

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, October 18, 2024

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (15)	<p><u>Joined Virtual via Microsoft Teams</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Taskforce Co-Chair) 2. Viviana Alvarado Pacheco, The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade 3. Heather Baker, HSCMD 4. Nancy Bonise-Charlemond, Cayuga Centers 5. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 6. Suecia Mendez Padilla, Sunshine Health 7. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 8. Dr. Catherine Toms, Green Cars for Kids 9. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 10. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 11. Jack Lin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Intern) 12. Natouchka Murray, 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) 15. Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 	
Welcome and Introductions	The October 2024 monthly meeting of the Healthy Baby Taskforce was brought to order by Esther McCant at 12:32 p.m. All members were welcomed, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the August 2024 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Heather Baker, and the motion was seconded by Beverly Montgomery.	
Previous Action Items Jasmine Project Presentation & Work Plan Alignment Follow-up Conversation	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce continued the discussion on the alignment of the work plan with the Jasmine Project, focusing on promoting effective preterm birth prevention strategies (Strategy 11). Members discussed potential initiatives and campaigns that could address preterm birth, breastfeeding, and safe sleep, highlighting the importance of collaborating with the Jasmine Project.</p> <p>Leah Jayanetti proposed incorporating trauma-informed care training for providers, noting that such education is crucial for improving outcomes.</p> <p>Heather Baker emphasized the need for increased awareness and advocacy for the Florida prenatal screen to ensure early identification of health needs.</p>	

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	<p>Carla Sabugo shared that WIC enrollment as early as pregnancy confirmation has positive health outcomes, which aligns with preterm birth prevention efforts.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Health Observance Months</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce Co-Chair Esther McCant highlighted upcoming health observance months to the Taskforce members for future meeting planning and coordination. Members were encouraged to take the lead in planning activities or events for these important months. The following health observance months were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month • November: Prematurity Awareness Month • January: Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, National Birth Defects Awareness Month • March: National Endometriosis Awareness Month, Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day • April: Black Maternal Health Week, National Infertility Awareness Week, STD Awareness Month • June: Men’s Health Month, Father’s Day • July: National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month 	<p>Share list with members to sign up to take the lead or support the health observance months.</p>
<p>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Designs Update</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce discussed the Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card and Business Wallet Card designs, which have been officially approved by the DOH-Miami-Dade Communications Office. These materials are available in English, Spanish, and Creole. The Taskforce discussed ideas regarding dissemination of these cards, including the locations and community events where they should be distributed. Additionally, there was a mention of some barriers encountered in the printing process, and members were encouraged to suggest printing companies that may be suitable for this task. Further discussions are planned on how to effectively distribute these materials throughout the community.</p>	
<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing the Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card and Business Wallet Card Design dissemination plan during the next meeting, focusing on finalizing the locations and events for distributing the materials effectively. • Leah Jayanetti will share trauma-informed care training resources with Candice Schottenloher for further consideration. The taskforce will explore integrating this training to improve care practices among providers. • The Taskforce plans to have a more detailed discussion in future meetings regarding the implications of the healthcare bill that recently passed, including how it may impact local 	

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	initiatives to reduce preterm birth rates in Miami-Dade County.	
Partner Updates	<p>Taskforce members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BreastfeedMIAMI and DOH-Miami-Dade WIC Program: An update was shared by Carla Sabugo. She mentioned the importance of enrolling pregnant women in WIC as soon as they confirm pregnancy, emphasizing positive health outcomes, including nutrition and breastfeeding education. She also reminded everyone about the "Art of Breastfeeding" event happening on October 19th at the Betty T. Ferguson Center. • Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade: An update was shared by Heather Baker. She spoke about the Moving Beyond Depression program funded by the Children's Trust and the ongoing support from Sunshine Health for the purchase of portable cribs and car seats for families in the Healthy Start Home Visitation program. • The Women's Fund Miami-Dade: Viviana Vidal Pacheco shared that they will be leading a full-fledged campaign around Extreme Heat Awareness and Pregnancy Health in May 2025. She also expressed tentative interest in leading March 2025 initiatives for Women's History Month. • Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County: Candice Schottenloher shared information about the healthy corner store palm cards and business wallet cards, which have been approved and are available in English, Spanish, and Creole. She discussed the need for deciding where these materials should be disseminated, including at community events and local businesses. • ICU Baby: Leah Jayanetti offered to lead initiatives for September (NICU Awareness Month) and November (Prematurity Awareness Month) in 2025. Leah highlighted the importance of better internal coordination by developing an internal calendar that tracks events and ensures communication with community partners for broader outreach. 	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting will be held in person at the United Way on Friday, November 15, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	