

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**  
 Children Issues Committee Meeting  
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (22)	<p>             Alfie Leon, Florida International University              Shanika Watson, Florida Health in Miami Dade County              Jennine Stafford, Community Member              Marcelle Fatal, Amerigroup              Catherina Chang-Martinez, Florida International University              Jeff Hurst, Department of Children and Families              Jillian Valdes, Florida Health in Miami Dade County, WIC              Sarah Basna, Florida Health in Miami Dade County, WIC              Short Chef, Short Chef              Paloma Lopez Barcena, Early Learning Coalition              Marie Hernandez, Early Learning Coalition              Daniella Orihuela, Florida Institute for Health Innovation              Sin Wong, All Skills Builders Learning Center              Luisa Ramirez, All Skills Builders Learning Center              Lisa Strom, Impact Kids              Stephanie Bovis, University of Miami WalkSafe              Jennifer Chan, Amerigroup              Carla Munoz, Florida Health in Miami Dade County, WIC              Almira Thomas-Gayle, Florida Health in Miami Dade County           </p> <p> <u>Teleconference:</u>              Silvana Tchorbedjian, Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Future              Dr. Ruby Natale, University of Miami Mailman Center              Christine Hom, Florida Institute for Health Innovation           </p>	

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<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Alfie Leon at 10:03AM.</p> <p>All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>There was a motion to approve the November 2014 Children Issues minutes by Short Chef; the motion was seconded by Daniella Orihuela.</p>	
<p>2014 Overview</p>	<p>Child Care Initiative was launched in 2014 where individuals from the Consortium Children Issues committee gathered together to provide technical assistance to child care centers. The area of focus was the South of Miami-Dade. The services provided were: healthy cooking demonstrations, oral health, nutrition, physical activity and access to care. Overall, the pilot was a success and many parents provided great feedback. Child Care providers also provided feedback and were appreciative of the services being rendered at their center. In future months, the committee is looking to continue the Child Care Initiative. The question is the scope, the capacity and applying the skills already learned.</p>	
<p>Committee Partner Updates/projects for 2015</p>	<p>Jeff (DCF)- Child Care Regulations and Family Safety program focus is to educate families and the community. Their initiative is conducting more trainings in the community. Jeff is coordinating with Shanika on the Marketing &amp; Membership committee Speakers Bureau. The focus is to build a team of speakers that will go out into the community to educate on the Consortium and a specific area of expertise. Another goal is to recruit more Marketing &amp; Membership committee members.</p> <p>Sin Wong (All Skills Builders Learning Center)- Certified Behavior Analyst for the Child Welfare program and Psychotherapist for the All Skills Builders Learning Center. They work with kids that have behavioral issues. The center has VPK, daycare and</p>	

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	<p>after school care.</p> <p>Short Chef – Mentioned the child care initiative is the best initiative he has participated in. He continues to fight obesity one family at a time. Involved in many camps for the summer. Been offered a position at Common Threads. Has worked with over 1000 kids in the summer. Short Chef has been on the board of Lets Move campaign for 7 years.</p> <p>Christine &amp; Daniella (FIHI)- works on oral health with children. A lot of unhealthy eating contributes to oral health. FIHI conducted focus groups at the Consortium Child Care Initiative. Thanks to the support of the Consortium, FIHI was able to prove to DentaQuest that consumer engagement efforts were successful. They received a grant due to the Child Care Initiative pilot. They would like to build a large statewide oral health network of stakeholders. This will include policy and grass root levels. The DentaQuest Foundation is adopting a grass root strategy as well. The goal is to connect the community voice with policy makers.</p> <p>Carla Munoz (FDOH) (WIC)- A registered Dietician who does outreach for the WIC program. Their goal this year is to expand their network and resources in the community. WIC serves pregnant women, infants and children. They provide families with healthy food, nutrition by a Dietician and counseling. Referrals are also provided to the community. The caseload consists of about 72,000 moms, infants and children per month. They participated in the FDOH Breastfeeding Walk, where there were over 300 participants. Short Chef also participated in this event. There are 15 WIC offices in Miami-Dade County. WIC held a fair at their location and the turnout was successful. Over 300 people. Farm Share provided food to the families. Over 400 bags of food was donated to families. This happened a week before Christmas. 200 books were also given to children.</p>	
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	<p>Marcelle (Amerigroup)- an insurance company that serves Medicaid individuals and Healthy kids. They serve Medicare and long-term care. They have a well-equipped RV to provide free health screenings. They have over 360,000 members and over 12,000 in Miami-Dade. Amerigroup works with food pantries and help with transportation. They are also looking for more partnerships and would like to be a resource center. They service the following areas: Homestead, South Miami, Hialeah, Little Havana, Sweetwater, Little Haiti, Opalocka, Miami Gardens and Liberty City. Marcelle is also involved in a tv show (Island TV) once a month to provide education on Medicaid, Medicare and long-term care.</p> <p>Paloma Lopez Barcena (Early Learning Coalition)- Literacy Week is next week. Ambassadors will read to the children. Parents can participate in Books and Books on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Books can be downloaded from the ELC website. ELC is working on the Children's 1<sup>st</sup> Conference held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is literacy within the home. Quality Counts will work closely this year on the Monroe community. The TA's are working on the facilities becoming breast friendly. ELC is also focusing on priority programs. These are programs on a low-income census track or serve 30% plus school readiness children.</p> <p>Dr. Ruby Natale (UM)- Mentioned UM received a grant from the USDA on obesity prevention in child care centers. 24 centers for year 1 and 2. 400 centers for year 3.</p>	
Executive Board Update	No update provided.	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consortium Annual Event- March 20, 2015. There was good representation from the Children Issues committee last year. The Chairs presented on</li> </ul>	

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	initiatives of the Children Issues committee. ○ Prescribing Vegetables, Not Pills article previously sent to committee via email.	
Old Business	Newsletter – CI committee members: ○ If anyone is interested in submitting any information for the newsletter, please e-mail Shanika.Watson@flhealth.gov or Amelinda.Loddo@flhealth.gov .	
Upcoming Events	- Marketing & Membership Committee Mental Health Workshop- February 4, 2015 at CBS4. The presenter is from Magellan Complete Care.	
Adjournment	The next meeting will be held on <b>Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the United Way, Conference Room A, at 3250 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Miami, FL 33129.</b> The meeting was adjourned at 12:00PM.	