

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**  
 Children Issues Committee Meeting  
 Thursday, June 25, 2015

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (32)	Alina Soto, Department of Children and Families Alfie Leon, Florida International University Shanika Watson, Florida Health in Miami Dade County Jeff Hurst, Department of Children and Families Victor Calderon, American Red Cross Nicole Rankin, Florida State University Sean Doran, Florida State University Elizabeth Stewart, Florida Health in Miami Dade County Samantha Sater, Health Council of South Florida Jennine Stafford, Community Member Andrea Sparano, United Way of Miami-Dade Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade Short Chef, Short Chef Natalia Colletti, Miami Dade Family Learning Partnership Fabio Quintero, Fabimar Harmony Julie Bergman, Redland Christian Academy Christina Sudduth, Florida Impact Kristine Perez-Carrion, Flipany Dr. Ruby Natale, University of Miami Silvana Tchorbadjian, Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Barbara Cardeso, My Therapy Center Julia Onnie-Hay, Alliance for a Healthier Generation Rebeca Ruiz, My Therapy Center Allan Zullinger, Team Henry Inc. Catherina Chang-Martinez, Florida International University Viviam Castellon, Amerigroup Dina Ashanti, Florida Institute for Health Innovation Victor Bernal, Healthy Matthew Sarah Basna, Florida Health in Miami Dade County, WIC	

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	<p><u>Teleconference:</u>          Christine Hom, Florida Institute for Health Innovation          Dr. Jeff Ritter, Barry University          Jabet Wheeler, Focused Fitness          Mayra Leite, Amerigroup Community Care</p>	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Alina Soto at 10:10AM.</p> <p>All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the May 2015 Children Issues minutes by Dr. Natale; the motion was seconded by Alfie Leon.</p>	
<p>Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Alina briefly discussed the Partnerships to Improve Community Health grant (PICH). The Children Issues committee focus is on nutrition and physical activity. The committee will partner with the Early Learning Coalition's fall summit. This will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. After the summit, CI committee will reconvene and see what can be planned for the next year. Tier 2 would be an invitation to the child care providers for additional technical assistance. The centers will be designated as Healthy Happens Here upon completion of the program. The benefits offered to them will be designed. Family homes are included in the initiative. This initiative has adopted a new name: <b>#We Learn Healthy</b>. The committee will teach healthy habits, nutrition and incorporating math, science and literacy. The subcategory is Healthy Eating and Active Learning.</p> <p>Break out session took place and teams were divided into Healthy Eating and Active Learning. During the summit, there will be presentations on these areas.</p>	

Healthy Eating Team

Representative: Dr. Natale

How do we impact 246 centers a year?

- The group discussed have quarterly summits and partnering with agencies that are already meeting, for example, The Early Learning Coalition.
- Reaching out to Little Havana and Miami Gardens that just received grants on healthier communities on identifying child care facilities that are interested in the initiative.
- There should be a second step to implementation. This would be the implementation of Tier 2: technical assistance.
- Having virtual meetings. Set up a free Go To Meeting and also have monthly conference calls. On the call, have an expert and champion who is already doing good things in their facility to give others encouragement to move forward.
- Have facilities talk barriers and what they are doing to overcome those barriers.
- The program will be based on Caring for Our Children standards for policies placed already (physical activity, a beverage, snack and screen time). The committee would like to include additional components such as breastfeeding and oral health.
- What is the impact focus: child care facilities. The goal is to have system level changes in child care facilities and policies are being implemented.
- Make sure there is a standardized training component (modules).
- Resources to entice providers: CEUs, coolers for stored breast milk.

Active Learning Team

Representative: Alfie Leon

- Create a document of resources for the providers assessing the health of their center. The goal is to show centers what they could be missing out on.
- Assessment of the centers need to be conducted.
- Services should not be duplicated. Provide a toolkit with various components (i.e. safety, mental health).
- Not losing out on centers that may have services.

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<p>Last call for Level II Screening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical assistance will be provided to centers needing additional resources.</li> </ul> <p>Anyone who would like to present during the summit should contact Dr. Natale.</p> <p>Anyone working with or around children is recommended to get Level II screened. Level II screenings are done by the Florida Department of Children and Families.</p>	<p><b>Teams are to bring existing curriculum that may be used for the summit.</b></p>
<p>Committee Partner Updates</p>	<p>See upcoming events.</p>	
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<p>Karen Hamilton (Health &amp; the Built Environment Chair) and Alina Soto (Children Issues Chair) will begin their 2 year tenure as Executive Board co-chairs on July 1, 2015. CDC visited the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Chairs presented on their committee initiatives and interacted with fellow community partners.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None discussed.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Newsletter – CI committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o If anyone is interested in submitting any information for the newsletter, please e-mail <a href="mailto:Shanika.Watson@flhealth.gov">Shanika.Watson@flhealth.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:Amelinda.Loddo@flhealth.gov">Amelinda.Loddo@flhealth.gov</a> .</li> </ul>	
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Florida Department of Health WIC 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Breastfeeding Walk on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 2pm. Location: Women’s Park</li> <li>- Health Express Train event: 10am and 12pm in English and Spanish on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Location: 6750 Sunset Drive, South Miami, FL 33143. For more information, contact Fabio Quintero.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summer Break Spot program: A USDA food program administered by Florida's Dept. of Agriculture. Nutritious and free meals for kids 18 and younger provided at summer camps, faith based organizations, schools during the summer time. This is an extension of the school lunch program during the summer months.</li> </ul>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The next meeting will be held on <b>Thursday, July 23, 2015 at the United Way, Center For Excellence: Ansin, Ryder Room at 3250 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Miami, FL 33129.</b> The meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM.</p>	