

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, February 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (23)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Chair)</li> <li>2. Isabel Afanador, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe</li> <li>3. Heather Baker, HSCMD</li> <li>4. Manny Cerda, First Kids PPEC</li> <li>5. Ashli Daley, The Mama Coach</li> <li>6. Gilda Ferradaz, DCF</li> <li>7. Jeff Hurst, DCF</li> <li>8. Rachel Janvier, Urban Strategies Inc.</li> <li>9. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby</li> <li>10. Kelsey Jo Evans, Camp Boggy Creek</li> <li>11. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami</li> <li>12. Teronna Maddox, University of Miami Hospital and Clinics</li> <li>13. Tamia Medina, UHealth</li> <li>14. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health</li> <li>15. Tyler Odneal, United Way Miami</li> <li>16. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>17. Lakisa Smith, Urban Strategies Inc.</li> <li>18. Nancy Torres, UM</li> <li>19. Ileana Vallejo, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe</li> <li>20. Melody Velez, United Healthcare</li> <li>21. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>22. Julia Arwari, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Intern)</li> <li>23. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)</li> </ol>	
Welcome and Introductions	The February 2024 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order at 10:22 a.m. by Dr. Cristina Brito. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the January 2024 Children Issues meeting minutes by Heather Baker, the motion was seconded by Jeff Hurst.	
Executive Board Update	Dr. Cristina Brito provided updates on the Executive Board to the committee. The Executive Board last met virtually on Monday, February 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024. A friendly reminder was shared the Worksite Wellness leadership opportunity is still available for the Committee Chair position. Dr. Brito provided updates on the continued conversation on COVID-19/rsv/flu, social and economic barriers, that are community continues to face. She noted the COVID-19 grant will be wrapping up this year. It was noted currently	

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	<p>the focus has been on the sustainability and evaluations for these projects funded through the grant to continue even once the grant is completed.</p> <p>One example that was highlighted was food insecurity. Dr. Brito shared about the recent Miami-Dade County Food Insecurity Collaborative meeting that was held and the Consortium’s presence in this group. Dr. Brito also shared the Board discussed the food insecurity screening questions at West Kendall Baptist Hospital that has expanded to all admitted patients at Baptist Hospital and the Social Impact Fund the American Heart Association has recently launched. The Social Impact Fund will close on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It was also highlighted Food Waste Prevention Week will be upcoming on the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Further updates will be shared on policy, system, and environmental change efforts on this topic of food insecurity and food waste.</p>	
<p>Healthy Baby Taskforce Update</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Candice Schottenloher. The Healthy Baby Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Children Issues committee. The Taskforce last met virtually in January. The Taskforce discussed their 2024 meeting schedule; like Children Issues, when the Taskforce meets in-person there will not be a hybrid option available. The Taskforce also had a conversation on setting goals and expectations for 2024. More updates will be shared in March as they review their work plan in today’s meeting at 12:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p> <p>SWOT Analysis Activity</p> <p>Elder Issues Walk Event</p> <p>Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias</p>	<p>The committee last meeting conducted the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Activity. The committee reviewed the SWOT and there was no additional feedback. The SWOT Activity was approved. This will help guide the work for 2024 and help with planning for the next work plan development that will be for 2025-2030.</p> <p>The Elder Issues Committee Intergenerational Walk for Your Health in 2024 event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 a.m. o 12 p.m. at Arcola Lakes Park located at 1301 NW 83 Street, Miami, FL 33147. The draft event flyer was shared. Once the flyer is approved with Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, it will be shared with the full Consortium. It was noted once the flyer is shared, to please share the event with your clients and community partner networks. Partners from the Children Issues Committee that will be present and participate in this event include United Healthcare with their mascot and the WIC Program to provide educational materials.</p> <p>The committee continued the conversation on the following work plan activity: By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will fund a children’s book related to Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias. The committee further discussed possibly the age group focus for the book could be 6-to-9-year old’s or 11 to 14 years of age children. The committee previously reviewed the</p>	

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<p>Children’s Book Follow-up Conversation</p>	<p><a href="#">Alzheimer’s Association Books</a> and had selected to focus on distributing <a href="#">Grandma and Me (A Kid's Guide for Alzheimer's and Dementia)</a> book. The committee also further discussed the importance of where the books would be distributed and it was noted schools, clinics, pediatrician offices, libraries, community events like the Alzheimer’s Walk for Alzheimer’s Awareness Month, and neurology centers. It was noted to consider possibly through The Children’s Trust Book Club, UF New World – Books for Cooks, and Books for Free program. Dr. Brito also mentioned possible funding opportunities for this initiative could be available like the <a href="#">Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant</a> or through The Children’s Trust. Dr. Brito noted she has a meeting set to further discuss with The Children’s Trust and will share the feedback from today’s meeting with them. More details will be shared next month.</p>	
<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)</p>	<p>Cristina Brito and Candice Schottenloher co-facilitated the committee work plan review presentation. Overall, there are six committee activities that are behind on the work plan. The committee briefly discussed the work plan activities that are behind. These activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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"> <li>○ Notes can be found under Previous Action items.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• By September 30, 2024, will increase the use of the <i>Healthy Kids and Healthy Future Curriculum</i>.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Brito shared a similar curriculum that Baptist Health is using called <i>Grow to Heal</i>. It was noted to consider looking at other curriculums in the future that have a sustainability, healthy eating, and physical activity curriculum. Dr. Brito noted through the Grow to Heal program they have field trips planned and community garden building as it related to sustainability, healthy eating, and physical activity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• By September 30, 2024, there will be a presentation by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs on generational support for topics related to the benefits of breastfeeding, safe sleep practices, and reading to grandchildren.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee has the Florida Department of Elder Affairs presentation scheduled for the Friday, May 17, 2024, meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• By September 30, 2024, there will be a presentation by the <i>Florida Healthy Homes, Asthma and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</i>.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee has already had the <i>Florida Healthy Homes, Asthma and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</i> presentation. Specifically, for this committee measure, an article on asthma and lead prevention for Children is still needed to be created.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will increase from 0 to 2 new Walking School Bus sites.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This has currently been on hold by West Kendall Baptist Hospital. If other partners are completing this activity and would like to take the lead, please reach out to the committee liaison, Candice Schottenloher.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• By September 30, 2024, increase the number of meetings with childcare centers to educate on foodborne illnesses.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee noted this could be completed through DCF meetings with the Early Learning Educators. This will need to be further planned.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<p>During this committee meeting, the committee activity that was highlighted for February as American Heart Month included By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will partner with the Tobacco-Free Workgroup to improve health and quality in the community. It was noted last year, West Kendall Baptist Hospital partnered with the American Heart Association (AHA) and Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County’s Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to host virtual presentations on the harms of tobacco and nicotine use among youth and the health impacts it plays in children’s health. This year West Kendall Baptist Hospital has partnered with AHA and DOH-Miami-Dade to host two in-person training on February 21 &amp; 22, 2024 at Arvida Middle School and Sunset Senior High. Further updates will be shared next month on the reach and student/teacher feedback on these trainings.</p>	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Committee members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/ projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reminder was shared to the committee by Gilda Ferradaz that the Section 8 application will close on Monday, February 19, 2024.</li> <li>• <b>Department of Children and Families (DCF):</b> An update was shared by Jeff Hurst. He shared he has an upcoming week training in Key West for the providers. He also shared they are working with the Miami Children’s Initiative, Early Learning Coalition, Together for Children, and Miami-Dade College once a month.</li> <li>• <b>DOH-Miami-Dade Office of Community Health and Planning (OCHP) Program:</b> Program updates were shared by Candice Schottenloher. OCHP has been working on a quality improvement project to increase awareness on the <a href="#">Community Health Event Request (CHER) form</a>. This is the form that serves as the formal request to DOH-Miami-Dade and the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade to attend your event. OCHP is also in the planning stages of the new Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process which will launch this year. The MAPP process helps create and develop the Community Health Improvement Plan and the committee work plans. More details will be shared, once they become available.</li> </ul>	

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- **DOH-Miami-Dade Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program:** Program updates were shared by Carla Sabugo. She shared nationally WIC is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also shared next month in March it is National Nutrition Month and this year's theme is Beyond the Table. She shared WIC is really working to address food insecurity as well as provide adequate nutrition and education to WIC clients through receiving emails and text messages. She also noted updates on the outcomes of QFlow so far within its program. She also noted she will be presentation to the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade and to Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Lastly, updates were shared the West Dade WIC location will be relocating as of April 1<sup>st</sup> to the Bent Tree location in Miami-Dade.
- **Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe:** An update was shared by Isabel Afanador and Ileana Vallejo. She shared there is currently no waiting list for subsidized childcare and after school programming. To learn more, please visit [here](#).
- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):** An update was shared by Heather Baker. She shared T.E.A.M. Dad now has a Spanish speaking bi-lingual coach. They also have an English and Creole speaking coach part of the team to provide support. The T.E.A.M. Dad program is accepting referrals from expecting fathers, a father figure, or a father with a child 0 to 3 years old. If interested to partner on this initiative, please email Heather Baker at [hbaker@hscmd.org](mailto:hbaker@hscmd.org). She also shared they just conducted their first graduation part of the T.E.A.M. Dad program. A Save the Date was shared for the upcoming FIMR CAG meeting will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **ICU Baby:** Leah Jayanetti shared organizational updates. She shared they are partnering with T.E.A.M. Dad and having more dads present at the bed side. She also shared updates on the NEST program expanding and opening at Nicklaus Children's, Broward, and Mount Sinai Hospital. She also shared they received a grant through The Children's Trust to develop an app. They are also re-launching the ICU Read Program to really include the intergenerational growing population in Florida. Additionally, she shared the NICU Ambassador program had 15 graduates come back to the NICU and give back to support. Lastly, there will be more updates on upcoming baby shower in May and working on breastfeeding pumps to rent at Holtz Hospital.
- **The Mama Coach:** An update was shared by Ashli Daley. She shared she is a Registered Nurse and owner of The Mama Coach here in South Florida which delivers parenting solutions and educational information with the goal of making parenthood easier. All services are delivered virtually or in-person through group/private workshops and virtual/in-home consultations.
- **Sunshine Health:** An update was shared by Suecia Mendez. She shared the next diaper drive distribution will be on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. She also noted the third Thursday of each month they

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	<p>are doing a FarmShare distribution for 150 participants at the Welcome Room located at 9552 SW 160 ST., Palmetto Bay, FL 33157.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>West Kendall Baptist Hospital:</b> Dr. Cristina Brito shared organizational updates. She shared an update on Baby Boot Camp which was hosted on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There was a total of 12 families who attended this event. More details will be shared on the next Baby Boot Camp that will be hosted in August. It was shared they are looking to share resources at this event provided by partner organizations. A Save the Date was shared for the Splash, Sun Safety, and Heat Resiliency Day event to be hosted on Saturday, May 19, 2024. Additionally, she shared currently teen volunteers will open on March 1<sup>st</sup> to be placed in August.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting is scheduled to be virtual for Friday, March 15, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	