## Membership Total (24)

**Chair:** Alina Soto, Department of Children and Families  
**Vice-Chair:** Alfie Leon, Law Offices of Alfonso Leon  
Lisseth Guerra, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
Rani Panchanathan, Head Start Miami-Dade County  
Brady Bennett, Health Council South Florida  
Tony Gasset, Healthy Start  
Rachelle Theodore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
Allegra Velazquez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
Sarah Basna, WIC  
Michelle Schladant, University of Miami Mailman Center  
Noelle Granda, Reboot & Recover  
Kristin Wallin, Kido Kinetics  
Debi La Belle, The Education Fund  
Jasmine Smith, WIC  
Cheryl Lorie, WIC  
Helen Figueredo, Providence Healthcare

**Via Conference Call:**  
Monica Dawkins, University of Florida Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program  
Yasmin Dias Guichot, Health Foundation of South Florida  
Manny Fermin, Healthy Start  
Douglene Jackson, University of Miami  
Nancy Torres, University of Miami  
Christina Sudduth, Florida Impact  
Natalie Diaz, Miami Children’s Initiative  
Ruby Natalee, University of Miami
## 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 9:45 AM. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.

## Approval of Minutes
There was a motion to approve the March 2017 Children Issues minutes by Brady Bennett; the motion was seconded by Sarah Basna.

## Subcommittee and Workgroup Updates
Alina Soto and Alfie Leon provided the Executive Board update:
- Karen Hamilton is no longer part of the Consortium Executive Board
- Leyanee Perez (Chair of the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee) is now the Co-Chair of the Executive Board along with Alina.
- During the March meeting, the board was able to visit Miami Center for Architecture and Design and understand the great work the Health and the Built Environment Committee is doing with the Active Design Guidelines and Complete Streets.
- There is now a taskforce that would be planning the next year’s Consortium annual event.

Rachelle Theodore (Florida Department of Health) provided the Healthy Baby Taskforce update:
- The upcoming subcommittee meeting will be on April 28th from 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm at United Way Center for Excellence Building. Lunch will be provided.
- The new leader for the Healthy Baby Taskforce subcommittee is Esther McCant
- There are five hospitals that are now designated baby friendly, working towards getting more onboard.

## Committee Partner Updates
Committee members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/projects; and members made connections between various organizations targeting the same concepts.
- Committee members discussed the possibility of having a human trafficking presentation.
- Manny Fermin (Healthy Start) announced that they have implemented a universal screening for depression.
**Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade**  
Children Issues Committee Meeting  
**Friday, April 21, 2017**  
9:30 am - 11:30 am EST

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| - Yasmin Dias Guichot (Health Foundation South Florida) announced new funding opportunities, for more information visit hfsf.org  
- Providence Healthcare will be having a Harvest festival on October 28th at the Indian Hammocks Park  
- Cherly Lorie announced that the Annual Breastfeeding walk will be taking place on August 5th at Amelia Earhart Park. |
| Community Partner Hosting Meetings |
| Alina and Alfie asked members to see if they would like to start hosting a Children Issues committee meeting in their location. |
| Adjournment |
| The next meeting will be held on **Friday, May 19, 2017 at United Way 3rd Ave, Miami, FL 33129**. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM. |