

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
 Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
 Friday, April 21, 2023
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (18)	<p><u>Virtual Meeting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Taskforce Co-Chair) 2. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Taskforce Co-Chair) 3. Jamara Brooks, Urban Strategies Inc. 4. KeTia Harris, JTCHS 5. Rachel Janvier, Urban Strategies Inc. 6. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 7. Cynthia Lebron, UM 8. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 9. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 10. Suecia Mendez Padilla, Sunshine Health 11. Imelda Moise, UM 12. Ana Maria Rodriguez, HSCMD 13. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 14. Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch 15. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 16. Monica FilsAime, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 17. Imani Morgan, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 18. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	The April 2023 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues sub-committee (Healthy Baby Taskforce) was brought to order by Esther McCant at 12:33 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the March 2023 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Carla Sabugo, the motion was seconded by Cheryl Lorie.	
<i>Research and Advocacy Project: Doulas, Justice, and Compensation Presentation,</i> Presented by: Skye Wheeler	Skye Wheeler presented the <i>Research and Advocacy Project: Doulas, Justice, and Compensation Presentation</i> on behalf of the Human Rights Watch. She shared they have been researching and working on climate issues and the role a doula plays in this arena and especially in healthcare. Human Rights Watch, in partnership with Metro Mommy Agency, and with support from other leading and inspirational individuals and organizations, including the Southern Birth Justice Network, is collecting insights and stories about the work doulas are doing in South Florida including to address unjust inequities in maternal and newborn health. This project also seeks to understand obstacles to this work, which can include poor	

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<p>Climate and Environmental Impacts to Birth Outcomes</p>	<p>compensation and burnout. Across the US, the lifesaving work of community-based doulas is being increasingly recognized including by Medicaid providers and federal/state governments. National as well as state-based efforts are underway to ensure Medicaid reimbursement for doulas to encourage better care for underserved communities and to try to address racial inequities. After the presentation, there was a discussion facilitated by Esther McCant and Skye Wheeler with a Q&A discussion among the partners.</p> <p>This work aligns with 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. Human Rights Watch is interested in getting further feedback from the Taskforce on a brochure as well as conducting interviews in which they are creating related to this climate justice issues and the impacts of doulas. Next steps will be shared on this discussion during the May meeting.</p>	
<p>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card Initiative Updates</p> <p>Black Maternal Health Week Event Updates</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce partners reviewed for final approval the business wallet card and palm card design for the <i>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card Initiative</i>. There were two recommended changes noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the DOH-Miami-Dade WIC logo on the palm card design. • Update the following fact with recommended change: Mothers who breastfeed may burn up to 700 extra calories per day, and tend to lose more weight than those who do not breastfeed. It originally state than instead of that. <p>The Taskforce partners approved both designs with those recommended changes included. It is also important to note the Healthy Retail Committee approves the Healthy Baby Taskforce moving forward with printing and distributing the 5x7 Breastfeeding Palm Card. The designs will be updated with the changes and submitted to DOH Communications for approval. Additionally, we will also work to translate both designs in Spanish.</p> <p>This year Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) was commemorated 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 shared updates on the events they supported and participated in for this week. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasmine Project CAN Meeting was hosted on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's Get Loud: Pursuing Black Maternal Health Solutions webinar was hosted on Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. • A Celebration of Black Motherhood and Maternal Health was 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. • Research on Black Maternal Health in South Florida: Upcoming opportunities were shared by 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. • FIU Chapter of National Society of Black Women in Medicine Mocktails & Medicine Event • One of the photos from the Colors of Breastfeeding (COB) campaign was selected as a winner in a photo contest honoring Black Maternal Health Week 2023 by the US Department of Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA), Maternal & Child Health Division. These photos represent our commitment to achieving positive Black Maternal Health outcomes before, during and after pregnancy. Photos and links were shared. 	
<p>New Business</p> <p>FY 23 Omnibus Appropriations Bill Updates</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce discussed under New Business the FY 23 Omnibus Appropriations Bill Updates. These updates were presented by Esther McCant on behalf of the March of Dimes. The two appropriations included the Workers Fairness Act of 2021 and the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act.</p> <p>The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March of Dimes was heavily involved in bipartisan negotiations with Senate leadership on having this bill, with compromise language included, as part in the Omnibus. Unfortunately, it was excluded in the version that was published on December 20. • However, OGA remained aggressive and worked closely with leadership and bill sponsors on offering this legislation as an amendment on the Senate floor. Prior to final passage, the amendment was adopted on a 73-24 vote. March of Dimes was acknowledged on floor by Senator Cassidy for our strong support of PWFA and advocacy over the years. • This represents a remarkable victory in addressing our nation's maternity health crisis by establishing a national framework requiring employers to provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant workers to ensure they have healthy pregnancies. <p>The PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act</p>	

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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"> - BreastfeedMIAMI: An update was shared to Save the Date for Saturday, August 5th, 2023, is BreastfeedMIAMI Family Day. More details will be shared as they become available. - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD): Ana Maria Rodriguez is the new Chief Program Officer for the Healthy Start Coalition. As of April 1st, 2023, the Healthy Start Home Visitation program has transitioned from hybrid to 100% in-person. Additionally, a Fatherhood Initiative has been launched that provides one-on-one home-based services to fathers. A Creole-speaking fatherhood coach has joined the program and HSCMD is seeking a Spanish-speaking fatherhood coach. They will be taking referrals for services in the near future. - Jessie Trice Community Health System: KeTia Harris shared an updated to access and learn more about JTCHS Breastfeeding groups, support, and resources, please visit here. She also shared to learn more about Breastfeeding Buggy resources, please visit here. - March of Dimes: Tenesha Avent shared that March of Dimes will be hosting several walks including a walk in West Palm Beach on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 8 a.m., and the Miami March for Babies on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Bill Baggs Park, and at Nova Southeastern University on Saturday, May 13th, 2023. To learn more about the March for Babies: A Mother of a Movement, please click here. - Sunshine Health: An update was shared by Suecia Mendez. Sunshine Health has a Farm Share food distribution at the Lauderhill Mall in Broward County, City of Lauderhill every third Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - University of Miami: Cynthia Lebron shared an update on upcoming focus groups she will be conducting for a study to develop a program for Hispanic mothers and grandmothers to support healthy baby development. When flyers are available, they will be shared. Additionally, she shared she received a grant to help support a needs assessment to be conducted through Breastfeed MIAMI to learn about what birthing hospitals are doing to support breastfeeding. - Urban Strategies Inc.: An update was shared by Rachel Janvier and Jamara Brooks. They provided an update on behalf of their organization in which provides family support and looking to learn more about available resources in the community for the families they serve. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. 	



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