

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
 Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
 Friday, June 16, 2023
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (16)	<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. Viviana Alvarado Pacheco, Women’s Fund of Miami-Dade 4. KeTia Harris, JTCHS 5. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 6. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 7. Tamia Medina, UHealth 8. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 9. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 10. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 11. Okezi Otovo, FIU 12. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 13. Ana Maria Rodriguez, HSCMD 14. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 15. Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 16. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The June 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 and Tenesha Avent at 12:35 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>There was a motion to approve the May 2023 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Beverly Montgomery, the motion was seconded by Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi.</p>	
Climate and Environmental Impacts to Birth Outcomes	<p>During the May Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting, Skye Wheeler presented the <i>Research and Advocacy Project: Doulas, Justice, and Compensation Presentation</i> on behalf of the Human Rights Watch. To further this discussion on Thursday, June 1st, 2023, the Human Rights Watch hosted at the United Way of Miami-Dade a roundtable discussion on this topic on doulas, the climate crisis, proper compensation and a draft report created in partnership with the Human Rights Watch, Metro Mommy Agency, and the Southern Birth Justice Network. During this Taskforce meeting, community partners such as Metro Mommy Agency, the Women’s Fund of Miami-Dade, and Florida International University (FIU) shared their experiences on this topic and roundtable discussion. It was highlighted at this roundtable discussion it built a strong sense of community. Other key highlights shared was the importance of Miami-Dade</p>	

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<p>Summer Healthy Baby Taskforce Event Updates</p>	<p>County having its first Chief Heat Officer. Other key stakeholders that should be a part of this conversation also include the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department too. More updates will be shared on this report as it becomes available.</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.</p> <p>The Taskforce members shared opportunities on upcoming summer events that will need partner support with and sharing these events with their clients in which they serve too. The following events are upcoming include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Artists – Art of Breastfeeding 2023: deadline to sign-up is Sunday, July 23rd, 2023. To learn more, please visit here. • 12th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day will be hosted on Saturday, August 5th, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doral Legacy Park Community Center • 3rd Annual Art of Breastfeeding Brunch & Exhibition will be hosted on Saturday, August 19th, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex. <p>Other events that were attended previously by the Taskforce partners included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BreastfeedMIAMI Strategic Plan Community Launch meeting held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023. • <i>Black Health Summit 2023</i> hosted on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023, by the Health Foundation of South Florida at Florida Memorial University. • <i>Health Summit: Advancing Early Relational Health</i> hosted by Miami-Dade County’s Head Start/Early Head Start and Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnerships on Friday, June 9th, 2023. 	
<p>New Business</p> <p>Safe Sleep Survey Status Update Presentation</p>	<p>The Taskforce had the <i>Safe Sleep Survey Status Update Presentation</i> presented by Jessica Mulroy and Candice Schottenloher from the Office of Community Health and Planning, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. This presentation provided an update on the status of the Baby Safe Sleep Community Survey the Taskforce designed and launched back in October 2022. Jessica Mulroy reviewed the current survey responses and results. To date, there have been 29 responses, and only 8 surveys completed. She also shared from the response rates the demographic information to give context of who is completing the survey. It is also important to note we have not reached the Creole-only speaking population yet. Candice Schottenloher presented on the current community efforts that have been taking place since the launch of the survey. Based on the data and the community efforts, the Taskforce had a discussion on how to further disseminate the survey as well as suggested modifications to allow for more</p>	

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	<p>survey responses. From this discussion, there were two polls launched regarding the current survey responses. It was voted by the members to tailor our outreach efforts with not expanding our eligibility window and removing the yes/no question about how I put my baby to sleep. Further updates will be discussed at the next meeting.</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"> - DOH-Miami-Dade WIC: An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher on behalf of Cheryl Lorie for August events for National Breastfeeding Month. Please see updates under New Business. - Florida International University: An update was shared by Okezi Otovo on the Black Mothers Care Plan (BMCP): Black Maternal Health and Birth Equity Workshop, which was hosted on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, and they are looking to host another one of these workshops in the fall. Recently, hosted on Saturday, June 10th, 2023, the BMCP Supportive Trauma Informed Care Community Workshop at the YWCA of South Florida Intergenerational Center in Miami Gardens. As mentioned, the trainings are led by our partners who are practicing doulas and midwives which gives an opportunity to talk through both the landscape of Black maternal health in the United States and the types of care models that they utilize to optimize the experiences and the outcomes for Black birthing persons. She shared with a particular kind of emphasis on helping clinical and hospital-based providers to improve the delivery of care and for our community leaders to understand that kind of care continuum that includes those of us who do not work in medical sites. As workshops are hosted the details will be shared with the Taskforce. - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD): Ana Maria Rodriguez shared that their Fatherhood State-wide Initiative – T.E.A.M. DAD has officially begun taking referrals. Services are being provided in English and Creole. They are still seeking a Spanish-speaking staff member. The program provides education regarding fathering skills, relationship and communication skills and personal health. - ICU Baby: An update was shared by Leah Jayanetti. She provided an update on the NICU Empowerment Support Tools. Currently, she shared the three hospitals (Jackson, Holtz Children’s Hospital, and South Miami Hospital) already have the journal and guidebook tools. Starting in July 2023 they will also be at Niklaus Children’s Hospital, Mount Sinai, and the University Hospital. Additionally, they are working to increase access to that same program for even shorter term stay families because we know that sometimes those folks also need information and they need access to the resources, which includes everybody at this table. - Jasmine Project: Esther McCant shared the Jasmine Project provides wraparound services for pregnant mothers. To learn more, please click here. To join our email list for the Jasmine Project 	

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	<p>CAN, please visit: https://www.jasmine-project-can-hub.mailchimpsites.com/. For any questions, please email: jasmineprojectcan@gmail.com or call 786-553-3122.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Metro Mommy Agency: Esther McCant provided updates on the Making Optimal Maternal Child Health Accessible (MOMCHA) Program to visit the website to learn more. She also shared part of her work also includes breastfeeding classes, childbirth education and doula support, to learn more, please visit here: https://metromommyagency.com/. She also shared a resource called Meet Mae - BIPOC expectant family resource and connection to BIPOC providers https://meetmae.com/. Lastly, she shared if you're interested in participating AJ Owens Safe Space Venting session and Town hall, please email Metromommyagency@gmail.com. To learn more and see video that was shared in meeting, please view here. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 21, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. 	