

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, May 17, 2024

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



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
<p>Membership Total (20)</p>	<p><b><u>Joined Virtual via Microsoft Teams</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Taskforce Co-Chair)</li> <li>2. Viviana Alvarado Pacheco, The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade</li> <li>3. Heather Baker, HSCMD</li> <li>4. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby</li> <li>5. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami</li> <li>6. Dr. Cynthia Lebron, UM</li> <li>7. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>8. Andrea Medina, Children’s Home Society (Healthy Families)</li> <li>9. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>10. Marya Meyer, The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade</li> <li>11. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>12. Dr. Connie Morrow Bonilla, UM/Jasmine Project</li> <li>13. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>14. Naylise Sifonte, Borinquen – TOPWA Program</li> <li>15. Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe, Sleep &amp; Cradle Solutions</li> <li>16. Rocio Velazquez, The Children’s Movement of Florida</li> <li>17. Melody Velez, United Healthcare</li> <li>18. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>19. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</li> <li>20. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Taskforce Liaison)</li> </ol>	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The May 2024 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Healthy Baby Taskforce was brought to order by Esther McCant at 12:32 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the April 2024 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Marya Meyer, the motion was seconded by Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe.</p>	
<p>Jasmine Project Presentation</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce had the <i>Jasmine Project Community Action Network</i> presentation presented by Dr. Connie Morrow Bonilla, Research Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Director, Perinatal CARE/Healthy Start Programs University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. During this presentation, Dr. Morrow Bonilla shared with us about the Jasmine Project efforts in advancing Black Perinatal and Infant Health and how the Taskforce could join efforts to help develop an action plan for sustainable improvement. In the Healthy Baby Taskforce work plan it was highlighted under priority</p>	

	<p>area #1: infant mortality includes 11 strategies in which 5 strategies overlap with the Jasmine Project efforts. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strategy 1:</b> Reduce the racial disparity in infant mortality by focusing on a social determinants of health approach with evidence-based interventions to close the gap among the Non-Hispanic Black and Non-Hispanic White infants.</li> <li>• <b>Strategy 3:</b> Participate in an action-oriented community process working with groups to improve service systems and community resources for expecting families.</li> <li>• <b>Strategy 8:</b> Promote activities and best-practices that support breastfeeding to ensure better health for infants and children.</li> <li>• <b>Strategy 9:</b> Promote and advance safe sleep and healthy infant sleep behaviors and environments, including improving support systems and activities as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) among families and infant caregivers with an emphasis on disparate populations.</li> <li>• <b>Strategy 11:</b> Participate in an action-oriented community process working with groups to improve service systems and community resources for expecting families.</li> </ul> <p>During the July 2024 Taskforce meeting, the members will further discuss on how to collaborate efforts related to the strategies noted below.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p> <p>Review Florida Healthy Baby Action Plan</p>	<p>The Taskforce during this meeting was unable to further discuss the following components they may want to address in the work plan. These topics include 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. This will need to be further discussed and strategies developed by the Taskforce partners to address these maternal child health needs.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <p>2024 Black Health Summit</p> <p>The Women's Fund Advocacy Training 105 Invitation</p>	<p>Esther McCant announced the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black Health Summit will be hosted on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Florida Memorial University. To register, please click <a href="#">here</a>. During this summit, experts from health systems, community, and public and private sectors will convene to build strategies and solutions for advancing Black optimal health in South Florida. Next month, the Taskforce will discuss their experiences and insights from the summit.</p> <p>The Women's Fund has invited the Healthy Baby Taskforce to their Advocacy 105 Training that will be hosted on Thursday, June 6, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. This training is in collaboration with the FIU Maurice A. Ferré Institute for Civic Leadership. During this pragmatic training seminar, attendees will learn from attorney Yolanda Cash Jackson and Voices for Healthy Kids, experts in the field of advocacy and government affairs. Attendees will also learn how to effectively speak up on community issues by learning or sharpening necessary skills and strategies to be successful advocates, while adhering to 501(c)(3) regulations. This training will equip you with the necessary tools while focusing</p>	

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	<p>on promoting a more equitable society and advocating for positive local and state policies! This will be a hybrid event hosted at the FIU Main Campus, and virtually via Zoom. To RSVP, please click <a href="#">here</a>. Additionally, they have conducted in the past Advocacy Training 101-104. You may access the recordings when you register or in the email that was shared out to the members. Next month, the Taskforce will discuss their experiences and insights from this training.</p>	
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>It was noted to continue the discussion on how to collaborate Healthy Baby Taskforce and Jasmine Project efforts together related to the work plan strategies noted below. Additionally, the Healthy Baby Taskforce work plan will need to continue to be discussed with the additional community needs noted and the birth certificate data that was recommended.</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>BreastfeedMIAMI:</b> An update was shared by Cheryl Lorie and Carla Sabugo. Please save the date for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day which will be hosted on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doral Legacy Park Community Center. Additionally, please visit <a href="#">BreastfeedMIAMI</a> to learn more and <a href="#">Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</a> webpage.</li> <li>• <b>Borinquen – TOPWA Program:</b> Naylise Sifonte shared with the members to please take a moment to like and follow the TOPWA program social media pages on <a href="#">Facebook</a> and <a href="#">Instagram</a>.</li> <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>. It was also shared if you are hosting a community and would like to request our outreach services. Please complete the <a href="#">Community Health Event Request (CHER) form</a> which serves as a formal request for the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and/or the Consortium for Healthier Miami-Dade to participate in your event.</li> <li>• <b>DOH-Miami-Dade Office of Community Health and Planning:</b> Candice Schottenloher shared with the committee to please save the date for the MAPP Kick-off and Community Partner Assessment Meeting that will be hosted on Thursday, May 30th, 2024. More details will be shared once available.</li> <li>• <b>Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):</b> Heather Baker shared the HSCMD T.E.A.M. Dad now has a Spanish, Creole, and English-speaking staff. She also shared the T.E.A.M. Dad and the Coordinated Intake and Referral Form referral forms. Feel free to contact Heather Baker at <a href="mailto:hbaker@hscmd.org">hbaker@hscmd.org</a> for any questions. The Moving Crib Project will also launch soon. More updates will be shared in future meetings.</li> <li>• <b>Jasmine Project:</b> Esther McCant shared the resource link for the <a href="#">Jasmine Project Community Action Network HUB</a>.</li> </ul>	

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting is scheduled in-person at the United Way Miami, Ansin Building, on Friday, June 21, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	