

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (32)	<p><b><u>Joined Virtual via Microsoft Teams</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Co-Chair)</li> <li>2. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Co-Chair)</li> <li>3. Ashli Daley, The Mama Coach</li> <li>4. Maria Catalina Jaramillo, Harvard Extension School</li> <li>5. Ellise Gutierrez, BLOOM Doula/Birth Justice Doula</li> <li>6. KeTia Harris, JTCHS</li> <li>7. Kaya Holmes, Community Member</li> <li>8. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby</li> <li>9. Arlicia Jones, Southern Birth Justice Network</li> <li>10. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami</li> <li>11. Yakesha Llewellyn, Amini Safari Doula Services</li> <li>12. Teronna Maddox, UM</li> <li>13. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>14. Andrea Medina, Children’s Home Society (Healthy Families)</li> <li>15. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>16. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health</li> <li>17. Marya Meyer, The Women’s Fund</li> <li>18. Corine Orr-Young, Southern Birth Justice Network</li> <li>19. Milangela Ramirez Izquier, Jackson Memorial Hospital</li> <li>20. Eliana Ramos, The Honeycomb House</li> <li>21. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>22. Catherine Toms, Green Cars for Kids</li> <li>23. Manuela Thomas, FIU</li> <li>24. Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe, Sleep &amp; Cradle Solutions</li> <li>25. Rocio Velasquez, The Children’s Movement of Florida</li> <li>26. Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch</li> <li>27. Nadirah, Community Member</li> <li>28. Marlene Charlot, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>29. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>30. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>31. Fiorella Vega, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>32. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)</li> </ol>	

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, March 15, 2024

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



Welcome and Introductions	The March 2024 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Healthy Baby Taskforce was brought to order by Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent at 12:31 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the February 2024 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Andrea Medina, the motion was seconded by Marya Meyer.	
The Children’s Movement of Florida Presentation	The Healthy Baby Taskforce had <i>The State’s Leading Voice on Early Childhood</i> presentation from <a href="#">The Children’s Movement of Florida</a> by Rocio Velazquez, Vice President of Statewide Engagement to learn about the current work they are doing and ways in which the Taskforce could be able to support their efforts too. The Children’s Movement of Florida focuses on three pillars: health, early learning, and parent support. <a href="#">Florida’s Early Learning Roadmap</a> and the Guide to Family Friendly Workplaces in Florida was also shared. A best practice that was highlighted from the guide was Bosses For Babies. Additionally, updates were shared on their organization’s legislative engagement. It was shared the Legislative Recap will be hosted virtually on Thursday, April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Every other Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. is the Future Call: Conversations on Florida’s Early Learning Future. Following the presentation, there was a Q&A discussion related to the presentation and kindergarten readiness.	Presentation slides saved on calendar invite.
Previous Action Items  Goal Setting and Expectations  Review Florida Healthy Baby Action Plan	The Healthy Baby Taskforce did not have time to discuss this previous action item. The Taskforce will continue the discussion on their goals and expectations for this year in the April meeting. The partners have focused on the following key focus areas which include Membership, Policy Review, Leadership, and Community Engagement. More updates will be shared and discussed next meeting.  The Healthy Baby Taskforce reviewed they work plan during the February meeting. During this reviewed they focused on the key priority areas and strategies the Healthy Baby Taskforce focus their efforts on as well as reporting on too. During the February meeting, the 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. The Taskforce during this meeting did not have time to further discuss. During the next meeting this will be further discussed if anything else is missing, alignment among partner organizations, the data, and how we want to address these community needs.	
Next Steps	Since the Taskforce was unable to further discuss the key focus areas of Membership, Policy Review, Leadership, and Community Engagement, this conversation will continue in April. The work plan will also be further discussed with the additional community needs noted. Additionally, a follow-up	

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	<p>with The Women’s Fund is needed 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"> <li>• <b>Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade:</b> An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. To join and become a member, please complete the membership form <a href="#">here</a>. Please also share this link with other community partners and organizations that are interested in becoming a member of the Taskforce too.</li> <li>• <b>DOH-Miami-Dade Perinatal HIV Program:</b> An update was shared by Queen Holden. She announced there is currently an OPS Health Services Representative position available in the HIV Perinatal Program. If interested, please email her for more details. A posting will be sent to the Taskforce members.</li> <li>• <b>Green Cars for Kids:</b> An update was shared by Dr. Catherine Toms. She shared if you want to learn about their program that provides free rides for pregnant moms and kids to healthcare visits using electric vehicles, please reach out. She shared the program is coming to Miami-Dade County! Please email Catherine Toms at <a href="mailto:ctoms@greencars4kids.org">ctoms@greencars4kids.org</a> or call at (561) 400-9835.</li> <li>• <b>March of Dimes:</b> An update was shared by Tenesha Avent. She provided the links for the upcoming March for Babies Walks. See event links below.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Palm Beach/Treasure Coast (April 20, 2024)</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Broward County (May 4, 2024)</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Miami-Dade County (May 18, 2024)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Metro Mommy Agency:</b> An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared that next month is Black Maternal Health Week which will be hosted on the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Esther shared if you are interested in working together and promoting your events for this week, she would gather the info to include on her events calendar. To learn more, please visit the Black Mamas Matter Alliance <a href="#">here</a>. To send events, please email Esther at <a href="mailto:metromommyagency@gmail.com">metromommyagency@gmail.com</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Sleep &amp; Cradle Solutions:</b> An update was shared by Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe. She reminded the Taskforce members about the ongoing Safe Sleep strategy class at Pinecrest Community Center every week on Wednesday’s. Flyer was previously shared. Another baby safe sleep strategy workshop in partnership with Gymboree will occur next month.</li> <li>• <b>Sunshine Health:</b> An update was shared by Suecia Mendez. She shared the next Diaper Drive from Tree of Life &amp; Sunshine Health will be on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the welcome room located at 9552 SW 160 ST., Miami, FL 33157.</li> </ul>	

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting is scheduled virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	
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