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"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

-Andrew Carnegie



Dear Community Partners,

As the Health Council of South Florida (HCSF) concludes the first fiscal quarter of 2010-2011, I am pleased to bring you news of success and continued optimism. This last quarter established the leadership of incoming HCSF Board Chair Jose Perdomo, MHSA, JD, Vice President of Ambulatory Services and Associate General Counsel at Miami Children's Hospital. Mr. Perdomo's years of experience in health care and serving the community are valued assets to the Council's continued growth. In the coming months, several new opportunities will be coming to fruition due to the hard work and determination of our team and partners in the community.

During our first quarter, the Health Council hosted its first Summer Social, a fundraiser benefiting HCSF's Annual


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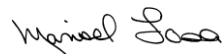
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Scholarship Fund to address the shortage of health care professionals in our community. The event was a tremendous success due to the support of our community partners, local businesses and sponsors.

Our effectiveness in the community is directly correlated to the communication and participation that we share with our partners and stakeholders. I invite you to explore collaborative opportunities with the Health Council as our staff possesses a wealth of talent and experience to share.

Best Regards,



Marisel Losa, MHSA
President & Chief Executive Officer
Health Council of South Florida

STATE OF FLORIDA HIGHLIGHTS

THE LEVY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

State of the State

by Robert M. Levy, Legislative Consultant to HCSF

Health Care Reform - DC Style

by Robert M. Levy, Legislative Consultant to HCSF

Call it Obamacare, relief, the light at the end of the tunnel, depending on what you stand to gain, lose, or your political affiliation it's a hot subject of debate. But one thing is clear - it's here - whether it's here to stay or not is subject to debate, possible court decisions, the November elections, among other things. Sometimes lost in the partisan clamor about the new health care law is the profound relief it is expected to bring to hundreds of thousands of Americans who have been stricken first by disease and then by a Darwinian insurance system.

This month, the six-month anniversary of the signing of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, a number of its most central consumer protections take effect, just in time for the midterm elections. Starting now.

insurance companies will no longer be permitted to exclude children because of pre-existing health conditions, which the White House said could enable 72,000 uninsured to gain coverage. Insurers also will be prohibited from imposing lifetime limits on benefits. Florida laws will have to be amended to conform with these provisions, e.g. we permit lifetime limits specifically in statute.

To read the full report, please [click here](#).

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

AIDS INSURANCE CONTINUATION PROGRAM (AICP)



The 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 (51%) and the State of Florida General Revenue (49%).

AICP Program and Client Savings			
	Program Outlays	Value of Care Purchased	GVAR
2007	\$8,267,889	\$41,291,841	\$4.99
2008	\$9,605,221	\$43,941,919	\$4.57
2009	\$11,253,467	\$51,832,383	\$4.61
Totals*	\$70,522,195	\$391,332,462	\$5.55
*Totals are cumulative for the period 1999-2011			

Administered by the Health Council of South Florida, AICP purchased more than \$51 million in private health care services through program outlays of \$11 million for 3,024 clients in 2009. Costs per client average \$463 per month compared to \$1,747 per month under the Medicaid Program. Over the past twelve years, AICP obtained over \$5 in private medical care goods and services for every

dollar expended.

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

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE CLINICS (FAFC)



The Florida Association of Free Clinics (FAFC) continues to serve as a cohesive organization providing support to Florida's Free Clinics. Based on its first strategic planning meeting held in June of this year, FAFC's Executive Committee has met and finalized FAFC's strategic plan for 2010-2012.

FAFC has partnered with Steede Medical and AmeriCares to offer discounted and donated resources to FAFC's membership. The current resources include donated or discounted medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, and/or medical supplies. FAFC continues to seek potential partners and strategic alliances as the statewide footprint of FAFC expands.

FAFC's web portal is currently under development. The portal will serve as a centralized place for members to facilitate communication between each other, share best practices, identify resources and communicate on the issues that impact their organizations and patients they serve. The web portal is expected to launch in winter 2010 with a statewide reach. After the launch, FAFC will continue to distribute its quarterly newsletters to members and interested parties at the local and state levels.

We invite you to visit the informative FAFC webpage on the HCSF's website, which can be accessed at www.healthcouncil.org/freeclinics.asp. Please browse through FAFC's newsletter archives. news. publications.

free clinic related links, special offers, grant opportunities, and membership information and application.

For additional information please contact Manivone Douangdara, Community Health Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 120 or via email at manie@healthcouncil.org

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

MIAMI MATTERS INITIATIVE



The community's awareness and interest in Miami Matters continues to grow. During the months of May through September 2010, the site has had over 3,500 unique visitors, roughly 6,500 visits and more than 21,500 individual pages viewed. The Health Council is exploring enhancements to the site including additional data, GIS/mapping functions, inclusion of policy data and creation of community intervention pages. As a member of the community we encourage you to visit the site www.MiamiDadeMatters.com and submit your feedback.

In an effort to improve the functionality, and social impact of Miami Matters, HCSF will be implementing a user survey in the near future. In the meantime, we are seeking powerful testimonials from the community. Please inform us on how Miami Matters played a role for you or your organization with regards to grant writing, research, legislation, business planning, or community activism, and the benefit that resulted. Your feedback and promotion of the site to other organizations and individuals in Miami-Dade County is greatly appreciated.

For additional information regarding data and indicators, please contact Shelley Glasgow-Wilson, Senior Community Health Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 107 or via email at sglasgow@healthcouncil.org

To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Vanessa Rodriguez, Community Health & Advocacy Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 118 or via email at vrodriguez@healthcouncil.org.

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE



The Health Council continues to work with the Miami-Dade County Health Department and the Consortium as evaluator for the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant. The Council is currently forming an Evaluation Advisory Group to ensure stakeholder participation and consensus on the direction of the evaluation, and to identify key focus areas for further study.

The Health Council recently facilitated the strategic planning process for the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade and finalized the strategic plan for 2010-2015, which will be approved at the Executive Committee meeting for October 2010.

For additional information, please contact Shelley Glasgow-Wilson, Senior Community Health Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 107 or via email at sglasgow@healthcouncil.org

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS CONSORTIUM (MDCHPC)



In commemoration of National Preparedness Month this September, the Miami-Dade County Hospital Preparedness Consortium (MDCHPC) began preparation for MDCHPC's annual countywide preparedness exercise. MDCHPC and the Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) are

working collaboratively to plan the regional full-scale exercise for November 2011. This exercise will consist of a series of tabletop events that will lead up to a main event. The objective of this exercise is to test regional collaborations utilizing the target capabilities list.

To learn more about the MDCHPC, please visit <http://www.mdchospitals.org>. To RSVP to meetings please contact Jersey Garcia, Senior Community Health Specialist at 305-592-1452, ext. 106 or via email at jgarcia@healthcouncil.org.

MIAMI-DADE HEALTH ACTION NETWORK (MD-HAN)



After more than two years of promoting successful alliances among the safety-net in Miami-Dade County, MD-HAN is ready for revitalization. In the month of October, HCSF will be facilitating a strategic planning session for the Miami-Dade Health Action Network (MD-HAN). During the session, MD-HAN Steering Committee members will work together to identify strategic objectives and propose outcomes that fall in alignment with the Networks' overall mission. Engaging MD-HAN's membership in the development of this plan will ensure the inclusion of timely and measurable results that will promote the long term sustainability and effectiveness of MD-HAN. This strategic session will focus on building upon past successes and moving forward with fresh innovations, as the essential components for improving access to health and social services for the underserved population of Miami-Dade County.

To learn more and/or participate in MD-HAN bimonthly Network meetings, please contact Jersey Garcia, Senior Community Health Specialist at (305) 592-1452, ext. 106 or via email at jgarcia@healthcouncil.org.

MONROE COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

MONROE COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (LCB)

The Monroe County Local Coordinating Board has a new Vice-Chairman, Mr. Pete Worthington, City of Marathon County Commissioner and long-standing LCB member was voted into the post on September 17, 2010.

The LCB will be undertaking the revision of its strategic plan at the next quarterly meeting. The 2007-2010 plan expires in December.

The annual operating report for 2009-2010 for the Monroe County Transportation Disadvantaged program revealed a 35% increase in unduplicated riders with approximately 700 more riders than in the previous year, indicative of a higher level of need in the county. The Coordinated System provided a total of 107,517 trips up from 104,587 in the previous year. The majority of trips were for medical purposes and no trips were denied during the last fiscal year.

For further information please contact Shelley-Anne Glasgow-Wilson, Senior Community Health Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 107 or via email at sglasgow@healthcouncil.org.

HEALTH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

POLICY, PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)

Keeping in line with its mission, the Policy, Planning and Advisory Committee recently convened a Task Force to analyze the issue of Medicaid Reform and its potential effects on Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Based on his initial recommendation to consider this matter closely, Robert Levy, Legislative Consultant for HCSF, provided the Task Force with an introduction to the topic and suggestions on how to prepare for the upcoming legislative session. Honorable Rene Garcia, former State Representative, also spoke regarding his past experience in this specific area of focus. Additional experts on this topic, such as Laura Goodhue, Executive Director of Florida Chain, and Judy Rosenbaum, Public Health Trust member and former AHCA Field Office Manager for Miami-Dade County played an active role in presenting

information to the Task Force members and weighing in on the discussion of Medicaid Reform.

The group identified areas that have proven to be successful and analyzed the weaknesses within the pilots implemented in other parts of the state. The policy recommendations from this group will be presented to HCSF's PPAC and Ethics Committee members; then submitted to the HCSF Board of Directors for approval and possible inclusion in the 2010-2011 legislative agenda.

For further information please contact Vanessa Rodriguez, Community Health & Advocacy Specialist, at (305) 592-1452, ext. 118 or via email at vrodriguez@healthcouncil.org.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Ethics Committee reconvened in September to learn that the HCSF Board of Directors approved the ethics statement, they so diligently drafted, to address the moral obligation to work collaboratively to improve the health status of our community. The statement will be included in the Health Council's 2011 Legislative Packet. We invite other community partners to use the statement as a resource to reinforce their efforts of enhancing services to improve the health and quality of life for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties' residents. To read the HCSF's ethics statement, please [click here](#).

The Ethics Committee recently worked in collaboration with HCSF's Policy, Planning and Advisory Committee (PPAC) to draft their ethical perspective, responding to the identified issues of concern regarding Medicaid Reform that will be presented to the Board of Directors. Both the PPAC and the Ethics committees plan to increase their joint efforts as they provide insight and guidance for HCSF projects.

For additional information please contact Vanessa Rodriguez, Community Health & Advocacy Specialist, at (305) 592-1452 ext. 118 or via email at vrodriguez@healthcouncil.org.

HCSF SUMMER SOCIAL

The Health Council of South Florida hosted its Summer Social on Friday, August 27th, 2010, at the Rodezart.com Gallery. The venue, an art gallery located on the 2nd floor of CocoWalk in Coconut Grove, was graciously provided by artist George Rodez and Manny Sanchez. The Summer Social served as a fundraiser for the Health Council of South Florida's Scholarship Fund, established to address the health care professional shortage in Miami-Dade.

Patrons of the fundraiser enjoyed refreshments sponsored by Barefoot Wine & Bubbly and ICO U GO Productions-Aguila Beer. The following sponsors were recognized for their contributions to the event: CocoWalk, Mayfair Hotel and Spa, Key Largo Grande Resort, Fleming's Restaurant, Chili's CocoWalk, Jaguar Restaurant, The Cheesecake Factory, Doraku Sushi, Paragon Theater, and Dream Water. Summer Social attendees received prizes throughout the evening, such as hotel stays, spa services and dinner certificates donated by sponsors. The evening concluded with a silent auction of "Flowers with Wine and Fruit" the featured artwork by George Rodez.



To view more photos from the event, please [click here](#).

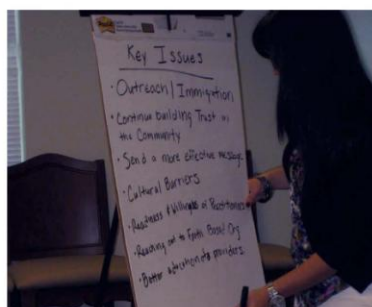
2010 INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION SUMMIT

In preparing for the upcoming flu season, the Health Council of South Florida hosted the 2010 Influenza Immunization Summit in partnership with the National Association of Hispanic Nurses Broward Chapter. The event was held Friday, September 24, 2010, at the Blue Cross Blue Shield Conference Room 8400 NW 33 Street, Miami, FL 33122.

The speakers presenting at the Summit included: Pablo Marcell-Laufer, MD, FAAP of Miami Children's Hospital; Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH. Miami-Dade County Health

Department; Jeffrey P. Brosco, MD, PhD, University of Miami. The afternoon concluded with a brainstorming session of recommendations to improve immunization rates, lead by Shelley Glasgow-Wilson from HCSF. Attendees of the summit shared experiences, challenges, and best practices stemming from their various backgrounds and healthcare disciplines.

This Summit aimed to raise the level of awareness of Influenza in South Florida, thereby increasing immunization rates in the community through enhanced education, access, and engagement of local leadership. The Summit was made possible through a grant funded by Medimmune.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MDCHPC Clinical and Ethical Issues Committee Meeting
October 13, 2010 [2:30-4:00pm]
Adler Realty Conference Center
1200 NW 78th Ave., Suite 109
Doral, FL 33126

MDCHPC Steering Committee Meeting
October 27, 2010 [2:00pm-3:00pm]
Miami-Dade County Health Department
8600 NW 17th Street, Suite 200
Doral, FL 33126

MDCHPC Full Consortium Meeting
October 27, 2010 [3:00pm-4:30pm]
Miami-Dade County Health Department
8600 NW 17th Street, Suite 200
Doral, FL 33126

MD-HAN Steering Committee Meeting
November 4, 2010 [10:00am-11:00am]
Miami-Dade County Health Department
8600 NW 17th Street, Suite 200
Doral, FL 33126

MD-HAN Network Meeting
November 4, 2010 [11:00am-12:00pm]
Miami-Dade County Health Department
8600 NW 17th Street, Suite 200
Doral, FL 33126

Exercise Committee Meeting
TBD
Adler Realty Conference Center
1200 NW 78th Ave., Suite 109
Doral, FL 33126

Please be aware that meeting dates are subject to change.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Available Positions:

1. Health Planning Services Coordinator (HIV/AIDS Division)
2. Senior, Community Health Specialist (HIV/AIDS Division)

For more information about the positions available or to apply, please [click here](#).

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