## Members Present

- Alina Soto, Department of Children and Families
- Shanika Watson, Florida Health in Miami Dade County
- Amelinda Loddo, Florida Health in Miami Dade County
- Joanne Palenzuela, University of Miami
- Alfonso Leon, Florida International University
- Deborah Fulwider, Florida Health in Miami Dade County
- Carol Brogan, Early Learning Coalition
- Almira Thomas Gayle, Florida Health in Miami Dade County
- Anthony Rouzier, Henry Gets Moving

## TELECONFERENCE:

- Evelyn Sullivan, Guardian Ad Litem Program
- Tangiler Dorsett, Jackson Memorial Hospital
- Manuel Fermín, Healthy Start Coalition Miami Dade
- Carolina Gutierrez, University of Miami Walk Safe Bike Safe
- Regina Roig-Romero, Florida Health in Miami Dade County
- Jocelyn Jauregui, Legal Services of Greater Miami
- Natalia Coletti, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami Dade
- Dr. Ruby Natale, University of Miami
- Dr. Audrey Miller, Florida International University
- Gabrielle (representing Kendra Aracena), MCNA Dental

## Welcome and Introductions

The monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Alina Soto at 10:02A.M. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.

## Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the March 2013 Children Issues minutes by Anthony Rouzier; the motion was seconded by Deborah Fulwider.
### Work Plan Status Update

**Newsletter – CI committee members:**
- Ruby Natale submitted newsletter to Amy.
- Carolina Gutierrez and Katie Swidarski will not be submitting newsletters at this time.
- Suggestion: Putting the Consortium newsletter as a link to the Early Learning Coalition website.

  If anyone is interested in submitting any information for the newsletter, please e-mail [shanika_watson@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:shanika_watson@doh.state.fl.us) or [amelinda_loddo@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:amelinda_loddo@doh.state.fl.us).

*Flyers and event information is to be sent to Shanika.*

### Partner Updates

**Carol Brogan (Early Learning Coalition) -** No updates, other than Alina mentioned major changes with funding will be taking place.

**Question:**
What would you like to see and/or share as a member of the Children Issues Committee?

**UM Walk Safe/Bike Safe -** Carolina mentioned her interests are about injury prevention and bike safety. Focus on pedestrian safety, obesity and health promotion amongst children.

**Anthony (Henry Gets Moving) -**
- Read *Henry Gets Moving* to Short Chef’s class at South Point Elementary. Was a great success.
- Will have an upcoming reading at Head Start in Overtown. (Date pending)
- Mobilized Florida International University’s Health Task Force. Started a mini consortium to have in September to create a scalable model that can go across the country where a reading is done of *Henry Gets Moving*. There are exercise and nutrition activities.
- Last week of May/First week of June, Anthony and father are invited to attend American College of Sports Medicine Conference (hosts of childhood obesity awareness month). *Henry* is going to be the national symbol of childhood obesity awareness month.
- Working towards a field day (Kids Olympics event) during September-Childhood Obesity Awareness month. Wants Miami to be in the forefront

*Manuel Furmin and Natalia Coletti will submit a newsletter to Amelinda Loddo for May 2013.*

*Anthony will follow up with committee on the impact Henry Gets Moving has had on children’s behavior.*
with this activity.

Alina’s suggestion: Anthony to head future Childhood Obesity Awareness in September with committee.

Another suggestion is to invite a representative from Children’s Trust to become involved with the committee.

Almira (Florida Health in Miami Dade County)-
- In the process of completing vision and BMI screenings.
- Educational classes will be conducted now that FCAT is over for human growth and development as well as nutrition for grades K-3.

Manny mentioned Florida Health in Miami Dade County had an Immunization Coalition Kickoff on April 24, 2013. The purpose is to improve immunization rates among children and adults in Miami Dade County.

Alina-Executive Board update will be provided at next meeting in June 2013.

### New Business

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<td>Suzette Frazier (DCF): proposed to host the next Children Issues meeting at her venue. Everyone agreed to meet at the 401 NW 1st Downtown Miami location.</td>
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<td>Evelyn Sullivan (GAL): proposed to host a future meeting at her venue in the downtown location.</td>
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Legislative Bill Updates of Child care centers- members were provided information and copies during the meeting by Alina Soto.

Question:
How do we take this committee and help the breastfeeding message?

Natalia (Healthy Start Coalition)
- Hospitals in need are provided with ongoing technical assistance. As far as the community, they are currently in the process of breast certification training.
### Home visitors are being trained on breast feeding support.

- Alina’s suggestion: Manny and Natalia to host an upcoming workshop on breastfeeding topic.

**Question:**
How can we partner with some local hospitals that focus on issues addressing maternal health and childhood obesity?

**Alfonso (Oral Health)** - would like to give a future presentation on oral health.
- Community Smiles - program that started out as dentists donating time. Program over 60 years old. Helps a lot of new arrivals that come to this country as formally dentists that are now going into dental hygiene. Gives them a space to work, but also provides individuals when Jackson no longer provides dental services. Community Smiles became an area where people came for low cost dental care.

**Evelyn (Guardian Ad Litem)** -
- Looking to work with the committee in order to disseminate information about the program. Would like more volunteers. Looking to the committee for support as well as looking at the child as a whole. Also want to look at children in foster care and make sure they are taken into consideration in the overall child health issues.

**Joanne** - Suggestion of an event calendar for the committee. Member was reminded that events are posted on the Consortium site once a CHOP form (Community Health Operations Program) is completed.

### Old Business

**2013 Community Health Survey** - (Mobilizing for Action Through Partnership & Prioritization)
- MAPP 2013-2018 Miami Dade County Community Health Goals and Strategies meeting held on April 11, 2013:
  - 70 stakeholders attended. Of 22 ballot topics, the priority ranking results are as follows:
  1. Access to Care

Reaching out to some local hospitals, ex. Baptist Hospital, University of Miami, Miami Children’s Hospital.

Alfonso will look into finding dentists that will possibly be interested in the oral health component and attend the June committee meeting.

Shanika will forward 2013 Community Health Survey results to committee.
2. Chronic Disease and Prevention  
3. Health Care Disparities  
4. Primary Care and Medical Homes  
5. Nutrition and Physical Activity  
6. Mental Health and Mental Disorders  
7. Socioeconomic Factors  
8. Interagency Communication  
9. Heart Disease and Stroke  
10. HIV, STDs and Infectious Diseases  
11. (tie) Cancer  
12. (tie) Special Needs Populations  
13. Substance Abuse and Excessive Drinking  
14. Maternal and Child Health  

Manny’s suggestion: Focusing on Maternal and Child Health #14 ranking of the MDC MAPP priority as a focus for the committee. Incorporating Maternal/Child Health into the priorities since Access to Care, Disparities, Nutrition, Socioeconomic Factors, all play into Maternal/Child Health.

| Upcoming Events | Spring into Wellness Fair  
Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
111 NW 1st Miami, FL 33128  
April 26, 2013  10:00am-3:00pm |
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|                | Child Abuse Awareness Picnic- Guardian Ad Litem Program  
17530 W Dixie Highway North Miami Beach, FL  
Greynolds Park  
April 28, 2013  11:00am-3:00pm |
|                | The truth about PSAs and Press Releases Workshop  
held by Marketing & Membership Committee |
<p>|                | Committee sharing information about breastfeeding, walking to school, biking to school, safety for the month of September. |</p>
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<td>May 4, 2013</td>
<td>Richmond Heights Middle School Community Jamboree 15015 SW 103 Ave Miami, FL 33176</td>
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<td>May 10 &amp; 11, 2013</td>
<td>Early Learning Coalition Children First at the Miami Dade Wolfson Campus</td>
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<td>Adjournment</td>
<td>The next meeting will be held on <strong>Thursday, June 27, 2013</strong>. May 23, 2013 meeting cancelled due to the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade 10th year Anniversary event held on May 24, 2013.</td>
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<td>The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.</td>
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