

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, August 15, 2025

12:30-1:30 p.m. EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (14)	1. Esther Louis, Metro Mommy Agency (Healthy Baby Taskforce Co-Chair) 2. Viviana Alvarado, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade 3. Heather Baker, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD) 4. Val Butler, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade 5. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 6. Eliana Ramos, The Honeycomb House 7. Taylor Roberts, FFCR 8. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 9. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 10. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 11. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 12. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 13. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 14. Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
Welcome and Introductions	The August 2025 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Healthy Baby Taskforce was brought to order by Esther Louis at 12:34 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the July 2025 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Queen Holden, and the motion was seconded by Talli Menchion and Val Butler.	
AIM Presentation	During this Taskforce meeting, Val Butler, Project and Grants Manager, Alliance for Infant and Maternal Health Miami-Dade of The Women's Fund Miami-Dade presented on the Alliance for Infant and Maternal Health (AIM). This presentation provided more updates on the status of the Alliance for Infant and Maternal Health (AIM) initiative. Currently, AIM is working to finalize their operational definition framework. This process collectively has been structured to support data sharing agreements that will be disseminated through to the partners who are part of this collective impact model. When looking towards the future, AIM is hopeful it will be providing grant solutions to its partners, who are on the ground being able to provide support in helping them and supporting them to facilitate real life everyday solutions. Additionally, Val shared ways to get involved and the intentional ways partners have already supported. Following the presentation, the Taskforce had a discussion on this initiative.	

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Previous Action Items Community Concerns Conversation & Health Observance Updates	In previous Taskforce meetings, Esther and Tenesha have led conversations on recent changes to funding and latest policy updates. The Taskforce members shared new change impacts related to funding and/or policy and its impact on their organization. Please see noted updates to highlight due to recent changes. • Heather Baker with the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade shared the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Substance Exposed Newborn (SEN) NAS/SEN program has been funded again for this fiscal year. This program is intensive care coordination. It's linkage to housing and employment services and it's peer support services. For pregnant and postpartum mothers who are at higher risk of poor outcomes related to substance use. • This is a partnership between the Healthy Start Coalition, Miami-Dade, and Thriving Mind South Florida with funding through DCF dollars. The University of Miami team provides the direct services, so we have this in place for several years, but it is a year-to-year grant, and we are re-funded. • The Connect Program is the first stop shop that brings everybody into the HSCMD programs and services, which is both telephonic and in-person. This program has recently expanded in birthing hospitals as well as prenatal clinics which include Baptist main hospital, CHI at Doris Ison and Martin Luther King locations. Next, they will expand into the pediatrics department at Doris Ison. This is an increased ability for families to more easily access services. ○ The following resources were shared HHS Grants Terminated and Grant Watch. Other updates were discussed on recent and upcoming health observances. • Metro Mommy Agency launched a program in which they have been training their doulas to be better equipped on helping their clients be aware of their ability to be resilient when it comes to extreme heat and flooding, as well as preparing a disaster plan. With the program being launched, they have been matching those doulas with clients. They have been working with the Florida Clinicians for Climate Action (FCCA). • It was shared upcoming for National Breastfeeding Month will be the 14th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Day on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Doral Legacy Park. • Other observances noted included upcoming Prematurity Awareness Month.	
New Business FHB/Healthy Baby Taskforce FY 25-26 Work	Candice Schottenloher provided a high-level update on the Florida Healthy Baby (FHB) Healthy Baby Taskforce FY 25-26 Work Plan. The new Florida Healthy Baby FY 25-26 priority areas. These priority areas will include Well Woman Care, Maternal Mortality and Morbidity, Infant Mortality, Dental or Oral Care, and Children's Medical Homes. The Taskforce will focus on Infant Mortality and Children's Medical Homes. The current work plan was reviewed with the current strategies and which SMART objectives were associated with strategy it was being reported under.	Send draft work plan document for Taskforce members to

Plan Development	It was also noted the new 2025-2030 CHIP Priority Areas will include Access to Care, Chronic Disease, Behavioral & Mental Health, Maternal Child Health, and Healthy Weight/Physical Activity/Nutrition. The new priority areas will assist with the development of the new 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Partners shared their experience from the meeting and how the results from the CHIP meeting will inform work plan. Overall, the Taskforce members will review document and provide feedback no later than by August 22, 2025. Once recommendations are received, reviewed, and incorporated, final work plan will be submitted to the state by no later than September 5, 2025.	send feedback in by 8/22/2025.
Partner Updates	• BreastfeedMIAMI: August is National Breastfeeding Month. The upcoming 14th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day will be held August 23, 2025, at the Doral Legacy Park Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lot of exciting activities, giveaways and workshops. Families can sign-up and RSVP here. • Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade: The 22nd Annual Event and Worksite Wellness Awards will be hosted on Friday, September 19, 2025, at the Milander Center. More details will be shared on how to register once event page is live. All Taskforce members were invited to attend. A reminder was shared on the available Consortium resources. These include the Consortium Directory and the Consortium Membership Form. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez also shared how to request services through the Community Event Request (CHER) Form and the Journey to Wellness Rx Prescription Pads Request Form Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade. • Easterseals/Early Steps: An update was shared by Talli Menchion. She shared the next playgroup will be tomorrow August 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Coral Reef library. Flyers will be sent following meeting. For any questions, please contact Talli Menchion at tmenchion@fl.easterseals.com. • Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade: Various program updates were shared by Heather Baker. The Healthy Start Coalition Miami-Dade is a proud signature sponsor of the 14th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day. The HSCMD for the month of August has participated in eight events. Heather also noted the next FIMR CAG Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2025. Meeting details will be shared out with the partners. Additionally, she highlighted what the Moving Beyond The Crib initiative is and the training included when having this display present at your organization's location. If interested in being a host, please reach out to her. • Metro Mommy Agency: Esther McCant shared the 3rd Annual MOCHA Family Wellness Fair is upcoming and will be hosted on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at KIPP Academy – Miami-Dade College North Campus. To learn more, please visit here.	

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m. The September meeting will be cancelled due to the hosting of the 22nd Annual Consortium Event & Worksite Wellness Awards on Friday, September 19, 2025. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting will be held in will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	
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