

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, May 16, 2025

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

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION NEEDED |
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| Membership Total (9) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Children Issues Committee Chair) 2. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 3. Viviana Alvarado, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade 4. Michelle Berkovits, University of Miami North Dade Early Steps 5. Neseayah McFarlane, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD) 6. Marya Meyer, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade 7. Juliet San Juan, ConnectFamilias 8. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 9. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) | |
| Welcome and Introductions | The May 2025 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Healthy Baby Taskforce was brought to order by Dr. Cristina Brito at 12:38 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves. | |
| Approval of Minutes | There was a motion to approve the April 2025 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Marya Meyer, and the motion was seconded by Neseayah McFarlane. | |
| AIM Presentation | The Healthy Baby Taskforce had a presentation by The Women's Fund of Miami-Dade co-presented by Viviana Alvarado and Marya Meyer to the Taskforce. The presentation was on the Alliance for Infant and Maternal Health (AIM) Miami-Dade, a new collective impact model solution. AIM was created to address the infant and maternal health crisis Miami-Dade is facing as well as at the state and national level through an actionable approach. There were four action areas discussed that AIM intends to improve. These include convening multiple stakeholders, create a data analytics dashboard, Request for Proposals (RFPs) for grantee partner solutions, and launch AIM public awareness campaigns. There was a robust discussion on the current partners and potential partners who are missing at the table for this conversation. Another important aspect discussed was data sharing and what does that process look like with AIM and various partners in the health care system. Additionally, it was noted to provide a high-level recap or present the presentation at a future virtual meeting for larger attendance to discuss further with the Taskforce members. | Send 106 training invitation to members. |
| Previous Action Items | <p>A high-level update was shared on future Taskforce presentation ideas and confirmed presenters. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BreastfeedMIAMI Community Report | |

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| Future Taskforce Presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Lebron has been invited to present the findings of BreastfeedMiami community Report; confirmation is pending, and updates will be provided once finalized. ● Postpartum Support International (PSI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This international organization focuses on maternal mental health, has expressed interest in presenting. The Taskforce is exploring opportunities for collaboration with PSI to address mental health challenges among childbearing individuals. While maternal mental health has been discussed previously, this partnership introduces new avenues for support and engagement. <p>Members are encouraged to suggest additional partners for future presentations.</p> | |
| HBT Work Plan Alignment Review & Brainstorm | Dr. Brito shared that the Taskforce will discuss the workplan alignment during a future meeting to allow more time and encouraged members to review the past meeting minutes for the necessary information. | |
| New Business April & May Health Observance Updates | Last month, the Taskforce discussed various health observances. There were no further updates for Black Maternal Health Week. It was also highlighted May is Maternal Mental Health Month and Mental Health Awareness Month. Michelle Berkovits provided updates for Mental Health Awareness Month by sharing various trainings the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health (FAIMH) hosted for this month and that were upcoming. Visit the FAIMH events calendar to learn more about upcoming events. | |
| Partner Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade: An update was shared by Dr. Brito and Candice Schottenloher on the available Consortium resources. These include the Consortium Directory, Community Event Request (CHER) Form, and the Consortium Membership Form. ● ConnectFamilies: An update was shared by Juliet San Juan. She shared the Community Baby Showers <i>Healthy Mommy</i>, <i>Healthy Baby</i> are free for expecting moms and moms of newborns under 11 months. She shared during the baby showers they have presentations in which they learn about important topics of prenatal and postnatal care, breastfeeding, and the stages of child development. The baby showers are hosted on Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, please email HMHB@ConnectFamilies.org. ● Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD): An update was shared by Neseayah McFarlane. She shared the 2024-2025 FIMR Action Plan priority areas were all met. For 2024-2025, 47,000 educational materials were distributed through the HSCMD. The 2025-2026 FIMR Action Plan has been created and is under review. Other updates were provided that the Connect Program was expanded with CHI and next steps will include with Baptist. Lastly, the Moving Crib Project is still available for host sites to participate in displaying the safe sleep moving crib display especially in hospital settings. | |

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| Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting will be held in will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday, June 19, 2025, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. | |
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