

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, July 19, 2024

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



| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION NEEDED |
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| Membership Total (14) | <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. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Taskforce Co-Chair) 3. Viviana Alvarado Pacheco, The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade 4. Sienna Caunedo, United Way Miami 5. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 6. Dr. Cynthia Lebron, UM 7. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 8. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 9. Dr. Connie Morrow Bonilla, UM/Jasmine Project 10. Catherine Toms, Green Cars for Kids 11. Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe, Sleep & Cradle Solutions 12. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Taskforce Liaison) 13. Fiorella Vega, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 14. Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade | |
| Welcome and Introductions | The July 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 12:34 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves. | |
| Approval of Minutes | There was a motion to approve the May 2024 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Dr. Cynthia Lebron, the motion was seconded by Dr. Connie Morrow Bonilla. | |
| Previous Action Items Jasmine Project Presentation & Work Plan Alignment Follow-up Conversation | <p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce last meeting 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 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"> • Strategy 1: 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. • Strategy 3: Participate in an action-oriented community process working with groups to improve service systems and community resources for expecting families. | |

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| <p>2024 Black Health Summit Event Recap</p> <p>The Women's Fund Advocacy Training 105 Recap</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 8: Promote activities and best practices that support breastfeeding to ensure better health for infants and children. • Strategy 9: 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. • Strategy 11: Participate in an action-oriented community process working with groups to improve service systems and community resources for expecting families. <p>During this meeting, Dr. Morrow Bonilla provided a recap to the Taskforce and began the discussion in how both groups could collaborate efforts related to the strategies noted below. It was noted to close the gap in health differences among Non-Hispanic Black mothers and babies compared to White mothers and babies, the focus should be on infant mortality, preterm births, and maternal and infant morbidities too. The emphasis on pre-term births was noted as well as efforts related to safe sleep and breastfeeding should be a focus too. Other items discussed were different trainings and resources that could be provided to providers, an equal access breastfeeding pump project with a local high school, and the importance of the different drivers of health starting to be in the conversation of the hospital setting. This will continue to be discussed between Jasmine Project and the Healthy Baby Taskforce.</p> <p>Esther McCant provided a recap on the 3rd Annual Black Health Summit that was hosted on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at Florida Memorial University. 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. Taskforce members discussed and shared their experiences and insights from the summit. To learn more about the conclusion of the event, please click here.</p> <p>Tenesha Avent and Viviana Alvarado Pacheco provided a recap on the Women’s Fund Advocacy 105 Training that was hosted on Thursday, June 6th, 2024, in collaboration with the FIU Maurice A. Ferré Institute for Civic Leadership. During this training, attendees learned from attorney Yolanda Cash Jackson and Voices for Healthy Kids, experts in the field of advocacy and government affairs. Attendees learned 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 equipped you with the necessary tools while focusing on promoting a fair society and advocating for positive local and state policies. Additionally, they have conducted other Advocacy Trainings 101-104 that you may also view the recordings to learn more. The Taskforce members who were able to attend discussed their experiences and insights from this training.</p> | |
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| <p>Mom and Baby Action Network (MBAN) Summit Recap</p> | <p>The Mom and Baby Action Network (MBAN) Summit was held in Chicago, IL on June 10th to 11th, 2024. Summary artwork was highlighted from the summit on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the Mother’s Lead • Green Cars for Kids • Healthy Chicago • Birth without Bias <p>Healthy Baby Taskforce partners from the March of Dimes, Metro Mommy Agency, Green Cars for Kids, and The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade were able to attend this summit. It was also highlighted Green Cars for Kids and The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade were able to also present in this summit too. Tenesha Avent also highlighted the Mom and Baby Action Network Framework for the Taskforce to consider as a guide as we are thinking about ways to improve better birth outcomes in Miami-Dade. From these conversations on the past events attended, it was recommended the Taskforce create a health agenda to include a message on this crisis in which the partners can then meet with key stakeholders and elected officials to bring awareness on this topic. The Taskforce members that were present also shared which cities they are currently working in to research who the elected officials are in these communities. More details will be discussed, and further research will need to be completed from this conversation.</p> | |
| <p>New Business</p> <p>Upcoming Health Observance Months</p> <p>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card and Business Wallet Card Design Launch</p> | <p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce Co-Chairs highlighted upcoming health observance months to the Taskforce members for future meeting planning purposes and if partners needed help with future event planning for these important months. The following months were highlighted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August: National Breastfeeding Month • September: NICU Awareness Month • October: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month <p>Leah Jayanetti also highlighted that November is Prematurity Awareness Month and should be included in the Taskforce’s future planning. The Taskforce will further discuss in the August meeting as they ran out of time to complete the discussion.</p> <p>Candice Schottenloher shared a brief update on the status of the Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card and Business Wallet Card designs. Both designs were translated in English, Spanish, and Creole. All designs were approved through DOH-Miami-Dade’s Communication workflow process. During the August meeting, the Taskforce will review the approved designs and begin to discuss next on how these materials should be launched and disseminated out into the community.</p> | |
| <p>Next Steps</p> | <p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce partners discussed creating a Maternal Child Health (MCH) agenda with talking points to engage stakeholders and elected officials on the MCH crisis we are facing in Miami-</p> | |

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| | <p>Dade County. It was noted we will continue the Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card and Business Wallet Card Design Launch next meeting.</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"> • BreastfeedMIAMI: An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. Please save the date for the 13th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day which will be hosted on Saturday, August 24th, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doral Legacy Park Community Center. Additionally, please visit BreastfeedMIAMI to learn more and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) webpage. • Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade: An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. To join and become a member, please complete the membership form here. It was also shared if you are hosting a community and would like to request our outreach services. Please complete the Community Health Event Request (CHER) form 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. • ICU Baby: Leah Jayanetti shared the Little Miracles Luncheon will be coming up in September. She also highlighted the Hope Parade will be hosted on the first Saturday in November for Prematurity Awareness Month. As event details become available, they will be shared with the members. • March of Dimes: Tenesha Avent provided two updates on behalf of Florida Blue. There will be a free Diaper Distribution Drive Event that will be hosted on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 13665 Biscayne Blvd, North Miami, FL 33181. Event flyer was shared for more details. There will also be a Back-to-School Wellness Event that will be hosted Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 13665 Biscayne Blvd, North Miami, FL 33181. During this event there will be many activities such as free school supplies distribution, food, entertainment, etc. Event flyer was shared for more details. For additional information or have any questions, please contact Keila Bazile, Community Specialist via email at Keila.bazile@bcbsfl.com or at (786) 541-0602 ext. 88608. • Metro Mommy Agency: Esther McCant shared an update that there has been a recent cohort of 28 doulas graduated made possible through the Health Equity Collaborative. She also shared the MOMCHA program continues to receive referrals. Additionally, she shared there will be an upcoming Back-to-School event in the North Miami Beach Community. More details will be sent once available. • The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade: Check out the data and research from The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade here. | |

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| Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday, August 16, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. | |
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