

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
 Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
 Friday, September 15, 2023
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (17)	<p><u>Joined Meeting Virtually</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 2. Queen Holden, DOH-Miami-Dade 3. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 4. Ketia Harris, JTCHS 5. Ashli Daley, The Mama Coach Ashli Daley LLC 6. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 7. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 8. Heather Baker, HSCMD 9. Andrea Medina, Children’s Home Society of Florida 10. Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch 11. Catherine Toms, Green Cars for Kids 12. Darianna Andujar, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 13. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade <p><u>Joined In-person:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency/ Jasmine Project 15. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami 16. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 17. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The September 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 12:35 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>There was a motion to approve the August 2023 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Esther McCant, the motion was seconded by Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi.</p>	
Climate and Environmental Impacts to Birth Outcomes	<p>Metro Mommy Agency’s Esther McCant partnered with the Human Rights Watch and Nurturely at the HealthConnect One Conference’s Hackathon and were awarded funding to be able to create a mobile application. HealthConnect One’s team will be providing technical support for the next year. Metro Mommy Agency is also interested in partnering with local community members to help bolster and support the breastfeeding application.</p>	

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<p>Summer Healthy Baby Taskforce Event Updates</p>	<p>On Thursday September 7, 2023, the Women’s Fund of Miami-Dade hosted their virtual Impact Collaborative meeting “Bridging Gaps: Doula Care and Maternal Health Equity in South Florida”. Leaders were able to discuss doula care and the need to be better recognized and better compensated for their work in addressing inequity and maternal and newborn health. There is a meeting coming up with the Mayor Levine Cava to present findings and discuss pushing legislature to make all insurance companies and Medicaid pay and compensate for doula care. More information will be provided in our next meeting. There will be trainings for Doulas on the climate crisis and community education around doula care and other maternal health workers. These plans align 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. Report is due to be launched on October 26, 2023.</p> <p>The Taskforce members shared successes on summer events and opportunities on upcoming fall events that will need partner support with and sharing these events with their clients in which they serve too. following events are upcoming include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH-Miami-Dade WIC Program will host two internal community baby showers for clients at the Florida City and Liberty City WIC clinics. • Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. This event will be held at Dadeland Marriot Datan Ballroom on Friday, December 1st of 2023. More details will be shared when available. <p>Other events that were attended previously by the Taskforce partners included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>3rd Annual Art of Breastfeeding Brunch & Exhibition</i> that was hosted on Saturday August 19th, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex. KeTia Harris provided updates on this event and shared about the partnerships that helped create this a successful event. 	<p>Once receive report, share with Taskforce</p>
<p>New Business Sustainability Topic</p>	<p>Esther McCant facilitated a conversation with the Health Baby Taskforce on the sustainability of the Healthy Baby Taskforce. She asked the members, “How can we continue to build synergy across the Maternal Child Health (MCH) group in Miami-Dade County from inside and outside MCH partners?”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heather Baker suggested a program for interns and non-intern students that are interested in gaining experience. Non-interns include students from other universities, medical students, Journalism students, Communication students, socialism students, and community volunteer members. 2. Andrea Medina, Children’s Home Society of Florida, shared she is impressed by the work of the Taskforce is doing and looking how her organization could partner with the Taskforce. 	

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<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"> - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami Dade (HSCMD): Heather Baker informed members of great opportunities that they are working with some wonderful organizations. The HSCMD was one of the many proud Sponsors for the 12th Annual Breastfeeding Family Awareness Day, Tree of Life baby shower, and the upcoming ICU Baby Hope Parade. She also shared about the Connect Program, triage system that connects families to home visiting and other services in the Miami Dade County, have also added an additional hospital providing on-site services which began on September 5 of 2023. Additionally, Heather Baker shared that Sunshine Health has funded a community grant of \$10,000 to the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade County. Funds will be used to purchase portable cribs and car seats for families who cannot afford those items. - Jessie Trice Community Health System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Our Village</i> is a free weekly on-site parenting education program for prenatal families and families with children 0 to 2 years of age. This program will launch sometime in October and November, dates to be announced. Still in enrollment phase, if you know of potential partners who could collaborate, please contact KeTia Harris. Flyer to be posted and shared with members in next meeting. o Breastfeeding Touchpoint Program: A sustainable option for families by providing virtual resources and community partnership opportunities. Program in transition, updates coming soon. 	

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Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting is scheduled to be hosted virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday, October 20, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. 	