

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
<p>Membership Total (22)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Committee Chair) 2. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Committee Vice Chair) 3. Isabel Afanador, Early Learning Coalition of Miami 4. Diana Alvarado, The Children’s Movement of Miami 5. Michelle Berkovits, UM North Dade Early Steps 6. Ediane Bocaille, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center (Presenter) 7. Gilda Ferradaz, DCF 8. Nicole Gorbator, Hope for Miami 9. Jeffrey Hurst, DCF 10. Dana Klein, Gheorg 11. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami 12. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 13. Sofia Mino, Kristi House 14. Hayly Ojeda, Hope for Miami 15. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 16. Rocio Velazquez, The Children’s Movement of Miami 17. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 18. Andrea Villalba Torres, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 19. Kristin Wallin, KidoKinetics 20. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 21. Nicolette Siringo, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (Intern) 22. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The February 2025 monthly meeting of the Children Issues Oral Health Committee Meeting was brought to order by Dr. Cristina Brito and Tenesha Avent at 10:25 a.m. All members were welcomed, and introductions were made.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the January 2025 minutes by Kristin Wallin, and the motion was seconded by Suecia Mendez.</p>	
<p><i>Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Services and Resources Presentation</i></p>	<p><i>Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Services and Resources</i> presentation was presented by Ediane Bocaille, LCSW. Ediane Bocaille presented in observance for February as it is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (TDVAM). <i>Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center (RTC)</i> is a non-profit, hospital-based sexual assault crisis center located on the Jackson Memorial Medical Center campus. The center is staffed with sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE-trained), who provide comprehensive, quality medical treatment. The center’s victim advocates are available to provide support and crisis intervention, and short-term counseling services are offered by licensed clinicians. RTC is certified by the Florida Council</p>	<p>Share slides and resources.</p>

	<p>Against Sexual Violence (FCASV), a statewide nonprofit organization committed to victims and survivors of sexual violence and the sexual assault crisis programs who serve them. All staff is sensitively trained to work with victims of sexual assault. RTC services are at no cost to the survivor and are completely confidential regardless of police involvement or reporting status. Today, the Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center is the only comprehensive rape treatment center in Miami-Dade County. The RTC is also one of the few rape treatment centers nationwide to provide an all-inclusive approach to the care and treatment of sexual assault victims. The center collaborates with 32 police municipalities if victims wish to report to law enforcement, although it is not required.</p> <p>Ediane Bocaille’s presentation educated on sexual violence, which refers to situations where an individual is forced or manipulated into unwanted sexual activities without their consent. It also educated on warning signs of sexual abuse, particularly in minors (behavioral changes, sudden academic issues, changes in eating or sleeping patterns, sexual knowledge or behavior inappropriate for age, etc.). She informed members on how to handle emotional trauma encouraged believing the survivor and using proper language to avoid victim blaming. Within 120 hours, victims can receive a forensic examination, preventative medication for HIV, STDs, pregnancy, etc. After 120 hours victims are ineligible for these medical services but can still get help with reporting their case as well as support services. RTC also provides advocacy and accompaniment, crisis intervention, medical/forensic examination, therapy and counseling support groups, a 24-hour helpline, and community outreach. The work of <i>The Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center</i> has positively impacted sexual assault victims in Miami-Dade and they treat about 600 patients a year on average. The service is available to access 24/7. During the presentation members were informed on how to refer victims to the RTC as well as other relevant community resources. For any further program questions, Ediane Bocaille shared to reach out directly.</p>	
<p>Committee Physical Activity</p>	<p>Kristin Wallin of Kidokinetics, Programming and Administrative Manager, hosted a short physical activity for the committee.</p>	
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<p>Dr. Brito provided the Executive Board update. The Executive Board met virtually on Monday, February 10, 2025. The Consortium has completed its nomination and elections process for the Co-Chair positions. The new Consortium leadership was announced and shared. The new Executive Board Co-Chairs are Dr. Cristina Brito and Mr. Robert Hill. The new Board has begun to discuss and form the Planning Taskforce for the Consortium Annual Event that will be merged with Worksite Wellness Awards Ceremony. This event will be hosted in 2025. An announcement was shared if interested, to please sign-up with the Committee Liaison to join the Planning Taskforce. The Board is working to create a digital brochure format with the elevator speech and health agenda message info when meeting with interested partners to join the Consortium. When this is available, it will be shared with the full Consortium. Lastly, the Board continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health. Additionally, updates continue to be</p>	<p>Add interested members to Planning Taskforce list serv.</p>

	<p>shared on the Food and Nutrition for All Collaborative which addresses food security in our community and now convened community action planning groups to further address this community need.</p>	
<p>Healthy Baby Taskforce Update</p>	<p>Tenesha Avent shared the Healthy Baby Taskforce update. The Taskforce last met virtually in January and has begun to plan for 2025 by reviewing the Health Observance Months related to maternal child health. It was noted World Doula Week (March 22nd to 28th) should be included in the observances as well as National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day that is observed on March 10th. The Taskforce urged members to keep these upcoming dates in mind when planning events. The members also discussed the importance of working towards policy, system, and environmental change efforts. It was noted we are working on having an update from the Florida Health Justice Project and have them present at a future meeting. The Taskforce will meet later today at 12:30 p.m. following Children Issues.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items Meeting Logistics</p>	<p>Cristina Brito led this portion of the meeting to discuss previous meeting items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February Observance Month Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February is Black History Month and American Heart Month. Partners shared updates for these observances noted below. ○ Sofia Mino of Kristi House shared that Kristi House has been focusing on healthy relationships in partnership with One Love this month, and recently hosted a film about domestic violence on, February 14th 2025, in English, Spanish, and Creole. Kristi House will also be providing education and training on domestic violence on February 26, 2025. ○ The Office of Community Health and Planning shared that they have hosted and continue to host Passport to Health Screening events for staff members at seven different sites. It was also noted there will be a Community Passport to Health Screening event upcoming on Tuesday, February 25th, 2025, at the Westchester Library Community Center and for staff on Thursday, February 27th, 2025, at Golden Glades. Additionally, in observance of American Heart Month, Robert Hill presented on the Life’s Essential 8 at one of their quarterly meetings, and shared that he is available to speak at other organizations per request. ○ M-DCPS Parent Academy will be hosting a Family Fest tomorrow, Saturday, February 22nd, 2025, in Doral where they will be offering EKGS for kids as well as dental screenings, free immunizations, and additional health screening services. Flyer will be shared via email following meeting. • Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Candice Schottenloher provided updates on the MAPP process including the Well-being Survey and the 2019-2024 CHIP Closeout Meeting that was held on Friday, January 31st, 2025. The CHIP Annual Review Closeout Meeting Webinar was held to present preliminary findings and share the status of indicators from the 2019-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). During this meeting, the progress of the strategies and activities that were implemented into the CHIP were reviewed along with assigning action items and recognizing partners with improved performance. 	<p>Confirm in-person meeting room.</p>

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	<p>Activities were conducted during the meeting included Mentimeter (Menti) prompts to gain further insight from the attendees to capture all feedback for the CHIP Annual Review and assist in developing the new 2025-2030 CHIP. There were 137 attendees. At this meeting, they shared factors contributing to development of the CHIP and are hoping to host an in-person meeting to vote on CHIP priorities. Additionally, the Well-being Survey is live now and they would like committees to take the survey themselves and share it with their clients and partners.</p>	
<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)</p>	<p>Dr. Brito led the work plan review discussion with the committee. There are a total of three remaining committee activities that are trending behind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will increase education to childcare providers about food allergies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This conversation was tabled until the next meeting. ○ By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will fund a children’s book related to Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee is awaiting to hear back from the Alzheimer’s Association with next steps. The committee will need to continue to brainstorm and discuss on how we are going to meet this objective by setting up actionable items. There are no further updates at this time. 	
<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<p>Dr. Cristina Brito shared updates on the presentations from this month that were hosted this week for American Heart Month. There has been a lot of education done throughout Miami-Dade in recognition of this month. Over the last two days, we were able to educate over 220 kids with presentations in school. We continue the goal of educating on healthy heart practices. We will be able to share the pre and post assessment results at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Share results at the March meeting.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Dr. Brito and Candice Schottenloher co-led this portion of the meeting. The committee reviewed and discussed upcoming health observances for January and February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February is Black History Month. The committee took a moment to learn if partners were hosting any health and wellness events for this month and wanted to uplift and learn of ways the committee may be able to support. This is an opportunity to further discuss. ● February is also American Heart Month. More updates will be shared next month on the collaboration with West Kendall Baptist Hospital, American Heart Association, Tobacco-Free Workgroup, and the DOH-Miami-Dade’s Tobacco Prevention and Control Program. 	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Partner updates were shared on behalf of the Children Issues/Oral Health Committee members:</p> <p>Dr. Brito shared that three local organizations focused on food insecurity were awarded micro grants from the American Heart Association which included Buddy Systems, The Center for Advancement and Empowerment (CARE, Inc.), and Barry University’s Student Pantry.</p> <p>Dr. Brito also shared information about several grant opportunities currently accepting submissions.</p>	

- **2025 Zero Hunger Grants: Creating Stronger Hunger Free Communities:** Grant requests up to \$10,000 from Hunger Free Communities Network™ partners will be accepted. Grants will be awarded for the purposes of building capacity related to the goals of the Hunger Free Communities Initiative. Alliance to End Hunger staff members will be available throughout the application period (2/20-3/7) to answer questions about the grant.
- **The Mary Kay Ash Foundation Domestic Violence Shelter Grant:** This grant awards funds to shelters across the country providing critical, life-saving services to women and children seeking safety from an abusive situation. Grants are \$20,000, with a minimum of one grant awarded per state. Recipients are ineligible for back-to-back grant years. The application deadline is April 30.
- **The National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP)** is issuing a new Call for Proposals for the Local Data for Equitable Communities grant program, which will grant 30 nonprofits \$50,000 each to use data to improve local conditions and help residents live their healthiest lives. The team seeks proposals related to improving housing, transportation, community safety, climate and environment, the built environment, and other conditions so people will have a fair and just opportunity to reach their best health and wellbeing. The deadline to apply is March 18.

BreastfeedMIAMI: An updated was shared by Rocio Velasquez on the available BreastfeedMIAMI calendars that are ready to be ordered. This is the info for the BreastfeedMIAMI calendars and ordering form. Website – Updated with: [Calendar Order Form](#) and [AOB 2024 Article](#). Featured Art of Breastfeeding (AOB) Artworks from [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#), and [2024](#).

Sunshine Health: Suecia Mendez shared an update. They currently have a \$5,000 grant opportunity going on for any Florida-based organization whose work focuses on treating chronic disease. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2025. Additionally, beginning in February, all Medicare members in their network will receive \$50/month to use towards various items in their catalog. She shared that their new doula class was a great success in February with 8 people in attendance. They are hosting a Diaper distribution March 13th at 12 pm noon. She also reminded members to share with their networks that they host a monthly food bank on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 9 am in all Sunshine Health welcome rooms.

DOH-Miami-Dade WIC: Carla Sabugo shared that on April 30th, 2025, there will be a community resource fair but, on a smaller scale for WIC staff members to learn about the community partners and resources available they can take back to the clients they serve and connect them to services. She also shared that WIC has introduced their new 24/7 virtual assistant, Willow! She is available on their website, mobile app, WhatsApp, or over the phone and is able to communicate in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. Willow is able to answer frequently asked questions about WIC program eligibility and participation, provide a list of all upcoming appointments for participating family members, schedule appointments, upload verification

documents, and much more. Eriko Robinson shared they were awarded an amazing grant in conjunction with Nicklaus Children’s Hospital which aims to promote WIC retention and engagement. It will work to build a health information exchange platform for the sole purpose of referring food insecure and potentially WIC eligible children to the program.

Gheorg: Dana Klein shared an update on their App. Gheorg is a mental health and wellness app for kids between the ages of 7 and 12 year’s old. They have currently updated their App and includes about a hundred languages now. She also shared she is happy to be a resource, and they are looking for research partners if anybody wants to partner with to do some research with Gheorg.

Kristi House: Sofia Mino shared that on June 14, 2025, Kristi House will be hosting their first community event at the Healing Sanctuary in Homestead. It will be free for non-profits, banks, etc. More details will be announced at a future date.

Children’s Movement of Florida - Rocio Velazquez and Diana Alvarado shared on behalf of the organization. At their website, <https://www.childrensmovementflorida.org/>, they have an Advocacy tab which will cover all of the changes and decisions being made at the 2025 Florida Legislative Session, which officially begins on Tuesday, March 4. They also shared about Children’s Week, beginning April 13th, and stated they will be hosting a dinner on April 14th. They are also selling breastfeeding calendars for a \$20 donation, which they hope will raise awareness and advocacy by encouraging questions and normalizing breastfeeding. They are hosting breastfeeding support groups in Spanish and English at Jackson South Hospital. Spanish courses will be offered every 3rd Wednesday of the month, and English lessons will be offered every 4th Wednesday of the month. They are hosting Baby Bootcamp tomorrow, Saturday, February 22, 2025, in West Kendall.

Hope for Miami/Project Bridge – Hayly Ojeda shared that as part of Youth Mental Health First Aid Training she is hosting free public training events at the Quest Workspaces in Coral Gables, Alhambra Plaza on March 14, 2025, and April 11, 2025. She is also available for private training if you wish to schedule training for staff, families, etc. The training focuses on recognizing mental health challenges in youth, being aware of professional resources you can refer them to, coping strategies you can encourage them to take, and more.

Department of Children and Families - April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. They are putting on an art competition throughout Miami Dade Public Schools. The kids can draw their idea of how to prevent child abuse. There will also be a gallery exhibit of all the winning art. Further information on date and location to come. There is also a pinwheel campaign which symbolize a healthy childhood, which will be

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	<p>planted in the grass at United Way Miami, but you can also plant your own pinwheels in your organization or office or at home to show support.</p> <p>West Kendall Baptist Hospital – Dr. Brito shared that the hospital will be opening the teen volunteering application, which only happens once a year. It is a 100-hour commitment. You can reach out to her for more information.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting will be held virtually on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</p>	