

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
 Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (14)	<p><u>Virtual Meeting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary Aquino, Nova Southeastern University 2. KeTia Harris, JTCHS 3. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 4. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 5. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 6. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 7. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 8. Okezi Otovo, FIU 9. Eliana Ramos, The Honeycomb House 10. Ana Maria Rodriguez, HSCMD 11. Catherine Toms, Green Cars for Kids 12. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 13. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 14. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The August 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 12:35 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>There was a motion to approve the June 2023 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, the motion was seconded by Candice Schottenloher.</p>	
Climate and Environmental Impacts to Birth Outcomes	<p>Candice Schottenloher shared that Metro Mommy Agency’s Esther McCant partnered with the Human Rights Watch and Nuturely at the HealthConnect One Conference’s Hackathon and were awarded funding to be able to create a mobile application. More updates will be shared as it becomes available.</p> <p>On Thursday September 7, 2023, the Women’s Fund of Miami-Dade will be hosting their virtual Impact Collaborative meeting “Bridging Gaps: Doula Care and Maternal Health Equity in South Florida”. This collaborative opportunity was shared with the Taskforce partners as they have been participating and providing feedback on this topic to help guide the report. This work aligns with the new work plan strategy: Promote and support action-oriented community processes working with groups to bring</p>	<p>Once receive report, share with Taskforce</p>

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<p>Summer Healthy Baby Taskforce Event Updates</p>	<p>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 and that will need partner support with and sharing these events with their clients in which they serve too. They also shared successes on the summer events that took place already this month too. The following events are upcoming include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Breastfeeding Café</i> – WIC in partnership with Jessie Trice Community Health System’s event at the Juanita Mann and Federica Wilson Center will take place on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. • <i>3rd Annual Art of Breastfeeding Brunch & Exhibition</i> will be hosted on Saturday, August 19th, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex. • <i>Young Mothers of Color – You Are Not Alone Outreach Event</i> – The Honeycomb House have partnered with The Sankofa Sistas Giving Circle Foundation and the Office of Commissioner Christine King, and their event will be hosted on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Charles Hadley Park located at 1350 NW 50 ST. Miami, FL 33142. • <i>Changing Your Motherhood Narrative</i> workshop will be hosted on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. as part of the Black Maternal Health and Wellness series part of the Black Mothers Care Plan. • DOH-Miami-Dade WIC Program will host two internal community baby showers for clients at the Florida City and Liberty City WIC clinics. <p>Other events that were attended previously by the Taskforce partners included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day was hosted on Saturday, August 5th, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doral Legacy Park Community Center. Around 600 community members attended during the first half of the event. A total count of 90 to 100 mothers breastfeeding simultaneously for the Latch On event were accounted for during this day. 	
<p>Safe Sleep Survey Status Update Presentation</p>	<p>The Taskforce had the <i>Safe Sleep Survey Status Update</i> updates presented by Candice Schottenloher from the Office of Community Health and Planning, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. An update was provided on the status of the Baby Safe Sleep Community Survey the Taskforce designed and launched back in October 2022. Candice Schottenloher shared that during the June meeting 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. The findings included keeping the eligibility criteria and removing the “is</p>	

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	<p>the way you put your baby to sleep safe?” question after further discussing how this inquiry may intimidate survey respondents on responding “No”. Next steps include seeking out further assistance for drafting a letter to have different hospitals help determine where the priority population can be reached and developing social media posts to increase survey responses.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <p>Healthy Baby Healthy Corner Store Initiative</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store initiative that the Taskforce has been working on has been able to accomplish a English, a Spanish and Creole translation for the Palm Card and Business Wallet Card designs which are intended to be distributed at health fairs and healthy corner stores. We have graciously been able to work with Rebekah Antoine, Vi Natirèl Family Wellness Institute and Southern Birth Justice Network (SBJN), who provided in-kind services to translate both designs into Creole. There was one edit on behalf of the Office of Community Health and Planning had proposed to the Healthy Retail Committee which was agreed upon to include “TAKE CONTROL of your health and Live Healthy, Miami-Dade County!” Before it was TAKE CONTROL of your health and Live Healthy, Miami Gardens! It was agreed upon as it will expand greater reach in Miami-Dade County at various local corner stores as well as local supermarkets too. The designs are now in the DOH-Miami-Dade Communications approval process. KeTia Harris led a brief discussion regarding the launching process to disseminate out into the community. She also shared the QR code is active and if any updates are needed, to please reach out to her. It was also noted by Leah Jayanetti once approved the digital designs would be great for the NICU families. As more updates become available on the approval, they will be shared with the Taskforce as well as next steps for printing once approved.</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: Cheryl Lorie provided updates on waivers. As of August 9, 2023, all prenatal and newly registered babies must initially come in for physical presence and will no longer be certified virtually. - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD): Ana Maria Rodriguez shared that their Fatherhood State-wide Initiative – T.E.A.M. DAD has officially onboarded a Spanish-speaking fatherhood coach. Services can now be provided in English, Spanish, and Creole. The program provides education regarding fathering skills, relationship and communication skills and personal health. - Sunshine Health: Suecia Mendez Padilla shared that mothers’ incentives/rewards have been updated. Those who attend 3 prenatal visits will receive \$50.00. And \$20.00 if they attend a postpartum follow-up visit between 7 to 84 days. This purpose of this initiative will incentivize and increase expecting mothers to attend to their prenatal and postpartum care. - Other partner updates on summer events may be found above in the Previous Action Items section. 	

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<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>- The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting is scheduled for in-person at the United Way of Miami-Dade, Ryder Room, for Friday, September 15, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will also be a virtual option available to join via Microsoft Teams if unable to join in-person.</p>	
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