

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
 Children Issues Committee &
 Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
 Friday, November 15, 2024



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (19)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isabel Afanador, Early Learning Coalition in Miami-Dade/Monroe 2. Heather Baker, HSCMD 3. Jeff Hurst, DCF 4. Rachel Janvier, Urban Strategies Inc. 5. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 6. Emily Jones, UF 7. Dana Klein, Gheorg 8. Ahbria Marshall, United Way Miami 9. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency/Jasmine Project (HBT Co-Chair) 10. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 11. Cristiane Rocha, Colgate BSBF 12. Juliet San Juan, ConnectFamilias 13. Lakisa Smith, Urban Strategies Inc. 14. Khamai Simpson, United Way Miami 15. Kristin Wallin, Kidokinetics 16. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 17. Louis Correa, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Intern) 18. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 19. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The November 2024 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee and Healthy Baby Taskforce was brought to order at 10:05 a.m. by Esther McCant and Candice Schottenloher. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>There was a motion to approve the October 2024 Children Issues meeting minutes by Isabel Afanador, the motion was seconded by Heather Baker. There was a motion to approve the October 2024 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by I Heather Baker, the motion was seconded by Isabel Afanador.</p>	
Executive Board Update	<p>Candice Schottenloher provided updates on the Executive Board to the committee. The Board met virtually on Monday, November 4th, 2024. During this meeting, updates were shared on the Consortium’s Executive Board’s efforts have led to an approved elevator speech and health agenda message aimed at engaging policy stakeholders and elected officials in the work of the Consortium. These efforts are aimed at increasing visibility and enhancing support for the ongoing health initiatives. When this is approved through communications, more updates will be shared. Additionally, the Board</p>	

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	<p>continues conversations surrounding infectious diseases, optimal health, and addressing the factors that impact health. This remains a core focus for all Consortium committees. Further updates include the announcement of upcoming Consortium elections for the 2025-2026 term, with the nomination period set for November 12th to November 19th, 2024. The confirmation of nominees will take place from November 20th to 27th, and the elections will be conducted via survey from December 2nd to December 9th, 2024. Members are encouraged to participate in this process to ensure continuity in leadership and vision. Lastly, a reminder was shared the 5th Annual Bounty of Health event will be hosted on Friday, December 13th, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Perrine Health Center. This event is FREE to the community at a first come, first served basis. There will be a food grocery experience through Caring for Miami’s mobile food market, health education and information, and resources available. It was also encouraged to promote this on your social media platforms and with your community partner networks and clients served.</p>	
<p>Meeting Logistic Updates</p> <p>HC2 & Healthy Kids and Healthy Future Curriculum Follow-up Conversation</p>	<p>Candice Schottenloher shared the draft 2025 meeting schedule. The committee discussed to continue to host both virtual meetings and once a quarter in-person meetings at the United Way Miami. All meetings hosted virtually will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meetings that were voted to be only in-person will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the United Way Miami. The in-person meeting dates include Friday, February 21st, 2025, Friday, May 16th, 2025, and Friday, November 21st, 2025. The November 2025 meeting will be the Annual Potluck. The committee also voted for the Friday, December 19th, 2025 meeting to be cancelled. This schedule was voted for both Children Issues and Healthy Baby Taskforce 2025 meetings.</p> <p>A brief recap was shared that during the October 2024 meeting the committee had two presentations to learn more about best practices and evidence-based curriculums related to children’s health and wellness. Solina Rulfs of the UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program presented the <i>Healthy Kids, Healthy Future</i> curriculum presentation. During this presentation, a UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program overview was shared as well as what the <i>Family Nutrition Program (FNP)</i> is and how FNP supports policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) changes in Early Childcare. During this presentation, Solina Rulfs also shared an overview on the <i>Healthy Kids, Healthy Future</i> curriculum. A brief introduction was shared on the <i>Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Childcare</i> which is known as GoNAPSACC. The <i>Healthy Caregivers, Healthy Children</i> program presented by Dr. Ruby Natale and Joanne Palenzuela. The program focuses on reducing obesity in young children through role modeling and healthy habits in childcare centers. The committee discussed the importance of implementing the curriculum more broadly in childcare centers across Miami-Dade County. The committee members shared they found this insightful and will continue to learn more about both curriculums.</p>	<p>Schedule meetings with United Way Miami to confirm room reservations.</p>
<p>Recognition of Improved</p>	<p>Candice Schottenloher provided a high-level update to the committee members on the progress of the work plan. The Children Issues Committee work plan has a total of forty-eight (48) committee activities.</p>	

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Performance on Work Plan	There are three (3) committee activities that have not been completed yet. The remaining forty-five (45) committee activities have been completed and/or are on track to being met. The committee took a moment to celebrate this progress and all of the hard work the committee has been able to do since the inception of the workplan.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	<p>There are three (3) remaining committee activities that are not complete and are behind that committee has been discussing and working on these last few months. The following 3 work plan activities were further discussed during this meeting to set next steps for 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will increase from 0 to 2 new Walking School Bus sites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This activity was shared that a partner and/or host site would be needed to lead this activity. The committee advised they wanted to learn more and have a presentation. ○ By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will increase education to childcare providers about food allergies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jeff Hurst provided updates on this activity and the committee will continue to focus on completing this activity. It was noted presenting during the virtual provider meetings will be a great opportunity to share updates. ○ By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will fund a children’s book related to Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee will need to continue to brainstorm and discuss on how they are going to meet this objective with working with The Children’s Trust and Alzheimer’s Association. 	
Annual Committee Potluck	During this meeting, the committee hosted their Annual Committee Potluck to celebrate the committee’s success, come together to celebrate and share gratitude together.	
Lunch & Learn Presentation	Esther McCant presented the Healthy Baby Taskforce FY 2023-2024/2024-2025 Highlights during the Lunch & Learn presentation. Esther shared on the work of Metro Mommy Agency, Making Optimal Maternal Child Health Accessible (MOMCHA) program , and highlights on the Healthy Baby Taskforce and its success for this past FY 23-24/24-25. One of the key highlights the Healthy Baby Taskforce was able to accomplish was the <i>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store</i> initiative which included the palm card and business wallet card designs that were approved and translated into English, Spanish, and Creole. Additionally, Esther shared the importance on what is a doula and how she is working and hosting cohorts of training doulas to provide care to expectant families and pregnant birthing people. Lastly, she highlighted the importance of sustainability and all the key partners that are part of this network to reduce infant mortality and achieve better birth outcomes.	Send Human Rights Watch (HRW) Report.
Partner Updates	<p>Committee members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/ projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gheorg: An update was shared by Dana Klein. She shared an update on her organization and how they have a storytelling portal available that provides social services through an AI function from 	

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no cost to a cost for services.

- **Early Learning Coalition in Miami-Dade/Monroe:** Isabel Afanador share about what the ELC is and how they are facing a waitlist now with more than 4,900 children on the list who are waiting for services and childcare.
- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade:** Heather Baker announced that the funding for the Moving Beyond Depression program has been renewed by the Children's Trust for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Additionally, funding from Sunshine Health for the purchase of portable cribs and car seats for families in the Healthy Start Home Visitation Program was renewed as well.
- **Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures:** Cristiane Rocha shared that Colgate is offering free dental screenings and oral health education for children up to 12 years old. Their mobile unit is available for events, and they are currently accepting bookings for 2025.
- **ConnectFamilies:** Juliet San Jan provided updates on behalf of her organization. She shared they provide case management for those 0 to 17 years old and work with UM to provide mental health services and UM Mailman Center for behavioral therapy for children 0 to 8 years old. They also have a partnership with CABA helping children who have been abused, neglected and/or abandoned to provide legal service for them. Additionally, they also have a partnership with The Children's Trust to help process visas for no charge. Lastly, they continue to host community baby showers.
- **DCF:** Jeff Hurst provided an update that is a Community Liaison connecting parents and kids to licensed centers. He also shared he is a part of Together for Children and continues to share resources to connect families to services.
- **Kidokinetics:** Kristin Wallin shared they work with children from 18 months to 10 years old. They attend sites where children are at and aim to provide a positive experience with a lot of versatility and variety of activities related to physical fitness activity.
- **Sunshine Health:** Suecia Mendez provided an update the Welcome Room is available to partners for hosting different meetings in the Cutler Bay area. She also shared on the third Thursday of the month they do a Farm Share distribution and a diaper distribution. She also shared there is an opportunity to provide health resources at these events.
- **United Way Miami:** Khamai Simpson and Ahbria Marshall both introduced themselves as the first time attending this committee meeting. They both provided updates on program initiatives which included they are looking for virtual programming to keep members engaged and hosting different education sessions for their volunteers. They are working to provide more education and trainings. Lastly, they extended an invite to the members they have single care cards available to receive discounts on medical care needs such as co-pays, prescriptions, and more.
- **UF:** Emily Jones provided an update on the Books and Cooks program. She shared this is 7-week program for VPK aged children to 5th grade. This program will share new recipes, understanding the nutrition and how to cook different recipes, and will also receive a Hello Fresh meal and other

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	items to use during the program. They are currently accepting applications. To learn more, access here: https://lastinger.center.ufl.edu/lab/books-and-cooks/	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12 p.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025, virtually via Microsoft Teams from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	