# Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade

## Children Issues Committee Meeting

**Friday, November 21, 2014**

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<th>TOPIC</th>
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| Membership Total       | Alina Soto, Chair, Department of Children and Families  
Alfie Leon, Florida International University  
Shanika Watson, Florida Health in Miami Dade County  
Mayra Garcia, Florida Health in Miami Dade County  
Catherina Chang-Martinez, Florida International University  
Dr. Ruby Natale, University of Miami  
Short Chef, Short Chef  
Jeff Hurst, Department of Children and Families  
Laura Vallejo, Nova Southeastern University  
Daiane Palmquist, Broward County Health Department  
Silvana Tchorbedjian, Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Future  
Cristiane Rocha, Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Future  
Daniella Orihuela, Florida Innovation of Health Institute  
Peter Hawes, Arorugby  
Allan Zullinger, Team Henry, Inc.  
Stephanie Bovis, University of Miami Walksafe  
Fabio Quintero, Fabimar Harmony  
Roselyne Antao, University of Miami  
Teleconference:  
Ivelisse Castro, Miami Dade County PTA  
Almira Thomas-Gayle, Florida Health in Miami Dade County |                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 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 11:29AM.  
All members were welcomed and introduced themselves. |                                                                                                                                          |               |
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<th>Approval of Minutes</th>
<th>There was a motion to approve the October 2014 Children Issues minutes by Dr. Ruby Natale; the motion was seconded by Peter Hawes.</th>
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<td>Committee Partner Updates</td>
<td>Roslyne (UM)- Florida Developmental Disabilities Council project is taking place. Dental Hygienists provide training for caregivers’ clients with disabilities. This is the second year of the project. Will provide trainings in Miami, Tallahassee, Fort Myers and Ocala. Live video training in June 2015. Allan (Team Henry)- Centers for Social Change is a non-profit organization incubator that conducts workshops. They support kids and adults with disabilities. Allan will send link to Shanika to provide to committee. Many programs housed there, including Coaching Across America and Motivational Edge. CSC helps non-profits with social change in society. Alina recommended a field trip there and host a meeting. Jeff suggested a representative from CSC present at a Marketing &amp; Membership committee workshop. Dr. Natale (UM)- Last month, county commissioners in Broward approved ordinances related to screen time, physical activity and nutrition. Their policies passed for child care centers in Broward to follow county ordinances related to certain criteria. Alina (DCF)- Child Care and Development Block Grant has just been approved by President Obama after ten years of being frozen. The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) helps low-income families, families receiving public assistance and those families transitioning from public assistance in obtaining child care. The program, created in 1990, is authorized under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193). According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the current funding level for the Child Care and Development Block Grant provides assistance to only one out of 10 eligible children (National Association for the Education of Young Children).</td>
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Catherine (FIU)- Finalizing her proposal. Would like to target some child care centers and interview some parents to look at prevalence of overweight and obesity. Physical activity and screen time will be observed as well as the early introduction of foods.

Jeff (DCF)- Participated in a training located in the Keys. DCF Deputy Secretary and Interim Director of Child Care Regulations will look at the MCI (Miami Children’s Initiative) project.

Fabio (Fabimar Harmony)- He meets with children to have a Christian devotional to create a better community. His company develops formulas. 5 principles to having a better immune system: 1. Proper rest; 2. Physical activity; 3. Proper food; 4. Proper hygiene; 5. Proper levels of Vitamin C and interferon levels.

Short Chef – Have been doing speaking and cooking demonstrations at Fairchild Tropical Gardens. The turnout consisted of approximately 6000 people in two days. He will be consulting healthy food at the Miami Stadium soon. In January 2015, Short Chef will be providing cooking demonstrations for the elderly. In February 2015, he will also be participating in food demonstrations at a festival for children with special needs.

Alimira (FDOH School Health)- In the process of completing BMIs in the schools. They are having good results with the rate of referrals received.

Ivelisse (Miami Dade County PTA)- Will get information on events pertaining to Smart from the Start: Community Outreach grant that Miami-Dade County received. Anyone interested in being part of the grant’s planning committee can contact Ivelisse at icastro@pta.org. Committee can visit the following links for more information:
http://www.pta.org/about/newsdetail.cfm?ItemNumber=3884
http://www.togethercounts.com/at-school/teachers
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<th><strong>Peter (Arorugby)</strong>- Has been working on media and rugby Peter provided a copy of Consortium Child Care Initiative 2014 cd to the Chair and liaison.</th>
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| **Consortium Elections** | Elections for Chair and Vice Chair took place. Winners will be announced at the next committee meeting. |
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| **Executive Board Update** | Facebook page is slowly under construction. Alina will update committee on any new information. |
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| **New Business** | o Consortium’s Children Issues Committee resource page was explained by Shanika. Important topics/information for parents, providers, children can be linked on the Consortium website as a resource.  
o What will the Children Issues committee look like in 2015?  
o There was a recommendation to offer child care providers a Lisa Stuart Award upon completion of future initiatives. Committee agreed.  
o December meeting cancelled in order to observe the holiday season. |
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| **Old Business** | Newsletter – CI committee members: o If anyone is interested in submitting any information for the newsletter, please e-mail Shanika.Watson@flhealth.gov or Amelinda.Loddo@flhealth.gov.  
o SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) review sheet was provided to committee. |
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