

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
<p>Membership Total (21)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Taskforce Co-Chair) 2. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison) 3. Dr. Cristina Brito, United Way Miami 4. Suecia Mendez Padilla, Sunshine Health 5. Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 6. Michelle Denise Berkovits, University of Miami – Early Steps Program 7. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 8. Leah Jayanetti, ICU baby 9. Val Butler, AIM -The Women's Fund Miami-Dade 10. Kenya Snowden, SASC Health and Wellness 11. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 12. Heather Baker, Healthy Start Coalition Miami- Dade (HSCMD) 13. Alexandra Davis, Healthy Start Coalition Miami- Dade (HSCMD) 14. Simisola J Olowodola, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 15. Adebisi Islamiyat N, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 16. Ryan Thomas Hood, University of Miami 17. Taylor Roberts, Foster Care Review 18. Cynthia Nicole Lebron, University of Miami 19. Tiffany Rios 20. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 21. Mireya P Roman, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, WIC 	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The February 2026 monthly meeting of the Healthy Baby Taskforce, was brought to order by Tenesha at 12:34 p.m. All members were welcomed, and introductions were made.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the Healthy Baby Taskforce January 2026 meeting minutes by Zadymon Moore, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Cristina Brito.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<p>During this meeting, Taskforce leader led discussions to plan moving forward into engaging better with social media. This is to get back into the foundation of bringing more community awareness to support/ engage families and younger individuals by April 2026. In this regard, partners/members were encouraged to sign up and volunteer as lead partners for certain</p>	<p>Share Health observances document with members.</p>

<p>Community Concerns Conversation & Health Observance Updates</p>	<p>health observance month topics they will be interested in discussing to better support our audience.</p> <p>Also, shared during this meeting by Tenesha were the following,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Florida Senate Bill 1756 (2026), titled the "Medical Freedom Act," aims to establish an exemption for school-required immunizations. b. Key challenges and points of contention surrounding this bill include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Public Health and Vaccination Rates: By allowing parents to claim a nonmedical exemption if a vaccine conflicts with their "conscience," there is fear a significant increase in unvaccinated children in K-12 schools, preschools, and daycare facilities. ii. Concerns over "Informed Consent" vs. Vaccine Hesitancy: It is expected to face scrutiny regarding whether it promotes vaccine hesitancy. c. Congress advanced critical maternal and infant health program funding and legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PREEMIE Reauthorization Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reauthorizes the CDC's research and programs on preterm birth, including improved national data tracking 2. Reauthorizes HRSA's activities that promote healthy pregnancies and prevent preterm birth 3. Requires a new study examining the costs of prematurity, the factors impacting preterm birth rates, and opportunities for earlier detection of risk factors for preterm birth 4. Establishes a coordinating entity within the Department of Health and Human Services to align federal activities related to preterm birth, infant mortality, and adverse birth outcomes. d. Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act, which safeguards and strengthens federal support for Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs) through the CDC's Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality (ERASE MM) program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. These committees are essential to identifying the causes of pregnancy-related deaths and translating lessons learned into evidence-based solutions, particularly to address persistent racial and geographic disparities in maternal outcomes. e. Together, these measures represent a major step forward in addressing two of the most urgent drivers of the maternal and infant health crisis: preterm birth and preventable maternal deaths. 	
<p>FHB/Healthy Baby Taskforce FY 25-26 Work</p>	<p>Taskforce liaison (Eunice) gave a presentation on the reporting highlights from Report 1 period <i>July 1 – December 31, 2025</i>. Activities and accomplishments from various taskforce partners who submitted their reports for this first phase were highlighted. Committee</p>	<p>Share presentation slide deck to members</p>

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

Friday, February 20, 2026

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



<p>Plan Development</p>	<p>members further engaged in discussions to go over what the taskforce is looking forward to in the next reporting phase Report 2: <i>January 1-June 30, 2026, which is due by COB Monday, July 6, 2026.</i></p> <p>During this meeting, Taskforce also reviewed their new Florida Healthy Baby FY 25-26 priority areas which 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.</p>	<p>following the meeting.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>March of Dimes: Updates as they will be having their Kickoff Happy Hour event on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Kitchen 57. Please RSVP by February 27 to sbloom@marchofdimes.org. On March 14, 2026, they will be partnering with Simply Healthcare at their Hialeah location to host a Healthy Heart Pregnancy Wellness event to uplift maternal Hypertension awareness. Diapers, food and health education resources will be distributed during this event. Registration links will be shared. Also, their Miami March for Babies event is coming up on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Zoo Miami. Flyers were shared with members.</p> <p>Sunshine Health: Suecia Padilla shared updates as they have every first Wednesday of the month their Breastfeed support and the third Thursday of every month is their food distribution at their Community Connection Center location in the welcome room at 9552 SW 160 St. Miami FL 33157. Their next diaper distribution will be on March 12, 2026.</p> <p>In addition, if any partners want to participate at the Sunshine Health Quarterly Networking Lunch meeting should send an email to Suecia Padilla at supadilla@sunshinehealth.com.</p> <p>The Women's Fund: Will be hosting an Impact Collaborative in April 2026 dedicated to maternal health - hypertension disparities.</p> <p>Healthy Start Coalition of Miami- Dade: Upcoming is their next Fetal and Infant Mortality (FIMR) Community Action Group (CAG) meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026. They will also be hosting a Prematurity Symposium over in November 2026. More details forthcoming. The following position as Peer Support Specialist for the University of Miami is currently available for their Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Substance Expose Newborn project. Contact Heather Baker at hbaker@hscmd.org.</p>	<p>Share Partner Updates email to Members following the meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next meeting will be hosted <u>virtually</u> through Microsoft Teams on Friday, March 20, 2026, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.</p>	