

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, February 16, 2024

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



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (21)	<p><u>Joined Virtual via Microsoft Teams</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Co-Chair) <p><u>Joined In-person Meeting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Heather Baker, HSCMD 3. Manny Cerda, First Kids PPEC 4. Ashli Daley, The Mama Coach 5. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 6. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami 7. Andrea Medina, Children’s Home Society (Healthy Families) 8. Marya Meyer, The Women’s Fund 9. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 10. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 11. Naylise Sifonte, Borinquen (TOPWA) 12. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 13. Julia Arwari, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 14. Monica FilsAime, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 15. Fiorella Vega, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 16. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	The February 2024 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Healthy Baby Taskforce was brought to order by Esther McCant and Candice Schottenloher at 12:34 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the January 2024 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Heather Baker, the motion was seconded by Candice Schottenloher.	
Previous Action Items 2024 Taskforce Goal Setting and Expectations	Esther McCant and Candice Schottenloher facilitated the continued discussion with the Taskforce to set goals and expectations for this year. The key focus areas of discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Esther McCant led the continued discussion on the Healthy Baby Taskforce membership. It was highlighted we had a new member join today’s meeting and a few past members who have not been present in a while join the Taskforce meeting in-person today. It was noted we want to continue to build this synergy. To become a member of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade, please complete the Consortium Membership Form. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additionally, the Taskforce members noted they would like to invite to have present at the Taskforce would be the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, pediatricians, doctors, and other health care providers. ● Policy Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Esther McCant highlighted the importance of policy, systems, and environmental changes. She noted the importance of having an awareness and understanding of current bills that are related to women and children that relate to our work in the maternal child health arena. She shared in the future how this could also help guide our Taskforce efforts. The following resources were shared previously by Esther McCant to learn more about policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How a bill becomes a law: https://www.flsenate.gov/About/HowAnIdeaBecomesALaw ▪ How to search for bills: https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/bills.aspx ○ During this meeting, we had all partners share what they are allowed to do in the arena of policy and advocacy work. This was noted and will be compiled for future discussion. ○ It was noted the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County employees are only able to educate stakeholders. ○ It is important to note Marya Meyer shared on behalf of The Women’s Fund shared with the members there may be more you can do than you think you can in this arena. She shared how The Women’s Fund operates by identifying gaps and understanding how policy affects maternal mortality and morbidity data. She extended the invitation to the Healthy Baby Taskforce members to attend a virtual training in the summer. ○ It was also noted to schedule a presentation to learn more from the Children’s Movement of Florida related on current efforts for children, toddlers, literacy, and worksite policies. ○ Other key partners in this discussion included Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, ICU Baby, and Sunshine Health. ● Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was noted if the Taskforce has any professional development opportunities that are of interest to the group to please share these ideas as we are all continuing to grow and develop within the Taskforce. ● Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under this focus the Taskforce discussed upcoming community engagements like community baby showers that we saw more of before the COVID-19 pandemic. We discussed further on this topic. This included: 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Naylise Sifonte with Borinquen’s TOPWA program shared they have an community baby shower on Thursday, March 28th, 2024 that will serve approximately 10 to 15 mothers who are high risk and HIV-positive. ▪ Carla Sabugo also shared they have a community baby shower coming up on March 8th, 2024. ○ Carla Sabugo noted hosting a future communication activity to understand the layers of community and engagement. ○ Suecia Mendez noted providing incentives and educational materials shared at community events and being present to really build that trust with the community. ○ Other key partners in this discussion included Children’s Home Society, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, ICU Baby, The Mama Coach and Sunshine Health. 	
<p>New Business</p> <p>Review Florida Healthy Baby Action Plan</p>	<p>Candice Schottenloher presented the Healthy Baby Taskforce Work Plan review. This presentation reviewed the key priority areas and strategies the Healthy Baby Taskforce is currently focusing and working towards. The Taskforce partners reviewed and discussed. The Healthy Baby Taskforce partners also discussed if any items were missing part of the work plan. It was noted newborn baby prenatal feeding assessment is so valuable within the first 48-72 hours of birth, neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) in the NICU, homeless and unstable housing conditions and factors, and teachers and first responder parents having children noticed an increase in pre-term births were noted. Next meeting this will be further discussed if anything else is missing or further alignment among partner organizations would like to be shared too.</p>	
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>A high-level recap was provided on today’s meeting on the goal setting and expectations for 2024. It was noted for the next meeting to coordinate a presentation with the Children’s Movement of Florida to learn more about the current legislative session and their community work they are doing related to maternal child health. Also, follow-up with The Women’s Fund to coordinate the invitation shared with the Taskforce members to attend future training this summer.</p>	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Taskforce members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/ projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH-Miami-Dade Office of Community Health and Planning (OCHP) Program: Program updates were shared by Candice Schottenloher. OCHP has been working on a quality improvement project to increase awareness on the Community Health Event Request (CHER) form. This is the form that serves as the formal request to DOH-Miami-Dade and the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade to attend your event. OCHP is also in the planning stages of the new Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process which will launch this year. The MAPP process helps create and develop the Community Health Improvement Plan and the committee work plans. More details will be shared, once they become available. 	

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- **DOH-Miami-Dade Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program:** Program updates were shared by Carla Sabugo. She shared nationally WIC is celebrating their 50th anniversary. She also shared next month in March it is National Nutrition Month and this year's theme is Beyond the Table. She shared WIC is really working to address food insecurity as well as provide adequate nutrition and education to WIC clients through receiving emails and text messages. She also noted updates on the outcomes of QFlow so far within its program. She also noted she will be presentation to the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade and to Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Lastly, updates were shared the West Dade WIC location will be relocating as of April 1st to the Bent Tree location in Miami-Dade.
- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):** An update was shared by Heather Baker. She shared T.E.A.M. Dad now has a Spanish speaking bi-lingual coach. They also have an English and Creole speaking coach part of the team to provide support. The T.E.A.M. Dad program is accepting referrals from expecting fathers, a father figure, or a father with a child 0 to 3 years old. If interested to partner on this initiative, please email Heather Baker at hbaker@hscmd.org. She also shared they just conducted their first graduation part of the T.E.A.M. Dad program. A Save the Date was shared for the upcoming FIMR CAG meeting will be on March 20th, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **ICU Baby:** Leah Jayanetti shared organizational updates. She shared they are partnering with T.E.A.M. Dad and having more dads present at the bed side. She also shared updates on the NEST program expanding and opening at Nicklaus Children's, Broward, and Mount Sinai Hospital. She also shared they received a grant through The Children's Trust to develop an app. They are also re-launching the ICU Read Program to really include the intergenerational growing population in Florida. Additionally, she shared the NICU Ambassador program had 15 graduates come back to the NICU and give back to support. Lastly, there will be more updates on upcoming baby shower in May and working on breastfeeding pumps to rent at Holtz Hospital.
- **The Mama Coach:** An update was shared by Ashli Daley. She shared she is a Registered Nurse and owner of The Mama Coach here in South Florida which delivers parenting solutions and educational information with the goal of making parenthood easier. All services are delivered virtually or in-person through group/private workshops and virtual/in-home consultations.
- **Sunshine Health:** An update was shared by Suecia Mendez. She shared the next diaper drive distribution will be on March 13th, 2024. She also noted the third Thursday of each month they are doing a FarmShare distribution for 150 participants at the Welcome Room located at 9552 SW 160 ST., Palmetto Bay, FL 33157.

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting is scheduled virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday, March 15, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	
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