

Children Issues Committee Meeting Thursday, September 25, 2014



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (13)	Teleconference Meeting:Alina Soto, Chair, Department of Children and FamiliesAlfie Leon, Florida International UniversityShanika Watson, Florida Health in Miami Dade CountyMayra Garcia, Florida Health in Miami Dade CountyMariella Gomez, Main Street Children's Dentistry and OrthodonticsJeff Hurst, Department of Children and FamiliesLaura Vallejo, Nova Southeastern UniversityShort Chef, Short ChefPeter Hawes, ArorugbyDaniella Orihuela, Florida Innovation of Health InstituteJanice Siegel, DentaQuestSybill Holly-Charles, Prestige Health ChoiceDaiane Palmquist, Broward County Health Department	
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 10:09A.M. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the July 2014 Children Issues minutes by Jeff Hurst; the motion was seconded by Sybill Holly-Charles.	
Work Plan Status Update	Strategic Planning meeting will be held on October 23, 2014. The committee will discuss the Consortium Child Care Initiative during that time. This will be an interactive meeting to review the pilot program and discuss what the committee would like to do moving forward. All team members are encouraged to attend this three hour meeting.	



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Committee Suggestions from 5/22/14 meeting: *** These committee suggestions will be discussed at the next October meeting ***
~ For future reference, Jeff recommended surveys be given to the child care centers on those that want to participate in a child care initiative.
-Dr. Natale agreed with Jeff and added that there need to be a minimum number of participants in order to continue.
-Dr. Natale suggested collaboration between the Children Issues and Elder Issues committee and having quarterly or yearly meetings.
- Worksite Wellness collaboration with the Children Issues committee on physical activities for the providers and parents at the child care centers.
-To have buy-in from the providers.
-To have a post survey completed by the parents of what services they are looking for.
-To have a packet of materials from all teams disseminated to the child care centers. This way the child care centers can continue to disseminate the materials to parents and become an arm for the Consortium. The child care centers can continue the work of the Consortium Child Care pilot program. The packet can be stamped with, "Brought to you by the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues committee."
Post Consortium Child Care Initiative suggestions:
~ Committee discussion of Plan-Do-Check-Act (what worked/did not work/ what we would like to see differently, lessons learned)
 Dr. Natale suggested committee discuss all of the suggestions when there is greater attendance.



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Next year's meeting calendar Announcement of Elections	Committee agreed to continue to host the Children Issues committee meetings at the United Way Center for Excellence for the following year. Alina mentioned committee can nominate an individual for the 2015-2017 Chair/Vice Chair term. An email was sent to the committee regarding the nomination process. Elections will be held in November 2014. The new Chair/Vice Chair will begin in January 2015.	
Partner Updates	Jeff (DCF) Mentioned he will be attending the Children's First ELC conference on Saturday, September 27th. He will be giving a workshop on Child Care Regulations- basic training, a brief mandated reported training and child safety. Short Chef (Short Chef)	
	Mentioned he will be going to the Doubletree to attend the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Short Chef will conduct a cooking demonstration for 300 elders. Later, he will attend the Farmer's Market to conduct cooking demonstrations for 25-30 kids. He will also be attending the Literacy Fair held at the JFK library in Hialeah. At this fair, Short Chef will combine literacy with cooking by reading and making recipes. Peter (Arorugby) Short Chef and Peter attended a Nemours event at the Miami Dade College. The	
	presenter was Dr. Mike who teaches children to use movement in music. Peter mentioned he will be subscribing to the ELC meeting on Saturday. There will be 700 attendees.	



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Executive Board Update	There will be a Strategic Planning Meeting at the Florida Blue for the Executive Board members on October 9, 2014. The meeting will involve the direction that the Consortium is going in as well as how the committee can align itself with it.
New Business	 Committee will discuss lessons learned regarding the Consortium Child Care Initiative in October. This will include what worked, improvements, challenges, highlights, etc. for October meeting. Food Day Drive on October 24~ committee is encouraged to participate. A reminder email will be sent to the committee to bring food items to the next meeting.
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 . Level 2 Screening Alina mentioned she will follow up with those interested in the Level 2 Screening. She will submit the information to the program office. Jeff mentioned individuals can be screened at the 401 building downtown.
Upcoming Events	 Marketing & Membership committee will be hosting a presentation done by Children's Trust on November 5, 2014 at CBS4 from 3pm- 4pm.
Adjournment	The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education at 3250 SW 3rd Ave Miami, FL 33129 . The meeting was adjourned at 11:09AM.