **Levy Report**

#### **News From the State's Capital**

By: Robert Levy

Robert M. Levy & Associates

#### **Political Issues**

On July 28, Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of three new agency heads. Cynthia Lorenzo, who has been serving as the interim director for the Agency for Workforce Innovation, will become the director. She has been with the agency for five years. Mike Hansen, who was most recently staff director for the Florida Senate Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, has been appointed the head of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Doug Darling, who has recently served as deputy chief of staff and director of cabinet affairs for the Governor's Office, has been appointed head of the new Department of Economic Opportunity.

#### **State Budget**

A new forecast released by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research shows that the state may have enough money next year to meet its needs for public schools and Medicaid and also set aside \$1 billion in reserves. This is a dramatic turnaround from last year's \$4 billion shortfall. Some economists note that the next estimate will likely show a downturn because of recent economic woes.

In other budget news, the Florida Government Efficiency Task Force held its first meeting via conference call. The group is mandated by the State Constitution to meet every four years. The group is working on a series of recommendations that would trim the state budget by \$3 billion. The group met face-to-face September 19, the first in a series of meetings that will culminate with a report to the governor and Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court in time for the 2012 Legislative Session.

Meanwhile, a new study released by the University of Florida shows that consumer confidence in Florida has dropped to near record lows, leading to fears that the state is headed back into a recession. The survey tracks overall consumer confidence, asking respondents to rate their personal financial situations now as opposed to a year ago, and what they expect their economic condition to be a year from now. It also asks respondents what they expect overall economic conditions to be in one year, in five years, and whether they think now is a good time to buy major household items. The study shows a sharp drop in confidence among women and seniors.

## Legislative Issues Highlights

- The Department of Economic Opportunity Transition Report
- Citizens Insurance Rates
- Florida Supreme Court Opines on Governor Scott's Rulemaking
- Legislative Calendar
- Department of Elder Affairs
- Department of Economic Opportunity Joint Progress Report

[Click here](#) to download the full Levy Legislative Update with specific reform details.

For additional information concerning legislative healthcare issues, please contact Bob Levy from Robert M. Levy & Associates, offices in Tallahassee at (850) 681-0254 and in Miami at (305) 758-1194.

## AIDS INSURANCE CONTINUATION PROGRAM (AICP)



The AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP) is a Department of Health program for Floridians who are HIV-positive (symptomatic or AIDS), and need help paying their health insurance premiums, deductibles, and co-payments. The program is funded by Florida's Department of Health through the Ryan White Program (53%) and the state of Florida General Revenue (43%).

AICP and Client Savings			
	Program Outlays	Value of Care Purchased	GVAR
2008	\$9,605,221	\$43,941,919	\$4.57
2009	\$11,253,467	\$51,832,383	\$4.61
2010	\$10,815,032	\$61,537,532	\$5.69
Totals*	\$81,337,227	\$452,869,994	\$5.57
*Totals are cumulative for the period 1999-2010			

Administered by the Health Council of South Florida, AICP purchased more than \$61 million in private health care services through program outlays of \$10.8 million for 2,662 clients in 2010. Costs per client averaged \$468 per month under AICP compared to \$1,899 per month under the Medicaid Program. Over the past twelve years, AICP obtained over \$5 in private medical goods and services for every dollar expended.

#### **Enhanced Comprehensive HIV Prevention Planning (ECHPP) Grant**

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Miami-Dade County was selected as a grantee of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) one year demonstration project, the Enhanced Comprehensive HIV Prevention Planning Grant for Metropolitan Statistical Areas most affected by HIV/AIDS (ECHPP). ECHPP aims to maximize the impact of HIV prevention, care, and treatment in 12 cities that have the highest AIDS prevalence in the United States. The project directly supports the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS).

The Health Council of South Florida, Inc. (HCSF) is charged with the responsibility of writing and developing the ECHPP for Miami-Dade County as well as providing ongoing technical assistance to the ECHPP partners. On July 8th, the HCSF and the Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) Office of HIV/AIDS participated in the South Florida Symposium on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. More than 100 stakeholders joined the symposium held at the Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus. Participants included representatives from the CDC and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in addition to community and faith-based organizations from South Florida. The HCSF and the MDCHD discussed the

Miami-Dade ECHPP developed earlier this year, with the support from the CDC, to maximize the impact of HIV prevention activities in Miami-Dade County. Kira Villamizar, HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, MDCHD, Office of HIV/AIDS and Robert C. Sandrock, HIV/AIDS Division Senior Manager/AICP Director, discussed how the plan was developed and what initiatives were planned to be launched for specific populations as they worked to implement the plan in the coming months.

The Year-End ECHPP Update took place at the Hotel InterContinental Miami on September 23rd. The meeting included presentations by the CDC, The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, and the MDCHD regarding the implementation of ECHPP in Miami-Dade County. Approximately 85 community stakeholders, providers, and consumers attended the event. The community overall was enthusiastic and committed to the success of the ECHPP project. Year two of the ECHPP is expected to begin during the month of October.



For additional information on AICP or ECHPP, please contact Robert Sandrock, HIV/AIDS Division Senior Manager/AICP Director, at 305-592-1452, ext. 111 or via email at [rsandrock@healthcouncil.org](mailto:rsandrock@healthcouncil.org).



**Florida Association of Free Clinics**  
To Connect • To Care • To Educate • To Serve

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**Regular Rates End November 18th**

**FAFC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference:**  
*"Navigating the Winds of Change"*  
**December 1-2, 2011**

*Marriott Suites Clearwater Beach on Sand Key*  
**Clearwater, FL**

Registration is open! Please visit [www.flafc.org/events](http://www.flafc.org/events) or contact Manie Douangara at 305-592-1452 ext. 120 or via email [manie@healthcouncil.org](mailto:manie@healthcouncil.org) for additional event details and sponsorship opportunities.

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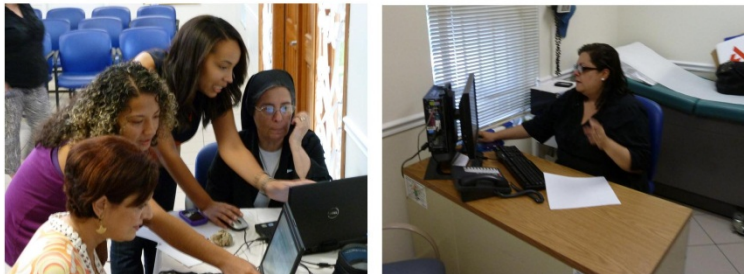
The Florida Association of Free Clinics (FAFC) continues to serve as a cohesive organization to provide support to Florida's free clinics. FAFC is proud to host the 2nd Annual Conference, "Navigating the Winds of Change", which will be held Thursday and Friday, December 1-2, 2011, at the Marriott Suites Clearwater Beach on Sand Key in Clearwater, FL. This event is intended for free clinic directors, staff, volunteers, board members, physicians, physician assistants, family nurse practitioners, nurses, other healthcare professionals, pharmaceutical representatives, funders, elected officials, community-based organizations, and anyone who supports free clinics. For registration or sponsorship interests, please [click here](#).

Conference registration is now open with discounted rates for members. If you are not yet a member, visit the website at [www.flafc.org/general-information/](http://www.flafc.org/general-information/) for more information about membership categories and the application process. Please note that the membership fee is currently waived, seize the opportunity to become a member today.

In an effort to bring health information technology to free

clinics in Florida, FAFC is working with Transformations at the Edge (TATE) on several initiatives. The Way Free Clinic in Green Cove Springs, led by Executive Director Christy Fitzgerald, was the first site to start implementing electronic health records (EHR) through this project. At this time, there are five free clinics implementing EHRs through the TATE/FAFC program and 4 free clinics are planning to start implementing shortly. The program is now open to all FAFC member clinics; please [click here](#) to learn more about the project.

TATE and FAFC collaborated on the donation and installation of 6 desktop computers for St. John Bosco (SJB) Clinic. Tom Gomez, Founder & CEO of TATE, was instrumental in coordinating the effort and subsequent installation of EHRs for the clinic. The following photos show SJB volunteers transferring files to the new computers.



For additional information please visit FAFC's website at [www.flafc.org](http://www.flafc.org) or contact Manivone Douangdara, M.P.H., Community Health Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 120 or via email at [manie@healthcouncil.org](mailto:manie@healthcouncil.org).



Miami Matters

### Measuring what matters in Miami-Dade County

Miami Matters will feature some exciting new updates in the coming weeks. A new "Demographics" tab will be added to the left-hand navigation bar, including Claritas-Nielsen population and social data, available to the zip code level. In addition, age-adjusted 2010 Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) hospitalization and emergency room utilization indicators will soon be available. Please visit [www.miamidadematters.org](http://www.miamidadematters.org) to learn more about these and other exciting community initiatives.

We are proud to announce that three Community Pages and Monroe County data are now live on Miami Matters:

- Childhood Obesity Prevention in Opa-Locka: [www.miamidadematters.org/opa-locka](http://www.miamidadematters.org/opa-locka)
- Communities Putting Prevention to Work: [www.miamidadematters.org/cppw](http://www.miamidadematters.org/cppw)
- Community Based Organization Network: [www.miamidadematters.org/cbo](http://www.miamidadematters.org/cbo)
- Monroe County Demographics: [www.miamidadematters.org/MonroeDemographics](http://www.miamidadematters.org/MonroeDemographics)

A proposal has been submitted to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Florida's Embrace a Healthy Florida Initiative for support of a fourth Community Page: Hialeah Healthy Families Childhood Obesity Prevention project.

The purpose of Community Pages is to facilitate and promote information-sharing and collaboration among project members and stakeholders.

Another online data tool available by subscription only, the Florida Health Data Warehouse, will soon be offered to area hospitals, providing unparalleled access to hospital

utilization data and Prevention Quality Indicator (PQI) data for all Florida counties. This web-based data warehouse and analytic engine is found at <http://healthdata.brhpc.org/> and provided in partnership with the Broward Regional Health Planning Council. It includes the following query modules:

- Medical Facilities Utilization Reporting System for Hospital and Nursing Home Utilization Data tracking admissions and patient days by payer source delivered to AHCA on a quarterly basis
- Health Indicators: PQI, PDI, Chronic Conditions, Self-inflicted Injuries, and ER Admissions
- Medical Services/DRGs Database

This information can be a valuable tool to/for:

- Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) planning initiatives
- Set increased access and quality benchmarks
- Identify areas for quality improvement
- Establish healthcare system delivery policies
- Develop programs to address need

We will also soon offer area hospitals Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) services, including the Affordable Care Act and Internal Revenue Service-mandated CHNA report featuring a combination of Miami Matters community data points and data derived from the Florida Health Data Warehouse. With over ten years of experience in conducting District Health Profiles, the Health Council of South Florida is the ideal partner for hospitals in conducting CHNAs. Hospitals subscribing to the Florida Health Data Warehouse will receive a discount on the total cost of their Community Health Needs Assessment.

For additional information on the Florida Health Data Warehouse, Community Health Needs Assessment, and/or the Miami Matters project, contact Julie Zaharatos, Senior Community Health Specialist, at 305-592-1452, ext. 119 or by email at [jzaharatos@healthcouncil.org](mailto:jzaharatos@healthcouncil.org).

For Miami Matters sponsorship benefits and opportunities, please [click here](#) to visit our online sponsorship form.



The Council continues to work with the Miami-Dade County Health Department and the Consortium as evaluator for the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant. The Council produced the second evaluation report on the grant, which highlights key findings to date, and presented the report at the CPPW Showcase, which took place on September 30, 2011. The Miami Matters CPPW Community Page is currently being updated and can be found at [www.miamidadematters.org/CPPW](http://www.miamidadematters.org/CPPW). The Council completed data entry of the Miami Dade Public Schools' fitness data and is currently analyzing the data to report to the community. In addition, the HCSF is currently conducting observational and process assessments of the active transportation, urban design manual revisions, and school nutrition policies.

The following photos illustrate the implementation of shared lanes and bike racks. These changes serve to improve the built environment as part of the active transportation element of CPPW geared towards increasing cycling in the City of Miami and North Miami.



For additional information, regarding the Consortium for a Healthier Miami Dade, please contact Shelley-Anne Glasgow-Wilson, M.B.A., Senior Planning & Evaluation Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 107 or via email at [sglasgow@healthcouncil.org](mailto:sglasgow@healthcouncil.org).

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS CONSORTIUM (MDCHPC)



The Miami-Dade County Hospital Preparedness Consortium (MDCHPC / Consortium) kicked off its fifth year at a full Consortium meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. The Health Council of South Florida will continue to contract with the Miami-Dade County Health Department to facilitate Hospital Preparedness Consortium leadership, activities, elections, newsletters, documents, meetings, staff, and subcommittees in the coming year.

The Miami Dade County Hospital Preparedness Consortium is searching for new committee chairs for 2012. Committees meet six times per annum and provide MDCHPC the following for better hospital emergency preparedness planning:

- Expertise and diverse viewpoints
- Recommendations to control utilization of scarce hospital resources or reduce risk
- Guidelines, standards and best practices
- Testing and implementation of the MDCHPC Strategic Plan

### Steering Committee

By providing guidance and assistance to the MDCHPC, the Steering Committee ensures that the MDCHPC projects align with the MDCHPC goals and objectives. In addition, the Steering Committee reviews gaps, successes, and barriers to generate ideas and provide strategic guidance

to support Consortium activities. Similarly, the Steering Committee guides and recommends priorities for the Consortium.

#### **Clinical and Ethical Issues Committee**

This committee provides a forum to examine and debate ethical and legal issues arising in the care of hospital patients during all-hazards events. The Committee focuses on the ethics of clinical practice and emergency preparedness; specifically, the evaluation of policies, education of hospital personnel, and possibly case consultations in the event of an emergency. The Committee facilitates sharing of best practices on clinical and ethical issues within the Consortium. It is not involved in medical research ethics.

#### **Exercise Planning Committee**

The Exercise Planning Committee focuses on the logistics, planning, and financing of emergency preparedness, such as table top exercises, pharmaceutical, and equipment stockpiling. The Committee also facilitates assessment of countywide response exercise needs.

To learn more about the MDCHPC, please visit [www.mdchospitals.org](http://www.mdchospitals.org).

To attend meetings please contact Julie Zaharatos, M.P.H., Senior Community Health Specialist, at 305-592-1452, ext. 119 or by email at [jzaharatos@healthcouncil.org](mailto:jzaharatos@healthcouncil.org).

### **MIAMI-DADE HEALTH ACTION NETWORK (MD-HAN)**



We are excited to inform you that the MD-HAN is currently realigning itself to become a robust and vibrant network, representing the voice of the Miami-Dade County safety-net. The MD-HAN recently hosted its Network Symposium, on October 20th, 2011. The Symposium featured speakers Lillian Rivera, Administrator, Miami-Dade County Health Department; Robert Foster, Office of External Affairs, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services; Rhea Gray, Field Office Manager, Agency for Health Care Administration among others. The event was well attended and served to strengthen the Network's membership.

The MD-HAN conducted its First Annual Community Health Worker & Patient Navigator Symposium on November 9th,

2011. The event served to inform community health workers, patient navigators, promotoras/es, madrinas, padrinos, outreach workers, and health advocates of the resources and platform offered by MD-HAN's Community Health Worker/Patient Navigator Sub-committee to enhance service delivery.

While an enhanced MD-HAN webpage is under construction, information about the network can be found on the HCSF website by visiting the following link [www.healthcouncil.org/MDHANhome.asp](http://www.healthcouncil.org/MDHANhome.asp). Current content includes a description of membership benefits and membership form, group accomplishments, contact information, and background information regarding the Network. We invite you to join us in envisioning and realizing an integrated safety-net that cooperatively maximizes its resources to provide care and leverage policy.

Become a member today by completing a brief application form, [click here](#). Member benefits include:

- Resource leverage for optimal impact
- Networking opportunities
- Collaborative funding applications
- Sharing of best practices
- Dissemination of available trainings
- Countywide advocacy efforts
- Informative quarterly newsletters
- Partner listing
- Participation in quarterly meetings
- Notification of funding and other resources

To learn more and/or participate in the MD-HAN bimonthly Network meetings, please contact Jersey Garcia, M.P.H., C.H.E.S., Senior Community Health Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 106 or via email at [jgarcia@healthcouncil.org](mailto:jgarcia@healthcouncil.org).

## OFFICE OF COUNTYWIDE HEALTHCARE PLANNING (OCHP)

The Health Council of South Florida continues to work with OCHP on improving Miami Matters and facilitating community-based organization data collection in Miami-

Dade. The Council has significantly improved the number and quality of maps displaying health outcomes and social determinants available on Miami Matters. The Community-Based Organization Data Groups are being surveyed to assess the types of data collected and the reporting relationships to different lines of funding. The objective of the survey is to determine common indicators being tracked or that could be tracked at the community level.

For further information please contact Shelley-Anne Glasgow-Wilson, M.B.A., Senior Planning & Evaluation Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 107 or via email at [sglasgow@healthcouncil.org](mailto:sglasgow@healthcouncil.org).

## MONROE COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

### MONROE COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (LCB)

The first quarterly meeting of the Monroe County Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged for the 2011-2012 year took place on September 16th, 2011, at the Marathon Government Center. The Local Coordinating Board (LCB) reviewed and approved its bylaws and revised grievance procedures, which now include the process for filing Medicaid Transportation Grievances. Mr. Pete Worthington was reelected to the post of vice-chair for the second consecutive year. The LCB public hearing to review the 2011 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan will take place in November. In an effort to address major issues of access to health care in Monroe County, the LCB will be partnering with the HCSF to host ongoing discussions.



The HCSF attended the 19th Annual Training Conference in Daytona Beach, FL from August 8-11, 2011 hosted by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD). Key legislative updates at the conference included the

imminent loss of Medicaid Transportation Services to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinated System, which the Legislature moved to the Managed Care system beginning in 2014. Moving forward the CTD is advocating for the release of \$5 million of designated TD funds in the next legislative period.

We are proud to announce that Miami Matters users can now find information on both Miami-Dade and Monroe County at the zip code level in the following areas by visiting

<http://www.miamidadematters.org/MonroeDemographics>.

- 2011 Base Counts
- 2011 Population by Sex and Ethnicity
- 2011 Population by Single Race and Sex
- 2011 Pop by Ethnicity and Single Race
- 2011 Population by Age
- 2011 Population by Sex and Age
- 2011 Pop 5+ by Language Spoken at Home
- 2011 Pop 15+ by Sex, Marital Status
- 2011 Owner-Occupied Housing Units by Value
- 2011 Households by Number of People in Household
- 2011 Households by Presence of People Under 18
- 2011 Occupied Housing Units by Year Householder Moved In
- 2011 Occupied Housing Units by Vehicles Available
- 2011 Households by Household Income
- 2011 Households by Race and Household Income
- 2011 Households by Ethnicity and Household Income
- 2011 Families by Poverty Status
- 2011 Population by Sex and Educational Attainment
- 2011 Population Age 16+ by Employment Status
- 2011 Workers by Means of Transportation to Work
- 2011 Workers by Travel Time to Work
- 2011 Employed Civilian 16+ Population by Industry
- 2011 Employed Civilian 16+ Population by Occupation

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## HEALTH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### POLICY PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)

After a brief summer hiatus, the Policy, Planning & Advisory Committee (PPAC) reconvened to discuss policy recommendations for inclusion in the 2012 HCSF Legislative Agenda. As part of the meeting agenda, Robert Levy, legislative consultant for the HCSF, provided an overview of the policy issues currently affecting the state. Mr. Levy also offered insight and recommendations to enhance the committee's efforts in preparation for the upcoming legislative session. PPAC has identified and analyzed key priorities affecting Miami-Dade and Monroe counties in alignment with other community-based organizations. The 2011-2012 Legislative Agenda will be submitted to the HCSF Board of Directors for approval during the upcoming HCSF Board of Directors Retreat.

PPAC would also like to welcome its newest members: Reverend Michael Daily, President & CEO of the Good New Care Center and Associate Director of Church and Community Ministries of the Miami Baptist Association and member of the Florida Association of Free Clinics Executive Committee; Lorna Escoffery, PhD, President of Escoffery Consulting Collaborative, Inc.; and Liana C. Mentor, Assistant Director of Programs, Office of Academic Enhancement, Pearson Residential College at the University of Miami.

For further information please contact Vanessa Rodriguez, Director of Advocacy & External Affairs, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 118 or via email at [vrodriquez@healthcouncil.org](mailto:vrodriquez@healthcouncil.org).

### ETHICS COMMITTEE

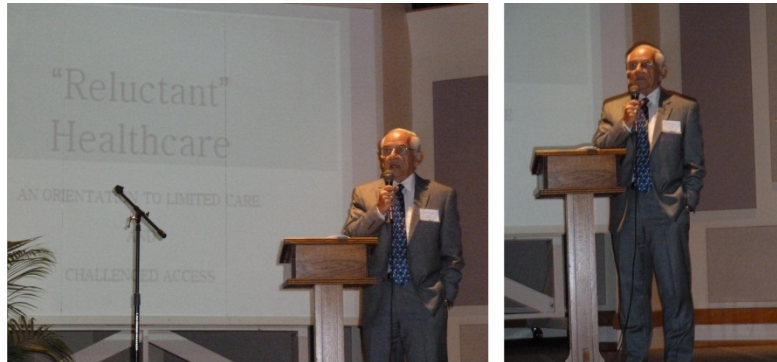
The Ethics Committee is working diligently on drafting a white paper that addresses the importance of preserving Miami-Dade's safety-net. This white paper aims to discuss the community-wide repercussions and the potential, unintended consequences of weakening the safety-net, while highlighting the ethical obligations to maintain and strengthen this public healthcare system.

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## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH CONVOCATION

This year marked the VI Congregational Health Convocation 2011, held Monday, August 29th, 2011. This year's theme was "The Ethics of Healthcare: Who's left out." Health Council of South Florida Policy Planning and Advisory Committee Chair, David Saltman, LCSW was the keynote speaker.



The Congregational Health Convocation is held annually to recognize and celebrate Congregational Health (CH) Partners for their accomplishments in their respective health ministries. Congregational Health is a faith-health partnership with Baptist Health South Florida with over 150+ congregations of all faiths who have joined the network since 1997.

## RECOGNITION AT THE LATINO HEALTH MAGAZINE WEBSITE LAUNCH

Marisel Losa, MHSA, President & CEO of the Health Council of South Florida (HCSF), was recently recognized during the Latino Health Magazine website launch reception at the Westin Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida. Ms. Losa was

noted as a healthcare leader for her work towards reducing healthcare disparities, and improving access to care.



## UPCOMING EVENTS\*

### **FAFC 2nd Annual Conference**

December 1 & 2, 2011

Clearwater, FL

Details will be available soon at [www.flafc.org](http://www.flafc.org)

### **MDCHPC Clinical and Ethical Issues Meeting**

December 7, 2011 [2:30pm-4:00pm]

1200 NW 78th Ave

Doral, FL 33126

### **Monroe County Local Coordinating Board**

December 9, 2011 [11:00am-12:30pm]

Marathon Government Center

2798 Overseas Highway

Marathon, FL 33050

### **MDCHPC Exercise Committee Meeting**

December 14, 2011 [2:30pm-4:00pm]

1200 NW 78th Ave

Doral, FL 33126

**\*Event dates subject to change**

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