

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, August 16, 2024

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



<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION NEEDED</b>
<p>Membership Total (36)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Vice Chair)</li> <li>2. Isabel Afanador, Early Learning Coalition of Miami Dade/Monroe</li> <li>3. Heather Baker, HSCMD</li> <li>4. Gilda Ferradaz, DCF</li> <li>5. Britney Gilliam, Miami-Dade County CAHSD</li> <li>6. Roseleen Hurtado Rodriguez, Early Learning Coalition of Miami Dade/Monroe</li> <li>7. Douglene Jackson, Community Member</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. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami</li> <li>13. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency</li> <li>14. Tamia Medina, UHealth</li> <li>15. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>16. Suecia Mendez Padilla, Sunshine Health</li> <li>17. Bianca Montenegro, Christ Congregational Church</li> <li>18. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>19. Dr. Ruby Natale, UM</li> <li>20. Anthony Robinson, Overtown Youth Center</li> <li>21. Aileen Saraceno, DentaQuest</li> <li>22. Vania Macrohon, All Wellness Community Center Inc.</li> <li>23. Rachel Spector, The Children’s Trust</li> <li>24. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>25. Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe, Sleep &amp; Cradle Solutions</li> <li>26. Rocio Velasquez, The Children’s Movement of Florida</li> <li>27. Melody Velez, United Healthcare</li> <li>28. Kristin Wallin, Kidokinetics</li> <li>29. Saliyha Webb, NAMI Miami-Dade</li> <li>30. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>31. Luis Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>32. Sandra Echeverry-Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>33. Janet Grajales, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>34. Juliocesar Pelaez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> </ol>	

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	35. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 36. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)	
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	The August 2024 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order at 10:05 a.m. by Tenesha Avent. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	There was a motion to approve the July 2024 Children Issues meeting minutes by Isabel Afanador, the motion was seconded by Beverly Montgomery.	
<b>Executive Board Update</b>	Tenesha Avent and Candice Schottenloher provided updates on the Executive Board to the committee. The Board updates were provided on the Monday, August 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, in-person hybrid meeting. The Board continues the conversation on COVID-19, optimal health, and addressing the drivers of health. The Mayor’s Initiative on Food and Nutrition For All Collaborative hosted a stakeholder strategy meeting on Friday, June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 at the Miami-Dade County Main Library at Government Center. The collaborative has been able to establish pillars that they will focus their efforts on which include Policy & Procedures, Funding, Nutrition Guidelines, and Food Pantries & Distributors. This strategy meeting was Phase 1 of the collaborative building process. They are looking to transition into Phase 2 which includes Engagement Letters to be sent out within the next 2 weeks. Other updates were shared that Islamiyat Adebisi and Candice Schottenloher attended and presented at the Florida Public Health Association Conference (FPHA) in Orlando on July 29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024. The conference theme was Public Health Unbound: Here, There, Everywhere. During this conference, they were both able to present the presentation <i>Mobilizing the Private Sector: Utilizing Partnerships to Advance Health Initiatives</i> . Candice Schottenloher was also able to attend the NACCHO 360 Conference on behalf of DOH-Miami-Dade that took place July 21 <sup>st</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 in Detroit, Michigan. The conference theme was Heard it through the Grapevine: Public Health Partnerships, Collaboration, and Innovation. Lastly, DOH-Miami-Dade shared flyers in English, Spanish and Creole on Back to School Health. You may want to include this information on your website and share with your partner networks.	
<b>Healthy Baby Taskforce Update</b>	The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent. The Healthy Baby Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Children Issues committee. The Taskforce last met virtually in July. The Taskforce continued the conversation in how they are going to align and combine efforts with the Jasmine Project to achieve optimal health by focusing on a holistic approach through the factors of health that play a role in improving birth outcomes. From this discussion they are looking to focus efforts on breastfeeding, safe sleep, and how to decrease pre-term births. From this discussion they would also like to create a health agenda message to discuss the maternal child health crisis with key stakeholders and elected officials to raise awareness and move forward with policy, system, and environmental changes. The Taskforce partners have also been attending many events and conferences including the Black Health Summit, Advocacy Training 105, and the Mom and Baby Action Network	

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	<p>(MBAN) Summit which will be discussed in today’s meeting. The Healthy Baby Taskforce will meet virtually today at 12:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p> <p>Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Children’s Book Follow-up Conversation</p>	<p>A recap was shared the committee is still working to achieve 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. Past 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 when available.</p>	
<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)</p>	<p>Tenesha Avent provided a high-level update on the status of the committee work plan performance measures in need of improvement discussion. There are a total of three committee activities remaining 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"> <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>○ The UF/IFAS Extension has confirmed to present on the <i>Healthy Kids and Healthy Future Curriculum</i> during the Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, committee meeting in-person at the United Way Miami.</li> <li>○ Dr. Natale had also recommended the</li> </ul> </li> <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>○ For this committee activity a reminder 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.</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>○ Kristin Wallin with Kidokinetics shared when the committee has the available training and/or resources they would like to distribute, she has a contact list for the local preschools and early care providers in which we could disseminate these educational materials too.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<p>During this meeting, for recognition of improved performance, Tenesha Avent, Vice Chair, took a moment to thank the committee for all their hard work on accomplishing most of the workplan activities. A status update was provided on the work plan. There are a total of 48 committee activities. 45 of the 48 activities has been met or complete. There are only 3 pending committee activities to be met.</p>	
<p>New Business  CPA Results Webinar Announcement</p>	<p>An announcement was shared to Save the Date for the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Community Partner Assessment Results Webinar Meeting will be hosted on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, via Microsoft Teams from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this webinar will be to share the results of the CPA survey and the feedback received from the CPA meeting. This will help further identify the organizations involved in MAPP, their capacities, skills, community strengths, and opportunities for greater impact to improve our community’s health together. The CPA survey is going to help us identify the organizations involved in MAPP, who they serve, what they do, and their capacities and skills to support our local community health improvement process. The results will inform the new Community Health Improvement Plan.</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>● <b>All Wellness Community Center Inc.:</b> An update was shared by Vania Macrohon. She provided her organization is a mental health center and partners with FIU Baptist for Pediatrics. They work with neurodivergent kids or kids that are not usually able to or very welcomed in the regular daycare or after school care programs because some of their behaviors get in the way. They work together with the FIU as outpatient providers to provide services for them. She will provide flyers for the afterschool programs and services provided.</li> <li>● <b>BreastfeedMIAMI and DOH-Miami-Dade WIC Program:</b> An update was shared by Carla Sabugo. She shared August is National Breastfeeding Month (NBM). The 2024 NBM theme is Nourish, Sustain, Thrive. A friendly reminder was shared the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day which will be hosted on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doral Legacy Park Community Center. It was also noted this will be the second South Florida Latch-A-Thon taking place that last for up to 24 hours. Additionally, please visit <a href="#">BreastfeedMIAMI</a> to learn more and <a href="#">Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</a> webpage.</li> </ul>	

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- **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:** An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. She shared to register for the Community Partner Assessment (CPA) Results webinar, please sign-up here: [Community Partner Assessment Results Webinar Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)
- **Easterseals/Early Steps:** An update was shared by Talli Menchion. She shared the Early Steps Resource Fair will be hosted on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bernstein Park located at 6751 5th St., Stock Island, FL 33040.
- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade:** An update was shared by Heather Baker. She announced the coalition launched the Moving Crib Project in partnership with Sunshine Health on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A photo was shared during the meeting. This project initiative is a way to increase community awareness of safe sleep practices. Heather also shared this is a crib that travels around to different locations and shared the process to sign-up and participate with this initiative. Part of hosting the crib at your site includes a safe sleep ambassador training that should be completed by one designated staff member at the host site. Other updates were shared the coalition will participate and be a sponsor at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day and the Tree of Life Community Baby Shower on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They also participated in the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Florida Blue Diaper Distribution event and in-service training for the Miami-Dade County Early Head Start program. They will also participate in a few upcoming events mentioned such as the Early Steps Resource Fair and hosting the next FIMR CAG meeting on September 25, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **ICU Baby:** An update was shared by Leah Jayanetti. A Save the Date was shared for the Our Little Miracles Luncheon that is scheduled to be held on Friday, September 27, 2024. She also shared the Hope Parade will be on Sunday, November 3, 2024, the first Sunday of World Prematurity Month. This is a walk in support of NICU families. Other updates were shared on their Youth Ambassador breast milk collection volunteer program they created to address the gap that was identified of not having places to store your breast milk. Lastly, she shared they disseminated 200 safe sleep kits to families that were going home between June to August.
- **Metro Mommy Agency:** Esther McCant shared an update on upcoming Mocha Family Wellness Fair will be hosted on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at KIPP Miami North Campus located at 3000 NW 110<sup>th</sup> ST, Miami, FL 33167 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. She also announced

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	<p>she is a part of the Miami Foundation Leadership Fellowship. She is working to incorporate Doulas on the Labor and Delivery floor at Jackson Holtz Hospital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parent to Parent of Miami:</b> An update was shared by Danielle Leys. She shared her organization provides services to families that have a child with a disability. They have monthly workshops. To learn about Parent to Parent of Miami Workshops, please access here: <a href="https://www.ptopmiami.org/workshops/">https://www.ptopmiami.org/workshops/</a></li> <li>• <b>Sleep &amp; Cradle Solutions:</b> An update was shared by Cynthia Unuigbe. She shared they are partnering with Miami Temple for the Family Health Workshop on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9175 SW 44<sup>th</sup> ST., Miami, FL 33165. This is a free event. Flyers were shared.</li> <li>• <b>The Children’ Movement of Florida:</b> An update was shared by Rocio Velazquez. She shared the Built to Thrive Virtual Summit will be hosted on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. To register, please click <a href="#">here</a>. She also shared the next Future Call will be on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 12 p.m. To learn more, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting will be held in-person at the United Way Miami, Ansin Building, on Friday, August 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	