

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**  
 Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting  
 Friday, February 17, 2023  
 12:30 PM- 1:30 PM EST

| TOPIC                                    | DISCUSSION  | ACTION NEEDED |
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| Membership Total (21)                    | <p><b><u>Virtual Meeting</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Co-Chair)</li> <li>2. Heather Baker, HSCMD</li> <li>3. Nattaliah Earle, UHP</li> <li>4. KeTia Harris, JTCHS</li> <li>5. Earline Hayes, Florida Impact</li> <li>6. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby</li> <li>7. Brittany Lopez-Itingen, Nova Southeastern University</li> <li>8. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>9. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>10. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>11. Asheena Moses, Florida Impact</li> <li>12. Okezi Otovo, FIU</li> <li>13. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>14. Catherine Toms, Green Cars for Kids</li> <li>15. Skye Wheeler Human Rights Watch</li> <li>16. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>17. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>18. Imani Morgan, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>19. Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>20. Rachel Roberts, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>21. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison)</li> </ol> |               |
| Welcome and Introductions                | The February 2023 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues sub-committee (Healthy Baby Taskforce) was brought to order by Tenesha Avent at 12:34 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.  |               |
| Approval of Minutes                      | There was a motion to approve the January 2023 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Heather Baker, the motion was seconded by Beverly Montgomery.  |               |
| Green Cars for Kids Follow-up Discussion | During this meeting, the Healthy Baby Taskforce had a follow-up discussion on the <a href="#">Green Cars for Kids</a> initiative. Tenesha Avent facilitated with Dr. Catherine Toms a follow-up Question and Answer discussion. Dr. Toms highlighted the Green Cars for Kids program will first be piloted in Broward County. The Taskforce members learned about potential opportunities in which they could further   |               |

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|   | <p>support this initiative in Miami-Dade in the future. There was also a brainstorming discussion with thinking through some of the barriers that a family may experience to be able to make it to a healthcare visit. Dr. Toms shared these conversations are the ones that help facilitate climate health equity solutions. This topic relates back to the new work plan strategy: Promote and support action-oriented community processes working with groups to bring awareness of the important climate and environmental impacts linked to birth outcomes for pregnant people and expecting families. This opportunity and other climate efforts with Human Rights Watch will be further discussed at a future meeting.</p>   |  |
| <p>Healthy Baby,<br/>Healthy Corner<br/>Store Palm Card<br/>Initiative Updates</p>  | <p>KeTia Harris presented updates to the Taskforce members on the <i>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card Initiative</i>. KeTia presented the two designs for the palm card. These designs included the original palm card and a second design of a tri-fold business card design. The designs included the recommended changes from the January meeting. The Taskforce members reviewed and provided further recommended changes. These included updating the facts related to calorie and water intake and including contact information to refer the target audience to a resource that could help answer any questions they may have related to breastfeeding. The QR code on the palm card was also reviewed which hosts the Link Tree website that includes all resources. It was discussed to keep the partner resources with their websites instead of their social media accounts on the Link Tree. It was shared the organization’s website shares more information than their social media accounts. At the next Taskforce meeting, this will be further reviewed.</p> |  |
| <p>New Business</p> <p>FY 23 Omnibus<br/>Appropriations Bill<br/>Updates</p> <p>Black Maternal<br/>Health Week<br/>Planning</p> | <p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce was unable to discuss the New Business topic of FY 23 Omnibus Appropriations Bill Updates. The Taskforce will discuss during the next meeting in more detail and will also cover the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2021 and the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act.</p> <p>A brief reminder was shared that Black Maternal Health Week is commemorated on the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> every year. This year’s official theme for <a href="#">BMHW 2023</a> is “Our Bodies Belong to Us: Restoring Black Autonomy and Joy!” The Taskforce will discuss next meeting to learn about what other partners are doing for this week.</p>  |  |
| <p>Partner Updates</p>  | <p>Taskforce members were able to briefly share an update on their current work/initiatives/projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>DOH-Miami-Dade WIC:</b> An update was shared by Carla Sabugo. She shared last February all WIC agencies were given flexibilities on formula options due to the formula shortage. Beginning February 24, 2023, these waivers and flexibilities are set to expire. To ensure families transition as smooth as possible, the WIC program will be taking a phased approach. We want to ensure our partners are up</li> </ul>  |  |

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|             | <p>to date to help with this transition by referring WIC families to our <a href="#">website</a> or call center 786.336.1300 for assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Florida Impact:</b> An update was shared by Asheena Moses. She shared an update on the available SNAP Messaging Toolkit which shares several resources on how to spread the message. When posting it on their social media platforms, please include the hashtag #snapfeeds.</li> <li>- <b>Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade:</b> Heather Baker provided updates on behalf of the coalition. She shared the coalition is still offering hybrid visits until the public health emergency expires and then will resume all visits back in-person. She also shared they are expanding the Moving Beyond Depression program through funding they received. She shared to also visit the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade’s (HSCMD) website to learn more about the available Fatherhood Initiative program positions. Please visit the HSCMD website <a href="#">here</a>. The next Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Community Action Group (CAG) scheduled for Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To register, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- <b>Jessie Trice Community Health System:</b> An update was shared by KeTia Harris. She provided an update on the success of the Black Women Do Breastfeed!, a new Breastfeeding Cafe Support Group. This group was launched on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. She also provided an update to increase our partnerships with faith-based organizations to work with Andrea Fletcher. She also shared she is interested in learning more from partners about the Pump Act.</li> <li>- <b>March of Dimes:</b> An update was shared by Tenesha Avent. She shared The Crisis! Black and Brown Maternal and Infant Mortality Panel Discussion will be hosted on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 9 a.m. at Florida Memorial University. To RSVP, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul> |  |
| Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 17, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform.</li> </ul>  |  |