

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Children Issues Committee Meeting

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



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (34)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Chair) 2. Cassandra Alexander, Miami-Dade CAHSD 3. Heather Baker, HSCMD 4. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 5. Kenan Bridges, UF 6. Marie-Carmelle Lindley, Arts A L, Inc. 7. Gilda Ferradaz, DCF 8. Roxana Galera, Epilepsy Alliance Florida 9. Kristin Guerin, Buddy System MIA 10. Eunice Hines, CHI South Florida 11. Jeff Hurst, DCF 12. Rachel Janvier, Urban Strategies Inc. 13. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 14. Kelsey Jo Evans, Camp Boggy Creek 15. Emily Jones, UF 16. Amber Ladd, Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) 17. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami 18. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami 19. Teronna Maddox, UM 20. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency 21. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 22. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 23. Imani Morgan, Florida Department of Health in Broward 24. Alicia Nuby-Powell, The Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House 25. Hayly Ojeda, Hope for Miami 26. Cristina Pujol, UM Mailman Center 27. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 28. Lakisa Smith, Urban Strategies Inc. 29. Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe, Sleep & Cradle Solutions 30. Rocio Velazquez, The Children's Movement of Florida 31. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 32. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 33. Julio Cesar Pelaez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 34. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison) 	

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Welcome and Introductions	The May 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.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the April 2024 Children Issues meeting minutes by Jeff Hurst, the motion was seconded by Beverly Montgomery.	
DOEA Presentation	The Children Issues Committee had the presentation from the <i>Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)</i> presented by Amber Ladd, Dementia Care and Cure Initiative Coordinator part of the Division of Alzheimer’s and Brain Health. This presentation provided a high-level overview on the <i>Department of Elder Affairs</i> , the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), their programs and services, and the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) focus areas. Following the presentation, the committee had a Q&A discussion on this topic and how it relates intergenerationally.	
Executive Board Update	Dr. Cristina Brito provided updates on the Executive Board to the committee. The Executive Board met virtually on Monday, May 13 th , 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. Dr. Brito also emphasized the importance of funding and sustaining projects. She also shared additional available funding opportunities. Other updates were shared and discussed related to food insecurity in Miami-Dade County. Additionally, a Save the Date was announced for the MAPP Kick-off Community Partner Assessment Meeting that will be hosted on Thursday, May 30 th , 2024, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Firefighter’s Memorial Building. Registration is now open. This meeting will serve as the kick-off to our community health planning process to develop our new Community Health Improvement Plan for 2025-2030.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Esther McCant and Candice Schottenloher. The Healthy Baby Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Children Issues committee. The Taskforce last met virtually in April. 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. The Taskforce will have a presentation by the Jasmine Project to learn more about how to further collaborate on the strategies that are in alignment among both collaboratives and reduce silos.	
Previous Action Items Alzheimer’s Disease and Related	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	

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<p>Dementias Children’s Book Follow-up Conversation</p>	<p>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 provided a high-level update on the status of the committee work plan performance measures in need of improvement discussion. Overall, there are a total of five 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"> ○ The UF/IFAS Extension has confirmed to present on the <i>Healthy Kids and Healthy Future Curriculum</i> during the Friday, September 20th, 2024, committee meeting in-person at the United Way Miami. • Provide a Consortium newsletter article on asthma and lead poisoning prevention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A reminder was shared 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 a facilitator would be needed 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 will be further discussed during the July meeting. 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. 	

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<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<p>For recognition of improved performance, a Maternal Child Health success was highlighted. The work plan activity recognized during this meeting included the following: 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. This activity has now been completed during the May 17th, 2024, meeting as the committee had the presentation from the <i>Florida Department of Elder Affairs</i>. A thank you was shared to the Elder Issues Committee for helping us set this presentation and for providing to us a contact person to present on this topic.</p>	
<p>New Business Heat, Swim, and Sun Safety Updates & Event Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Brito provided updates on the importance of heat, swim, and sun safety. May is National Water Safety Month. Dr. Brito shared a reminder that <i>Splash Day</i> will be hosted on Sunday, 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. Swim safety print material resources were shared during this discussion. To learn more, please click here. Jeff Hurst also provided updates on the importance of shade at learning centers and swim safety and car heat safety. Candice Schottenloher also shared the Women’s Fund Miami-Dade efforts on heat safety. To learn more, please visit here. This work also relates to the following work plan activity: By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will develop an educational awareness campaign on asthma, safety, heat, and sun protection.</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"> • BreastfeedMIAMI: An update was shared by Cheryl Lorie and Carla Sabugo. Please save the date for the 13th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day which will be hosted on Saturday, August 24th, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doral Legacy Park Community Center. Additionally, please visit BreastfeedMIAMI to learn more and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) webpage. • 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. • 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 Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be hosted on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Sunshine Health Welcome Room. For any questions, please email Hayly Ojeda at hayly@hopeformiami.org. 	

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- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):** Heather Baker shared the HSCMD T.E.A.M. Dad now has a Spanish, Creole, and English-speaking staff. She also shared the T.E.A.M. Dad and the Coordinated Intake and Referral Form referral forms. Feel free to contact Heather Baker at hbaker@hscmd.org for any questions. The Moving Crib Project will also launch soon. More updates will be shared in future meetings. Other updates were shared on the Moving Beyond Depression program received more funding from The Children’s Trust. Other updates were shared on the MOU expansion of the Connect Program to provide on-site services at Jessie Trice Community Health Systems.
- **ICU Baby:** Leah Jayanetti shared an update on a recent partnership with HSCMD’s T.E.A.M. Dad program with trainings and having dads participate in NICU dinners. More updates will be shared as this collaboration launches.
- **Jasmine Project:** Esther McCant shared the resource link for the [Jasmine Project Community Action Network HUB](#).
- **March of Dimes:** A reminder was shared on the upcoming March for Babies Walks. Please see event below.
 - [Miami-Dade County \(May 18, 2024\)](#)
- **Metro Mommy Agency:** SisterSong Birth Justice Care fund doula care provider - MMA now has an application for families in need of free doula support to work directly with Esther McCant. To learn more, please visit here: <https://metromommyagency.com/>
- **Sleep & Cradle Solutions:** To learn about Sleep & Cradle Solutions, please visit: <https://sleepandcradle.com/>. For any questions, please contact Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe via email at cynthia@sleepandcradle.com.
- **The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade:** Please share that May is National Heat Awareness Month. To learn more, please visit here: <https://womensfundmiami.org/heathealth/>
- **West Kendall Baptist Hospital:** Splash Day will be hosted on Sunday, 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](#).
- Additionally, Dr. Brito announced to the committee members available funding opportunities.
 - [Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs Community Grant \(CG\) Program](#)
 - [FY 25 Baptist Health South Florida \(BHSF\) Community Benefit Proposal](#)
 - To learn more about the BHSF Community Needs Assessment, please access here: [Community Needs Assessment | Baptist Health South Florida](#)

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<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting is scheduled to be in-person at the United Way Miami, Ansin Building, on Friday, June 21, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</p>	
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