

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



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (12)	<p><u>Virtual Meeting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heather Baker, HSCMD 2. KeTia Harris, JTCHS 3. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 4. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 5. Suecia Mendez Padilla, Sunshine Health 6. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 7. Okezi Otovo, FIU 8. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 9. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 10. Imani Morgan, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 11. Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 12. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The March 2023 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues sub-committee (Healthy Baby Taskforce) was brought to order by Candice Schottenloher at 12:36 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>There was a motion to approve the February 2023 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Heather Baker, the motion was seconded by Jessica Mulroy.</p>	
Climate and Environmental Impacts to Birth Outcomes	<p>A reminder was shared to the Taskforce the topic related to climate and environmental impacts to birth outcomes aligns 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. During this meeting, the Taskforce recognized Metro Mommy Agency for its efforts on this new strategy. A video clip was shared from Good Morning America (GMA): Climate Crisis and Pregnancy. Esther McCant, CEO of Metro Mommy Agency, discusses in this segment extreme weather events can adversely impact pregnancies and the importance of doulas being present and sharing resources on extreme heat. Additionally, related to this new work plan strategy, Human Rights Watch, would like to present and get feedback from the Taskforce on a brochure they are creating related to climate issues and the impacts of doulas. This opportunity and other climate efforts with Human Rights Watch will be discussed in the future.</p>	

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<p>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card Initiative Updates</p>	<p>KeTia Harris provided updates to the Taskforce members on the <i>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card Initiative</i>. KeTia reviewed the business wallet card design with the recommended changes discussed from the February meeting. This included updates to the facts on calorie and water intake. There was also a new addition highlighted to include fathers’ support. The QR code to the Link Tree was also completed and reviewed. Next steps the Taskforce discussed would be to update the palm card design to match the wallet card and seek DOH approval. The Taskforce members who were present in this meeting agreed to proceed with voting on the designs once we received approval of both designs from the Healthy Retail Committee. At the next Taskforce meeting, the members will vote for approval to disseminate the wallet card and palm card into the community.</p>	
<p> New Business FY 23 Omnibus Appropriations Bill Updates Black Maternal Health Week Planning </p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce tabled this agenda item 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>Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) is commemorated every year on the week of April 11th to 17th. This year’s official theme for BMHW 2023 is “Our Bodies Belong to Us: Restoring Black Autonomy and Joy!” BMHW is a week-long campaign founded and led by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance to build awareness, activism, and community-building to amplify the voices, perspectives and lived experiences of Black Mamas and birthing people. The week is intentionally held during National Minority Health Month. The Taskforce partners discussed and shared events they will be participating in for this week. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Celebration of Black Motherhood and Maternal Health will be hosted in partnership with the FIU African and African Diaspora Studies Program, the Black Mothers Care Plan, on Saturday, April 15th, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. This is a free community event at the FIU Biscayne Bay Campus. A screening of Black Motherhood through the Lens will take place and a conversation with the director Dr. Ade Osinubi. To register, please click here. • Research on Black Maternal Health in South Florida: There are upcoming opportunities to participate in the Black Mothers Care Plan’s research on racial bias in obstetric and postpartum care and the quality of maternal health care provided to Black women in Miami-Dade County. Over the next few months, the team will hold small focus groups on these topics. For more information on eligibility and registration, please email Okezi Otovo at ootovo@fiu.edu or Camillia Comeaux at ccomeaux@bsrinstitute.org. 	

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Partner Updates	<p>Taskforce members were able to briefly share an update on their current work/initiatives/projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOH-Miami-Dade OCHP: An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. The Tobacco-Free Workgroup has launched the 2023 Public Health Concerns Survey. Your feedback and responses from your community and partners will help us determine the priorities/concerns in your zip codes and neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County. It should take 3-5 minutes. - DOH-Miami-Dade WIC: An update was shared by Carla Sabugo. She shared WIC will be participating in three events this month. She shared one of them is happening today at the Miami Children's Museum for "Children's Week" from 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. She also shared MDC Women's Health Fair will be on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023. A Save the Date was also shared for Saturday, August 5th, 2023, is BreastfeedMIAMI Family Day. - Easterseals/Early Steps: An update was shared by Beverly Montgomery. She shared they continue to work virtually, receive referrals, and serve families in the most convenient ways for them. She shared they are always looking for providers, for their families and children ages 0 to 3 years of age. They are working to broaden their reach to Monroe County too. She provided a highlight of success with one of their partners they work with, NICU Alumni, in which they have in-person support groups where they discuss their experiences being a NICU parent. - Florida International University: An update was shared by Okezi Otovo. She shared the next community workshop "Nourishing the New Mother: Optimal Nutrition for Pregnancy and Beyond," will be on Saturday, March 18th, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Miami Workers Center. This workshop will be led by Na'imah Delpeche, Birth Doula, Holistic Childbirth Guide, and Certified Holistic Health Consultant. Please see under New Business other updates shared for Black Maternal Health Week 2023. - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade: Heather Baker provided updates on behalf of the coalition. She shared the coalition is providing portable cribs, car seats, and education through the partnership with funding they received from Sunshine Health. She also provided an update on the Fatherhood Initiative program at the local level they are in the recruiting process now conducting interviews. She shared they are not accepting and receiving referrals yet from the fathers but will share when this is available. She also provided updates on the NAS/SEN project. Additionally, she shared info on Feeding South Florida's nutrition services and food pantry, to learn more please contact: Dstephen@feedingsouthflorida.org. 	

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Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. 	