

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, May 15, 2026

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (9)	1. Esther Louis, Metro Mommy Agency/ MOMCHA Program (Committee Chair) 2. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 3. Dr. Cristina Brito, United Way Miami 4. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 5. Val Butler, AIM -The Women's Fund Miami-Dade 6. Gabby Alvarado, Florida Community Care 7. Praveena Saxena, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 8. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 9. Alexandra Davis, Healthy Start Coalition Miami- Dade (HSCMD)	
Welcome and Introductions	The May 2026 monthly meeting of the Healthy Baby Taskforce was brought to order by Esther Louis at 12:35 p.m. All members were welcomed, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the Healthy Baby Taskforce March 2026 meeting minutes by Zadymon Moore, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Cristina Brito.	
Previous Action Items Community Concerns Conversation & Health Observance Updates	The Healthy Baby Taskforce met in-person on Friday, May 15, 2026, at United Way Miami. In this meeting, we had a presentation on Heat and Health- The Intersection of Extreme Heat Awareness and Maternal Health by Val Butler from The Women's Fund- Alliance for Infant and Maternal Health Miami-Dade (AIM). In this meeting Esther Louis from Metro Mommy Agency signed up to lead health observance for the month of August and Leah Jayanetti from ICU Baby signed up to lead for September and November. To support partners leading monthly health observances, it was suggested for taskforce to create a hashtag that can be used to find and collaborate on partner's social media posts. In addition, the June virtual meeting was canceled in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday on Friday, June 19, 2026.	Share Health observances document with members.
FHB/Healthy Baby Taskforce FY 25-26 Work Plan Development	Report 2 of the FHB/Healthy Baby Taskforce FY 25-26 Work Plan Development, spanning from <i>January 1 to June 30, 2026, is due by COB Monday, July 6, 2026. Reporting tool was shared with members.</i> The new Florida Healthy Baby FY 25-26 priority areas 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.	Share reporting tool with members.

Partner Updates	Healthy Start Coalition Miami- Dade (HSCMD) • Save the Date for their Prematurity Symposium on Wednesday, November 18, 2026. More details will be forthcoming. Metro Mommy Agency • Esther Louis shared she is hosting a virtual breastfeeding support group every other Thursday of the month. • In addition, she will host a free event on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Co-Space sharing business tips for entrepreneurs. • In June, she will open a space for the community to support pregnant and postpartum moms on the last Saturdays of the month. A CPR instructor will be integrated into this initiative to run a CPR class for families to learn basic level CPR skills. • Esther is launching a mental health application soon and will be conducting a pilot study of the application in June. More updates to come. • Save the date for their 4th Annual MOCHA Family Wellness Fair on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at KIPP Academy – Miami-Dade College North Campus. Visit link to get tickets here. ICU Baby • Leah Jayanetti shared that Friday, May 15, 2026, was International Kangaroo Care Awareness Day which promotes awareness of the benefits of skin-to -skin contact between parents and newborns. This day honors the practice of Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC), which involves skin-to-skin contact between a baby and a caregiver, often the mother, to provide warmth, comfort, and stabilization. Reach out to Leah at leah@icubaby.org to learn more. Other Helpful Resources Shared in Committee Meeting • Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Invitation to Join. To become a member, please complete the membership form here. To learn more, check out the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade website at https://www.healthymiamidade.org/ • Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Community Health Event Request form: https://www.healthymiamidade.org/forms/community-health-event-request-form.html#gsc.tab=0	Share Partner Updates email to Members following the meeting.
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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m. The next meeting will be hosted <u>virtually</u> through Microsoft Teams on Friday, July 17, 2026, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Create next meeting invite and send reminder.
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