

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (17)	<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. Heather Baker, HSCMD 5. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 6. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami 7. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 8. Andrea Medina, Children’s Home Society of Florida 9. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 10. Suecia Mendez Padilla, Sunshine Health 11. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 12. Apryl Thomas, Metro Mommy Agency 13. Manuela Thomas, FIU 14. Rocio Velazquez, The Children’s Movement of Florida 15. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 16. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 17. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Taskforce Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	The August 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 12:33 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the July 2024 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Beverly Montgomery, the motion was seconded by Dayamyra Perez Fernandez.	
Previous Action Items Jasmine Project Presentation & Work Plan Alignment Follow-up Conversation	The Healthy Baby Taskforce continued the discussion from 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. From this presentation Dr. Morrow Bonilla was able to identify the alignment between the Healthy Baby Taskforce work plan compared to the Jasmine Project’s plan. 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: <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. 	

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<p>Upcoming Health Observance Months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 3: Participate in an action-oriented community process working with groups to improve service systems and community resources for expecting families. • 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: Promote effective preterm birth prevention strategies for women of reproductive age with an emphasis on disparate populations. <p>Previously, 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 breastfeeding, 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. During this meeting, the Taskforce worked through Strategy 1, 3, 8, and 9. Strategy 11 will be discussed in the next meeting. Once all strategies are discussed and ideas are compiled, the Healthy Baby Taskforce leadership will meet with the Jasmine Project to plan next steps in how they would like to carry out an action plan to close the health care gaps and decrease infant mortality.</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 • November: Prematurity Awareness 	
<p>New Business</p> <p>Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Launch</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card and Business Wallet Card designs were translated in English, Spanish, and Creole. All designs were approved through DOH-Miami-Dade’s Communication workflow process. The Taskforce has reviewed the approved designs and will begin to discuss next steps on how these materials should be launched in our community as well as creating a dissemination plan to promote this educational awareness campaign.</p>	

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<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce partners in a future meeting will need to discuss the Maternal Child Health (MCH) agenda with talking points they would like to develop when talking with stakeholders and elected officials on the MCH crisis we are facing in Miami-Dade County. It was noted we will continue the Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Palm Card and Business Wallet Card Design dissemination plan 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 and DOH-Miami-Dade WIC Program: An update was shared by Carla Sabugo. She shared August is National Breastfeeding Month (NBM). The 2024 NBM theme is Nourish, Sustain, Thrive. A friendly reminder was shared 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. It was also noted this will be the second South Florida Latch-A-Thon taking place that last for up to 24 hours. 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. • DOH-Miami-Dade: An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. She shared to register for the Community Partner Assessment (CPA) Results webinar, please sign-up here: Community Partner Assessment Results Webinar Survey (surveymonkey.com) • Easterseals/Early Steps: An update was shared by Talli Menchion. She shared the Early Steps Resource Fair will be hosted on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bernstein Park located at 6751 5th St., Stock Island, FL 33040. • Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade: An update was shared by Heather Baker. She announced the coalition launched the Moving Crib Project in partnership with Sunshine Health on July 10th, 2024. A photo was shared during the meeting. This project initiative is a way to increase community awareness of safe sleep practices. Heather also shared this is a crib that travels around to different locations and shared the process to sign-up and participate with this initiative. Part of hosting the crib at your site includes a safe sleep ambassador training that should be completed by one designated staff member at the host site. Other updates were shared the coalition will participate and be a sponsor at the 13th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day and the Tree of Life Community Baby Shower on Saturday, September 7th, 2024. They also participated in the July 20th, 2024 Florida Blue Diaper Distribution event and in-service training for the Miami-Dade County Early Head Start program. They will also 	

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	<p>participate in a few upcoming events mentioned such as the Early Steps Resource Fair and hosting the next FIMR CAG meeting on September 25, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICU Baby: An update was shared by Leah Jayanetti. A Save the Date was shared for the Our Little Miracles Luncheon that is scheduled to be held on Friday, September 27, 2024. She also shared the Hope Parade will be on Sunday, November 3, 2024, the first Sunday of World Prematurity Month. This is a walk in support of NICU families. Other updates were shared on their Youth Ambassador breast milk collection volunteer program they created to address the gap that was identified of not having places to store your breast milk. Lastly, she shared they disseminated 200 safe sleep kits to families that were going home between June to August. • Metro Mommy Agency: Esther McCant shared an update on upcoming Mocha Family Wellness Fair will be hosted on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at KIPP Miami North Campus located at 3000 NW 110th ST, Miami, FL 33167 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. She also announced she is a part of the Miami Foundation Leadership Fellowship. She is working to incorporate Doulas on the Labor and Delivery floor at Jackson Holtz Hospital. Lastly, Esther shared the next doula cohort will begin in November. • Green Cars for Kids: Esther McCant shared through Green Cars for Kids there will be free transportation for families that would like to attend the 13th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day that do not have access or means of transportation to getting to the event. Please access ride request form here: https://form.jotform.com/232534936727161 • March of Dimes: Tenesha Avent shared with the Taskforce that September is NICU Awareness Month, and they will be doing appreciation visits for the staff to thank them for all of their hard work. • The Children’ Movement of Florida: An update was shared by Rocio Velazquez. She shared the Built to Thrive Virtual Summit will be hosted on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024. To register, please click here. She also shared the next Future Call will be on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 12 p.m. To learn more, please click here. 	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting will be held in-person at the United Way Miami, Ansin Building, on Friday, September 20, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	