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Virtual Teams Meeting

March 6, 2024 2:00 PM

2:00 Welcome and Introductions

2:05 Update from School District/School Health

2:10 AHEC update

2:15 Health Department Updates

2:35 Monroe County Head Start Update

2:45 Tobacco updates

2:55 Other community partner updates/shares/concerns

3:00 Adjourn

3/11/24

Attendance:

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| Portillo, Dana |
| McLeod, Denise A |
| Ross, Katelyn |
| Michael-Keys AHEC (Unverified) |
| Christina Geer (External) |
| Gallardo, Yvonne |
| Christina Mcpherson |
| Brandie Acevedo |
| Lariz, Jessica J |
| Marianne Finizio CHI (Unverified) |
| Talley Anne Reeb (TEAMS recording) |
| Kerry Biondoletti |
| Ashley Ravelo |
| Erin Williams |
| Suzanne Woltanski |
| Brittany Evans |
| Alexandra Wilcoxon |

School Health- all screenings now done, even in charter schools. Vaccine pods ongoing to address 6th graders (7th Tdap requirement) and seniors in preparation for college. Discussed MMR vaccine status evaluation ongoing in MCSD schools. Numbers to be provided to DOH for awareness and surveillance, and to district. One case identified in Miami. For those who either have not been vaccinated or you don't know your status, people can reach out to the health department or your providers to see what they recommend. f you are an adult and are looking for the vaccine and/or titers, the cost will depend on insurance. Please check this out to not have surprises. All DOH offices back open in the Gato building in Key West.

AHEC- new provider now in two schools in Lower Keys. Full schedule as always. Dental also booked. Last dental sealant visit taking place this week at GAE. Plans in place to expand dental into more clinical space in Key West. Final plans, equipment purchase, and grant procurement underway. Please refer smokers to the program to help with incentive gift cards available to new enrollees. Keith Harris providing classes, especially opioid fentanyl class upcoming.

DOH- Denise McLeod discussed upcoming Health to You events. Mentioned event 3/22 in Marathon. This is a joint event with City of Marathon, CHI, University of Miami cancer screening event. Family friendly event with bounce house. Press release located [here](https://monroe.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2025/03/DOH-MonroeHealthToYouMarchMarathonEventPressRelease-031125.html). April 4th, event in Key West with focus on colon awareness day. Also cancer screening evening and career source there, looking to link up teens with employment. 7/22 Isla Morada library back to school event. 7/23 Big Pine Community Center- back to school/vaccine event. 7/24 Plantation Key Community Center- back to school/vaccine events. 7/25 Murray Nelson Government Center-back to school/vaccine event. Great opportunity to get supplies and vaccines in preparation for the start of school. Also looking to get blood pressure cuffs/glucose monitors into the community and a grant to start breast cancer education. Starting a big focus on chronic diseases of diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. Will provide any documentation/flyers for distribution.

DOH- Jessica Lariz is looking for a family support worker for her healthy start program intake. Looking for part time, bilingual (either English/Creole or English/Spanish), individual to work almost exclusively over the phone. Posting removed from PF, but can reach out to her for more details or interest. This does not require a college degree. Also reminded us of resources from United Way for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library putting books in the hands of families (birth to age 5). Available in Spanish and English. Focusing on middle keys as that participation has dropped some. Discussed swim voucher program. All vouchers received by DOH have been given, but people can still apply to show there is a need. Please see separate flyers provided by Jessica.

Womankind- No updates.

CHI- Discussed upcoming colon cancer awareness event April 4th  from 12pm-4pm. DOH has flyers and CHI will create one for distribution. Will take place at Frederick Douglass gym at the new Community Center. CHI’s Primary Care Center in Tavernier has closed and is moving to a new Key Largo Center, which is currently in a soft opening. Doctor Morales, our Pediatrician will be the provider up there, as well as in Marathon where he currently sees patients.

Guidance Care- No updates.

HeadStart- enrollment will start 4/1 for next year. Currently working on grant that is due.

DOH tobacco- K-12 schools with SWAT events. Hosting two upcoming community based clean up events. Do need final approval before releasing that. SWAT members also doing surveys in middle school to monitor environment and share findings regarding tobacco and vaping products. There will be a training session for partners on smoke/vape free schools March 10th at 2:00 pm. Still in need of a partner. Point of Sale Task Force (Gayle) request- if anyone sees mobile unit in the keys, take a picture, contact Gayle or Katelynn with date/time and location. This weekend corrective signage surveys in Key West and Stock Island and zoning education efforts. Committee to meet with elected officials on point of sale policies.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 5th at 2:00 pm via TEAMS.