

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (41)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Chair) 2. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Vice Chair) 3. Isabel Afanador, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe 4. Rosa Andrews, NAMI 5. Tara Auclair, United Way Miami 6. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 7. Ashli Daley, The Mama Coach 8. Gilda Ferradaz, DCF 9. Sandra Gonzalez, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe 10. Miriam Harmatz, Florida Health Justice Project 11. Ketia Harris, JTCHS 12. Eunice Hines, CHI South Florida 13. Jeff Hurst, DCF 14. Maria Catalina Jaramillo, Harvard Extension School 15. Kelsey Jo Evans, Camp Boggy Creek 16. Arlicia Jones, Southern Birth Justice Network 17. Emily Jones, UF 18. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami 19. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami 20. Teronna Maddox, UM 21. Vanessa Madrazo, NAMI 22. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency/MOMCHA Program 23. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 24. Alicia Nuby-Powell, The Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House 25. Corine Orr-Young, Southern Birth Justice Network 26. Dudley Philistin, Queenfidence Birth Worker 27. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 28. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 29. Hayly Ojeda, Hope for Miami 30. Eriko Robinson, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 31. Karem Rodriguez, Florida Foster Care Review 32. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 33. Stacey Saez, Hope for Miami 34. Rachel Spector, The Children's Trust 	

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 Children Issues Committee Meeting
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	<p>35. Manuela Thomas, FIU 36. Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe, Sleep & Cradle Solutions 37. Ileana Vallejo, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe 38. Rocio Velazquez, The Children’s Movement of Florida 39. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 40. Julio Cesar Pelaez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 41. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)</p>	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The March 2024 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order at 10:05 a.m. by Dr. Cristina Brito and Ms. Tenesha Avent. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the February 2024 Children Issues meeting minutes by Vanessa Madrazo, the motion was seconded by Jeff Hurst.</p>	
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<p>Dr. Cristina Brito provided updates on the Executive Board to the committee. The Executive Board met in-person at the Health Council of South Florida with a virtual option available on Monday, March 11th, 2024. The Board will meet next virtually on Monday, April 8th, 2024. A friendly reminder, the Worksite Wellness committee still has a Chair vacancy. This is a great leadership opportunity for those who are interested in being a part of the Consortiums leadership. The Executive Board had two presentations during this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Partnr305 & F-fentanyl Overview Presentation</i> presented by Amanda Nicol and Thomas Guerra to learn about the work they are doing in our community related to the opioid epidemic, opioid-related incidents, and naloxone usage in Miami-Dade. They have conducted extensive training sessions for over 1,000 community members and delivering detailed presentations to hundreds of officials on Fentanyl statistics and its impact on children in Miami. • Mrs. Adebisi, Director of the Office of Community Health and Planning presented the <i>Quarterly Business Review Presentation</i>. During this presentation, quarterly updates were shared on the Consortium Committee work plans and the Community Health Improvement Plan for the reporting period from October 1st to December 31st, 2023. <p>The Board continues the conversation on COVID-19, health equity, and addressing the root causes of health. Updates were shared on food insecurity and security related to food pantries, screening questions at West Kendall Baptist Hospital, the work of American Heart Association in the community (Social Impact Fund), and Food Waste Prevention Week that will be upcoming on April 1st – 7th.</p>	

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<p>Healthy Baby Taskforce Update</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Tenesha Avent and Esther McCant. The Healthy Baby Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Children Issues committee. The Taskforce last met in-person in February. The Taskforce has been discussing four key focus areas which include membership, policy review, leadership, and community engagement. The Taskforce has also been reviewing their work plan to identify any gaps they see in the work plan compared to community issues they are seeing. The Taskforce will have a presentation by the Children’s Movement of Florida to learn more about child readiness and policy efforts in today’s meeting at 12:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p> <p>Elder Issues Walk Event</p> <p>Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Children’s Book Follow-up Conversation</p>	<p>A reminder was shared for the Elder Issues Committee Intergenerational Walk for Your Health in 2024 event will be hosted on Saturday, April 6th, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Arcola Lakes Park located at 1301 NW 83 Street, Miami, FL 33147. The draft event flyer was shared. A reminder was 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 the age group focus for the book would be 6-to-9-year old’s or 11 to 14 years of age children. For the teenager age group, the committee would need to identify a book. Dr. Brito shared updates from discussion with The Children’s Trust and the Alzheimer’s Association. These updates included (1) The potential book could be included on the Active Book List (eBooks) within the school system, (2) Made available at within the library system, (3) Reach Out and Read could be an opportunity where this book could be added and then distributed at children’s wellness visits, and (4) The upcoming Alzheimer’s Walk will be hosted on Saturday, November 16, 2024 to have printed copies available at a resource table at the event. More details will be shared next month on the collaboration with the Alzheimer’s Association.</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 following work plan activities that are behind. These activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> ○ Notes can be found under Previous Action items. • By September 30, 2024, will increase the use of the <i>Healthy Kids and Healthy Future Curriculum</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Brito provided updates on the 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 	

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	<p>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. Dr. Brito provided updates on the success of the fieldtrips. She also shared the flyer if anyone was interested in learning more. This is a program that can also be adapted to older adults.</p>	
<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. This year West Kendall Baptist Hospital partnered with AHA and DOH-Miami-Dade’s Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to host two in-person trainings on the harms of tobacco and nicotine use and cessation resources to quit. These trainings were hosted on February 21 & 22, 2024 at Arvida Middle School and Sunset Senior High. There was a total of over 350 students reached. There was an increase in knowledge for both middle and high school students from the pre and post-test assessments. Additionally, they received two other invitations to present this training too.</p>	
<p>Florida Health Justice Project Presentation</p>	<p>The Children Issues/Oral Health Committee had a presentation by Miriam Harmatz, Advocacy Director & Founder of the Florida Health Justice Project. During this presentation, updates were provided on the following topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Eligibility Requirement for Children on Medicaid and CHIP. • Kidcare Expansion. • Medicaid “Unwind” Impact on Medically Complex Children • Data on Medicaid losses in Miami Dade County between April 2023 and Jan 2024 (Children, 19–20-year-olds and parents). • Data on KidCare MDC increase between April 2023 and December 2023. • Resources: Medicaid Termination Referral form and Toolkit on Appeals <p>The committee scheduled this presentation to receive updates on policy related to children’s health which was noted as an opportunity from the SWOT analysis activity to periodically receive updates to help guide our efforts to sustainable change.</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"> • Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade: An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. To join and become a member, please complete the membership form here. Please also share this link with other community partners and organizations that are interested in becoming a member of the Committee and Taskforce. • DOH-Miami-Dade Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program: Program updates were shared by Carla Sabugo. She shared to Save the Date for the WIC and BreastfeedMIAMI co- 	

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	<p>hosted upcoming event that will be for Breastfeeding Month during Black Breastfeeding Week on Saturday, August 24, 2024. More details will be shared once available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March of Dimes: An update was shared by Tenesha Avent. She provided the links for the upcoming March for Babies Walks. See event links below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Palm Beach/Treasure Coast (April 20, 2024) ○ Broward County (May 4, 2024) ○ Miami-Dade County (May 18, 2024) • Metro Mommy Agency: An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared that next month is Black Maternal Health Week which will be hosted on the week of April 11th to 17th, 2024. Esther shared if you are interested in working together and promoting your events for this week, she would gather the info to include on her events calendar. To learn more, please visit the Black Mamas Matter Alliance here. To send events, please email Esther at metromommyagency@gmail.com. • Sleep & Cradle Solutions: An update was shared by Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe. She reminded the Taskforce members about the ongoing Safe Sleep strategy class at Pincrest Community Center every week on Wednesday's. Flyer was previously shared. Another baby safe sleep strategy workshop in partnership with Gymboree will occur next month. • Sunshine Health: An update was shared by Suecia Mendez. She shared the next Diaper Drive from Tree of Life & Sunshine Health will be on Friday, April 12th, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the welcome room located at 9552 SW 160 ST., Miami, FL 33157. 	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting is scheduled to be virtual for Friday, April 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	