

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, April 19, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (32)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Chair) 2. Amyah Banks, Epilepsy Alliance Florida 3. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 4. Marie-Carmelle Lindley, Arts A L, Inc. 5. Gilda Ferradaz, DCF 6. Jeff Hurst, DCF 7. Roseleen Hurtado Rodriguez, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe 8. Rachel Janvier, Urban Strategies Inc. 9. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 10. Maria Catalina Jaramillo, Harvard Extension School 11. Emily Jones, UF 12. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami 13. Teronna Maddox, UM 14. Vanessa Madrazo, NAMI 15. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 16. Dr. Ruby Natale, UM 17. Alicia Nuby-Powell, The Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House 18. Corine Orr-Young, Southern Birth Justice Network 19. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 20. Hayly Ojeda, Hope for Miami 21. Stacey Saez, Hope for Miami 22. Rachel Spector, The Children's Trust 23. Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe, Sleep & Cradle Solutions 24. Peter Wood, CHI South Florida 25. Susana Vela, Amigos for Kids 26. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 27. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 28. Darianna Andujar, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 29. Mary Aquino, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 30. Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 31. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 32. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison) 	

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<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The April 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. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the March 2024 Children Issues meeting minutes by Rachel Spector, 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 virtually on Monday, April 8th, 2024. The Board continues the conversation on COVID-19, optimal health, and addressing the root causes of health. Updates were shared on the CDC COVID-19 grant that a no cost extension was received for one year to complete projects that were delayed due to contracting. Currently, the focus continues to be on evaluation and sustainability for each of the projects funded under this grant. Other updates were shared and discussed related to food insecurity in Miami-Dade County. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mayor’s initiative on the <i>Food & Nutrition For All Collaborative</i> launch took place on Friday, March 22, 2024. There were over 100 participants present. Many partners present were also part of the Children Issues Committee and the Consortium. Dr. Brito shared updates on this event with a presentation of event photos. It was highlighted Consortium Chairs, Vice Chairs, and DOH-Miami-Dade were present at this event. It was also noted the collaborative is working to host a food insecurity summit in the summer. More details will be shared once available. • Caring for Miami launched their mobile food pantry. On Saturday, May 4th, 2024, this will be the first mobile food pantry experience at Christ Fellowship Church in West Kendall. This will continue to take place on the first Saturday of each month at Christ Fellowship. <p>Additionally, a friendly reminder was announced the Worksite Wellness Committee Chair is still vacant. It was shared this is a great leadership opportunity for those who are interested in being a part of the Consortiums leadership.</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 March. During this meeting, the Taskforce had a presentation by the Children’s Movement of Florida to learn more about child readiness and policy efforts. The Taskforce continues the discussion on the four key focus areas of membership, policy review, leadership, and community engagement. Additionally, the partners have been discussing gaps in their work plan. The Healthy Baby Taskforce will meet virtually today at 12:30 p.m.</p>	

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<p>Previous Action Items</p> <p>Elder Issues Walk Event Recap</p> <p>Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Children’s Book Follow-up Conversation</p>	<p>A recap was shared on the Elder Issues Committee Intergenerational Walk for Your Health in 2024 event. This event was 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. There was a total of 59 participants and attendees enjoyed a beautiful day, lovely walking path/facility, and lots of valuable health and program services information provided at the resource fair. A big thanks was shared to Miami-Dade Parks and Allan Tavss who hosted and helped organize this event. A short presentation of photos was shared during the meeting. Partners from the Children Issues Committee that were present and participated in this event included West Kendall Baptist Health providing water bottles, United Healthcare with their mascot, and the WIC Program to provide educational materials.</p> <p>During this meeting, there were no new additional updates at this time. The committee continues to focus 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 would like to focus on specific age groups for the book could 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 reminded the committee of previous 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.</p>	
<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)</p>	<p>Cristina Brito and Candice Schottenloher co-facilitated the committee work plan performance measures in need of improvement discussion. Overall, there are a total of 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 and Candice Schottenloher shared with the committee that UF/IFAS Extension would be able to present in the fall on the <i>Healthy Kids and Healthy Future Curriculum</i>. Once we have the date confirmed, we will share with the committee members. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Brito provided other updates on the <i>Grow to Heal</i> program. As discussed last time, 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 has now conducted a total of 6 field trips and has reached over 240 students at each of them. ● 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"> ○ This presentation has been scheduled for the Friday, May 17, 2024 committee meeting. ● Provide a Consortium newsletter article on asthma and lead poisoning prevention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was announced we need a committee member(s) to provide a short write up with sources and an image on asthma and lead poisoning prevention so we can include in an upcoming Consortium Connection Newsletter. If interested, please email Candice.Schottenloher@flhealth.gov. ● 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"> ○ For this committee activity it was shared we are looking for committee partners to host the Walking School Bus sites as this is currently on hold with West Kendall Baptist Hospital. ● By September 30, 2024, increase the number of meetings with childcare centers to educate on foodborne illnesses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This activity was discussed by the members. Jeff Hurst shared the committee could participate in a virtual training to the providers. The following partners were noted and expressed interest in this training: Dr. Ruby Natale – UM Mailman Center, Lynn Kunis – Flipany, Patricia Dufane – Common Threads, Debi LaBelle – The Education Fund, and Roseleen Hurtado – Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe. 	
<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<p>For recognition of improved performance, a Maternal Child Health success was highlighted. During this past quarter, it was highlighted the number of partners who have joined the Healthy Baby Taskforce from January 1st to March 31st, 2024, was a total of 5 new members. This is in alignment with this work plan activity: By September 30, 2024, increase the number of partners to participate in the Healthy Baby Taskforce.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Candice Schottenloher shared a brief overview on Black Maternal Health Week on behalf of the Healthy Baby Taskforce. Black Maternal Health Week is commemorated every year and this year it was on the week of April 11th to 17th, 2024. This year's official theme is "<i>Our Bodies STILL Belong to Us: Reproductive Justice NOW!</i>" There were two important resources shared listed below.</p>	

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<p>Black Maternal Health Week Highlight</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Mamas Matter Alliance • Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) 2024 Campaign • Black Maternal Health Week 2024 The SOFLO Guide: This guide was sponsored by Metro Mommy Agency, MOMCHA Program, and the Jasmine Project. <p>Following the resources shared, partners shared events they participated in honor of this week. It was also noted this topic would be discussed further today in the Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting.</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"> • Amigos for Kids: An update was shared by Susana Vela. She shared the L.E.A.D. Families Connect, a family workshop series, takes place on Mondays at Jose Marti Park located at 362 SW 4th Ave., Miami, FL 33130. Flyer was shared with the members. • 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. It was also shared if you are hosting a community and would like to request our outreach services. Please complete the Community Health Event Request (CHER) form which serves as a formal request for the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and/or the Consortium for Healthier Miami-Dade to participate in your event. • Department of Children and Families: Gilda Ferradaz took a moment to recognize the UM Jumpstart Program and Dr. Ruby Natale. This program was awarded Program of the Year at The Children’s Trust Award Ceremony. Jeff Hurst also shared an update that the Office of Licensing was recently in the Florida Keys providing trainings as there has been some centers that have closed. It was also noted April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month. • DOH-Miami-Dade Office of Community Health and Planning: Candice Schottenloher shared with the committee to please save the date for the MAPP Kick-off and Community Partner Assessment Meeting that will be hosted on Thursday, May 30th, 2024. More details will be shared once available. • Hope for Miami – Project Bridge: An update was shared the next First Aid Mental Health Training will be hosted at Wayside Baptist Church on Saturday, April 27th, 2024. For any questions, please email hayly@hopeformiami.org. • March of Dimes: A reminder was shared on the upcoming March for Babies Walks. Please 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) • Sleep & Cradle Solutions: An update was shared by Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe. She reminded the Taskforce members about the ongoing Safe Sleep strategy class at Pinecrest Community Center every week on Wednesday’s from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Kendall Baptist Hospital: Dr. Brito shared May is National Water Safety Month. Splash Day will be hosted on Saturday, May 19th, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ocaquatics Swim School located at 1101 SW 176 Street, Miami, FL 33157. For any questions, please contact Dr. Cristina Brito at Cristina.Brito@baptisthealth.net. English and Spanish event flyers were shared. She also shared to please visit the Community Resources on the Go Local West Kendall Healthy West Kendall website. To access, please click here. 	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting is scheduled to be virtual for Friday, May 17, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	